



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Alison McKee, County Librarian
Date: February 28, 2023
Subject: Library / AT&T Agreement

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent to execute, on behalf of the County Librarian, a contract with AT&T in an amount not to exceed \$492,802 for network equipment procurement and installation pursuant to the Schools and Library ("ERate") program for the period February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% Library Fund. With funding from the Universal Service Fund (fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund), E-Rate will provide an approximately 60% discount for telecommunications, Internet access, and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries.

BACKGROUND:

AT&T was selected through the competitive bid process as a result of Contra Costa County Request for Proposal (RFP) #2111-515 for Internal Connections – Network Infrastructure Upgrade Services. Services provided through the contract will upgrade network equipment including controllers, access points, switches and other equipment to increase wireless

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/28/2023** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

Ken Carlson, District IV Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 28, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

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coverage in twelve (12) library branches and at library administration. The contract will include all licensing for procured equipment as well as activation, initial configuration, installation, and any other fees. Costs will be offset by future E-Rate reimbursements.

The Library received two qualified proposals in response to the RFP. AT&T and AWS were the two bidders evaluated. AT&T was selected due to a lower cost for equipment purchased and installation services. AT&T has participated in E-Rate since 1998.

Contra Costa County Library has not applied for this category of E-Rate funding since the federal program was established in 1996. The Library has undertaken the RFP process with this project so the county may apply for and receive E-Rate funding while upgrading network equipment.

This project meets the library strategic goal, “The library ensures easy, equitable access to library services for all Contra Costa County residents.”

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the agreement is not approved, then the library will not upgrade obsolete equipment at branch libraries.