

Letter of Appeal – Proceeding 02-6  
471 Application Number 515582  
FRN 1450131  
Funding Year 2006



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Spokane School District 81  
Billed Entity 145503  
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USAC Notice: Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2006-2007

USAC Notice: Date: July 27, 2017

*Appealing decision that a complete description of services was not provided for competing service providers to evaluate and formulate bids.*

Service Provider: TW Telecom Holdings, Inc. SPIN 143032782  
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**Response:**

- Despite not checking the appropriate box on the 470 application, the competitive bidding process was not in any way compromised, as there is an identifiable number of providers who can deliver telecommunication services in our area and each of these providers were notified individually of the RFP. A copy of the list of vendors notified has been provided.
- While we acknowledge there was an error in the 470 application, if we had correctly indicated that we were going to file an RFP this would have generated no additional responses as all potential vendors were notified. The integrity of the bidding process and the intent to achieve the lowest possible cost for the district and for eRate purposes was clearly maintained through these efforts.

- In addition, we also placed a notification of the RFP advertised in our local newspaper on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 which is included.
- I have attached the handwritten 470 application number 771850000377540. On page 2, 8a, it shows the intent to select "Yes, I have an RFP". It was a clerical and ministerial error in translating the handwritten doc to the on-line application.

Please let me know if you need additional information to process this appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clayton Gehring".

Dr. Clayton Gehring  
Director, Information Technology

Cc: Time Warner Telecom