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To: Frankie Jackson, Chief Technology Officer
From: Paula Ross, Director of Networks Infrastructure and Communications
CC: Oscar Villar, Senior Network Specialist
Kim Bowlin, Technology Acquisitions Project Specialist
Re: Internet and Related Services 16-12-5047RFP

The purpose of the Internet and Related Services RFP was to identify a vendor that could provide the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District (the District) with an Internet Service that had a Committed Information Rate (CIR) of eight (8) billions of bits per second, referred to as Gbps. Prior to the 2014 bond, the District had 1.2 Gbps. The District upgraded to 4 Gbps in 2014. Then in 2015, the district increased the bandwidth to 8 Gbps by expanding to the district's colocation facility, Cyrus One. In 2016, we have two 6 Gbps: one at ISC and the other at Cyrus One.

The Dedicated Internet Access Service will be provided to the CFISD Network Operation Center located at 10300 Jones Road, Houston, Texas 77065. This service will replace the District's current provider contract which will expire in June 2017. It is currently providing 6Gbps.

The committee is pleased to recommend Fibernet Direct. Fibernet Direct is a leading provider of end-to-end bandwidth infrastructure services specializing in fiber-optic network solutions. By awarding this contract, the District will increase its bandwidth throughput service from 6Gbps to 8 Gbps while saving \$4443 per month. This cost savings will amount to an annual savings to the District of \$53,316. Additionally, Fibernet Direct offers the District scalability to 20 Gbps. This provides the district with visionary opportunities for future expansion and technology innovation! Over the course of the contract, the District will be able to scale the service as needed to accommodate additional devices or users. Hence, the recommendation of the committee is to award to Fibernet Direct allowing the District to provide better service to our students and staff while offering significant cost savings to our taxpayers.

Respectfully,



Paula K. Ross