

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

DATE: February, 22 2007

SUBJECT: Participation in Regional Wide Area Network (WAN) Consortium Project organized by Intermediate Unit 5.

INITIATED BY: Jeff Smith, Technology Manager

DESCRIPTION:

IU5, IU6, and IU28 have voted to accept the bid provided by Sting Communications to implement a Wide Area Network which will provide broadband network services to educational facilities in the Northwest Region of Pennsylvania. ECTS participation in this broadband network will also facilitate broadband access to all participating school entities statewide, including universities. The Erie County Technical School needed to enter into contract by February 7 with the consortium in order to participate and be provided with the deliverable services.

The due date for ECTS agreeing to participate was February 7. However, the Operating Committee did not convene a meeting in January (due to weather) to consider the agreement. The district superintendents met on February 2 and recommended joining the consortium in year 2 which would have been a four year commitment beginning July 1, 2008.

However, upon further discussion by ECTS administration it was decided to move the agreement up to July 1, 2007 because of the following factors:

1. The 36 or 48 month options were only available to school entities that currently had a multiple year internet service provider contract in place. ECTS did not.
2. ECTS participates in the IU5 internet service consortium which expires June 30, 2007. The IU is not renewing this type of agreement.
3. ECTS would have to negotiate with providers for year- to-year internet service beginning July 1, 2007.
4. ECTS would have to file e-rate applications and meet those deadlines to seek reimbursement for internet service. The due dates were already passed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to ratify participation in the IU5 sponsored Wide Area Network Consortium Project, effective July 1, 2007 as approved by ECTS administration.

TO IU
VIA EMAIL / PDF
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**Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Wide Area Network Contract
Between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 and Erie County Technical School**

WAN Service Agreement

Term

- Choose contract term

- ☒ **5 Year Contract payable in 60 monthly terms July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012**
- ☐ **4 Year Contract payable in 48 monthly terms July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012**
- ☐ **3 Year Contract payable in 36 monthly terms July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012**

Services

- The base monthly cost is **not to exceed \$2,790.00** (before e-rate) and includes the following services:
 1. 100 Mbps connectivity from the school district hub-site to the Regional Wide Area Network (WAN). The WAN will interconnect all participating school districts to each other, to the IU and to the Northwestern Pennsylvania Regional Wide Area Network for the exchange of educational content and administrative services. WAN services will be provided by Sting Communications.
 2. 5 Mbps guaranteed Internet (port and transport) provided by Sting Communications. Any district may purchase additional dedicated Internet at a monthly cost of \$60.00 per 1 Mbps per month.
 - a. Amount of additional Internet: 0Mbps. Price of additional Internet: \$0.00.
 3. Internet2 transport provided by Sting Communications.
 4. Sting managed services package, including leased network edge device at the school district hub-site as part of the service.
 5. Content materials, programs, and/or equipment acquired under the IU's e-Fund grant. Access to and use of these products will be optional. Specific services are outlined in the e-Fund grant application and are dependent upon agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For some materials, an additional fee may apply.
 6. Administrative management services to be provided to the consortium by the IU.

Contingencies

- The costs listed in this agreement are dependent upon final approval of a contractual agreement between each IU in the Northwestern Pennsylvania Regional WAN consortium and Sting Communications. The pricing in this agreement assumes that all districts identified as seeking WAN services in the RFP of September 1, 2006 will purchase services as stated in this agreement. If fewer districts participate, the monthly costs may change. In such a case, new cost data will be provided to the district for consideration at the earliest opportunity.
- The costs listed in this agreement assume that the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Northwestern Pennsylvania Consortium will reach mutually acceptable terms for spending the e-Fund grant, which has already been awarded.
- If the provider (Sting) is not able to deliver services by the start date specified in the term selected above, the district only will pay for services beginning the month the service is installed. If the provider delivers the network but the school is not ready, the school is still responsible for payment.

Amendments

- After negotiations with Sting and the Pennsylvania Department of Education are complete, the IU may submit an amendment to this contract reflecting the final terms. Any such amendment must be agreed to and signed by both parties.

Billing

- Each district will be invoiced monthly for the costs due. Invoices will be paid within 30 calendar days.

- The costs in this agreement are before E-Rate. The IU will file an E-Rate application on behalf of the school districts and will discount the bill by the appropriate E-Rate discount as soon as the consortium E-Rate application is approved.

Assurances

This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. No agent, representative, employee or officer of the School District or the Intermediate Unit has authority to make, or has made, any statement, agreement or representation, oral or written, in connection with this Agreement which in any way can be deemed to modify, add to, or detract from or otherwise change or alter the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and decisions of the Pennsylvania courts.

In signing this contract you are attesting that, as of the start of the WAN services, your District is complying with the terms of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

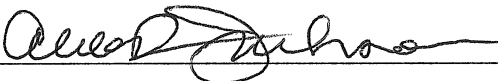
District: Erie County Technical School

Billing Person: PAUL FEITZ, BUS. MGR

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Agreed to by,

Director: Dr. Aldo Jackson

Director's Signature: 

Date: 2/5/2007

Board Approval Date: N/A