



AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-9

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: March 12, 2013

Date: March 2, 2013

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Humboldt County Library

Subject: Agreement with AT&T California for Continuation of California Integrated Information Network Services.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached agreements and E-Rate Riders effective March 12, 2013; and
2. Return executed copies and one original to the County Librarian.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Library Fund

DISCUSSION:

E-Rate is a product of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which expanded the Universal Service Fund to help fund telecommunications products and services for K-12 schools and libraries through significant discounts on these services. The discounts on these services under the Federal E-Rate program and the CALNET program of the State of California are based on the number of school children currently utilizing the school lunch program in each community served. The County Library is able to benefit from E-Rate in conjunction with the State of California's CALNET 2 contract with AT&T California. CALNET 2 offers public libraries and schools a comprehensive selection of telecommunications products and services with

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REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel BT Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace
 Ayes Bass, Lovelace, Sandberg, Behn, Fennell
 Nays _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-6

Meeting of: March 20, 2012

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: March 12, 2013
 By: Kathy Hayes
 Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

AT&T under two Master Service Agreements (MSAs). MSA1 offers services for Voice, Data, and Video services, and MSA2 offers services for Long Distance Network Based services.

On December 11, 2007, your Board entered into an agreement allowing the County access to the CALNET 2 contract. However, the existing CALNET 2 agreement is set to expire January 29, 2014 in the midst of the E-rate filing cycle and is to be replaced with a new Master Service Agreement (MSA) known as CALNET 3. CALNET 3 is still undetermined and in order to insure there is no disruption of services the County Library's current service provider, AT&T, is requesting that Master Service Agreement 1 (MSA1) and Master Service Agreement 2 (MSA2) be approved and signed by the Board Chair as well as the E-Rate rider for MSA1 and the E-Rate Rider for MSA2 be signed and approved for continuity of services allowed under the existing MSA between the State of California and AT&T. During this period of transition AT&T has agreed in MSA1 and MSA2 to honor the existing rates and relevant terms and conditions from CALNET 2 through June 30, 2018. By participating in the State's MSA the County Library is able to provide for enhanced connectivity between the Main Library and its branch library sites and for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). AT&T has requested these updated agreements to provide these services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Contracting with AT&T California through CALNET 2 has been financially advantageous for the County. By signing these agreements AT&T agrees to honor the rates and relevant terms and conditions from CALNET 2 during this period of transition, and this will allow the County Library to receive lower than market rates for telecommunication services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California State Library
Universal Service Fund Administrative Company

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not agreeing to the continuation of MSA1 and MSA2 would require the County to bid out telecommunication services and that would delay implementation of a new increased Internet connectivity and a needed transition at the Eureka Main Library to a VOIP phone system to replace its current Centrex system that is no longer supported by ATT. Additionally, it is not likely the County could negotiate a lower rate than would exist under CALNET 2 and the Library would be ineligible for E-rate discounts on its telecommunications costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cover Agreement for MSA 1
2. E-Rate Rider MSA 1
3. Cover Agreement for MSA 2
4. E-Rate Rider MSA 2