



DATE: March 5, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Award Bid and Approve Contract with AT&T to Provide Data Transport Service under the ERATE Program

PRESENTED BY: Todd Rivera, Assistant Superintendent Chief Business Officer

ACTION REQUESTED

Award bid and approve contract with AT&T to provide data transport service under the ERATE program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ERATE is a federally funded program that provides discounts to schools for telecommunications and telecommunications related services (including internet). The program operates through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Each year, TTUSD submits applications to USAC to receive discounts on telecommunications services such as internet/ethernet services (known as Category I Services) and internal connections/equipment maintenance (Category II Services). The level of discount is determined by the percentage of free and reduced students at each school site. Our current level of discount is 60%. The funding is generally delivered through reimbursements or credits on our telecommunications bills. The District is required to bid all eligible telecommunications-related services/equipment if ERATE funding is requested.

TTUSD advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Telecommunications Service for a multi-year contract for Lit Fiber Optic Ethernet Transport Services. This includes ongoing service for a point-to-multi point Lit fiber optic Ethernet Transport Service. All equipment included in the Lit Fiber Optic will be owned and maintained by the awarded service provider with no option for transfer of ownership to the lessee. The district will be responsible for approximately 40% of the cost for eligible sites.

The District received one (1) RFP and evaluated this proposal using predetermined criteria. AT&T was selected as the winning bidder. If all equipment listed in the bid is installed, the total contract cost would be \$67,654.00. The ERATE eligible cost would be \$40,592.74 with ERATE covering 60%, and the non ERATE eligible cost would be \$27,061.26.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: Approximately \$27,061.26 from General Fund

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Attachments:

- AT&T Request for Proposal Submittal
- TTUSD Agreement