

Request Modification of Existing District Internet Contract

February 26, 2013

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval to modify our existing Internet service contract with Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) for handling district growth while addressing Schools and Libraries (SLD) E-Rate compliance. The new contract will move DISD from 300MBs to 1000MBs

BOARD GOAL: VI Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Since DISD receives 60% funding on this from the SLD we are required to get quotes every year. This was passed in March of 2012 by this Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- DISD currently has a contract with LEARN to provide the district with 300 MBs of Internet bandwidth. Due to added instructional based applications and programs and the implementation of Bring Your Own Device, it is imperative that we continue to stay ahead of the demand so that teaching and learning will not be affected.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The District submitted an E-Rate Form 470, Request for Proposals, asking vendors to provide quotes for the additional bandwidth. This request was posted on the SLD website and viewable for anyone to respond. The district received four proposals and based on the lowest price, LEARN was awarded the contract. The E-Rate contract period follows DISD's fiscal year, July 1 – June 30. This requested service will not begin until July 1, 2013. The District's E-Rate discount is 60% and will be reimbursed to DISD as a service discount for one year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Additional Internet costs will be borne by an increase to the Technology 911 budget. Total cost of new contract is \$69,360 per year with a 60% E-Rate discount making the cost to DISD \$27,744. The previous year's cost after E-Rate discount was \$10,544. The new proposal will increase the cost to the District by \$17,200.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow the District to continue the excellent service provided by LEARN while increasing our Internet capacity and providing extra bandwidth for all DISD campuses.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Reporting procedures will follow SLD guidelines for receiving E-Rate discounts for the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of this contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO

ATTACHMENT:

- Vendor Cost Analysis

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____