

Woodland Joint Unified School District

E-Rate Bids, Information, and Equipment

February 12, 2016

Bid Results

District staff posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for increased network bandwidth as required by federal and state guidelines. The due date for the proposal was January 22, 2016. The district received two proposals:

Company	Cost
WAVE	Total annual bid amount: \$260,400 District cost, 20% of total bid: \$52,080 E-Rate funding, 80% of total bid: \$208,320
A T & T	Total annual bid amount: \$290,712 District cost, 20% of total bid: \$58,142 E-Rate funding, 80% of total bid: \$232,570

Background Information

E-Rate* began in 1996 and provides funding to school districts for limited phone service, internet connections, and funds to provide infrastructure network upgrades. This RFP is for increased network bandwidth between the district office and the county at 10 Gigabits per Second (Gbps) and between the district office and school sites with the ability to increase site bandwidth up to 10 Gbps. Currently our largest schools have connections to the district office of 1 Gbps and our smaller schools have bandwidth of 250 megabits per second (Mbps). The increase to network bandwidth is funded in E-Rate category 1 therefore the district is almost certain to receive E-Rate funding for this contract. Current cost for district bandwidth services is \$172,312 total cost with district expense after E-Rate discount of \$34,642. The cost for the upgraded bandwidth service is \$260,400 total cost with a district's expense after E-Rate discount of \$52,080. Award of the contract with WAVE is contingent on E-Rate providing the funding for this service.

*E-Rate is the common name of the federal Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) Program of the Universal Service Fund, under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The program provides discounts to schools and libraries to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.