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Item: Wide Area Network Fiber Maintenance

Submitted by: Glen Finkel

Date: 3.11.2024

Recommended by: Glen Finkel

Board Meeting Date: 3.18.2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD School Board approve the bid from Turnkey Network Solutions for a three-year contract for fiber maintenance services. Turnkey's service includes 24x7 emergency response, MISS DIG support, National Joint Utilities Nonfiction System (NJUNS) management, and annual inspections of our wide area network (WAN) assets. The contracted annual amount is \$87,736.26.

BACKGROUND:

A fiber maintenance agreement is an essential component of managing a WAN. With this agreement, Turnkey Network Solutions will provide both emergency repair work, as well as the day-to-day support needed to comply with Consumers Energy and MISS DIG. Turnkey is a local business that has provided fiber maintenance services since 2000.

Kent ISD received two competitive bids for this service. Both vendors have experience providing fiber maintenance services to Kent ISD and we are confident in Turnkey's ability to meet or exceed our bid specifications.

Vendor	Annual Cost
Turnkey	\$87,736.26
Severance Electric	\$193,500.67

Wide area network fiber maintenance is E-Rate eligible under category 1. Currently, Kent ISD is qualifying for an 80% reimbursement on Category 1 expenditures.