

Letter of Appeal – Proceeding 02-6

471 Application Number 512241

FRN 1409969, 1410170, 1410074, 1410158, 1410175, 1410190, 1410313, 1410300, 1410318, 1451687, 1409850, 1409874, 1409882 & 1409910

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

USAC Notice: Date: July 31, 2017

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

Service Provider: B & C Telephone. SPIN 143005903

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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 telephone system maintenance and support in our area and each of these providers were notified individually of the RFP. As noted in our recommendation to the school board, this RFP was sent to seven vendors with B&C Telephone being the only respondent. A copy of the school board recommendation is included.
- 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.

- The included typewritten 470 application number 714060000527369 on page 5, 10a, it shows the intent to select "Yes, I have an RFP". It was a clerical and ministerial error in translating the typewritten 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: B & C Telephone