

Executive Summary

Topic: Warren Area High School/Warren County Career Center- SIP Trunks- eRate

Committee Date: February 23, 2015

Summary

Data services known as SIP connections or trunks, to support a phone system upgrade at Warren Area High School and the Warren County Career Center were publicly bid through the eRate process. A SIP connection or Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) is a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service offered by many Internet telephony service providers that connects a company's private branch exchange telephone system to the public switched telephone network via the Internet.

Zito Media Communications submitted the lowest bid for these SIP trunks. This service upgrade is consistent with specifications drawn up for the Warren Area High School renovation project.

While service does not start until July 1, 2015, the FCC requires paperwork to be filed through the eRate process for reimbursement no later than March 18, 2015. Qualifying reimbursement is based on our National School Lunch Program figures for Free & Reduced Lunch.

Monthly recurring fees will be paid through the communications budget replacing the current phone system charges. Services and nonrecurring charges are billable as service is activated.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement from Zito Media Communications to install and configure SIP trunk data services to provide services to Warren Area High School and the Warren County Career Center for a term of 1 year with a 1 year voluntary extension in accordance with the contract starting July 1, 2015.