Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2013-2014

December 23, 2014

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Re:	Applicant Name:	EWING MARION KAUFFMAN SCHOOL
	Billed Entity Number:	16062278
	Form 471 Application Number:	914773
	Funding Request Number(s):	2493272, 2493298
	Your Correspondence Dated:	November 03, 2014

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2013 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s):	2493272, 2493298
Decision on Appeal:	**Denied**
Explanation:	

- For FRN 2493298 the vendor selection documentation was created after the Contract Award Date on 6/19/2014. The vendor evaluation should be completed and documented prior to the vendor selection and/or signing and dating of the contract with the chosen service provider. Therefore the appeal is Denied.

  For FRN 2493272, the vendor selection documentation was created after the Contract Award Date on 6/19/2014. The vendor evaluation should be completed and documented prior to the vendor selection and/or signing and dating of the contract with the chosen service provider. Additionally, your letter states that SureWest was selected over Time Warner because of their proven track record. This indicates price was not the primary factor in their selection because Time Warner had a lower bid.

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Secondly, not all of the bids were considered. Your appeal letter indicates that only 2 of the 4 bids were considered because they disqualified 2 bidders since they did not provide pricing for the bandwidth in the RFP (1Gbps). Actually, there were bids from 3 vendors (SureWest, Time Warner, and TW Telecom) which provided 1Gbps pricing. So, at the very least, 3 bids should have been considered. Therefore the appeal is Denied.

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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Form 486 Application Number: