

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**DATE:** January 18, 2024  
**TOPIC:** #5.17 – Bids for Network Firewall  
**PRESENTER:** Robert Berkowitz, Director of Technology  
**REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:** Policy #719; Authorization to Solicit Bids

### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. South Washington County Schools issued a request for proposals for the replacement of the network firewall.
- b. A total of 1 bid was received before the closing of the bid window on January 5, 2024.
- c. Bid evaluation was completed the week of January 8, 2024.

### B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. The technology department is recommending board approval of the bid proposal from Computer Integrations Technologies (CIT) in Woodbury Minnesota. The evaluation of the proposal from CIT meets all elements of the design requested.
- b. The proposal includes a replacement network firewall for the south Internet service and a new firewall for the north Internet service. This design allows for enhanced network security. The solution from CIT in Woodbury, MN includes 5 years of firewall advanced security services.
- c. This project has been submitted through the USAC eRate program and the hardware will be eligible for a partial reimbursement.

### C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Student Experience
- b. Student Pathways and Systemic Supports
- c. Operations, Staffing, and Finance



**Bid Log**

A single bid was submitted via courier before the bid window closing at 2:00 PM on January 5th 2024. The submission from CIT in Woodbury, MN was logged as complete.

Company	Delivered	Via	Proposal	Bid Bond	Complete	Notes
CIT	Jan 5th	Courier	Firewall	YES	YES	

**Bid Evaluation**

The bid packet from CIT was opened at 4:00 PM on January 5th and reviewed the week of January 8th against the RFP as published with USAC form 470. The proposal from CIT meets all requirements of the project and matches the RFP requested by South Washington County Schools.

Bid	Hardware	Install	support	Shipping	Total	Transitio n Costs	Cost for project	Manage Multiple Environm ent, Supporta bility, Cost to Transitio n	System Feature, Alerting, Security features , manage ment	Vendor Exp.; Custome r Referenc e	TOTAL WEIGHTE D CRITERIA (1-10)
							40%	30%	20%	10%	
CIT	\$479,015.28	\$44,880.00			\$523,895.28		10	10	10	10	10.000

