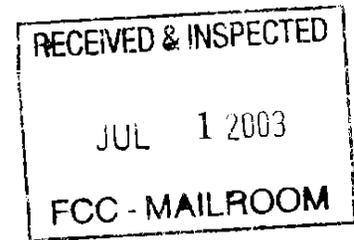


June 27, 2003

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981



Re: FY 2003 Appeal Howell Township CC Docket No. 2-6
471 Application Number 355805
Billed Entity Number 123001

To Whom It May Concern:

This is an appeal of the Funding Year 2003 Funding Commitment Decision for Howell Township Public Schools 471 Application Number 355805 dated May 1, 2003. The E-rate funding was denied and the explanation noted was *"the cited form 470 must be filed and posted no earlier than July 1 of the year preceding the funding year for which the Form 471 application."*

A Form 470 was not filed for Funding Year 2003 because the services requested were already under contract and therefore, according to program rules, did not require a Form 470. Previously, in Funding Year 2002 this service was identified as Month to Month (MTM). In an attempt to follow the application procedures identified by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), Howell Township Public Schools followed the application process specified by the SLD. The application process for FY 2003 was intended to accurately reflect the application rules and therefore a Form 470 was not filed. As advised, Howell Township Public Schools used the previous Funding Year Form 470 to meet the required application guidelines. Please review the attached documentation to back up the appeal.

FRN: 959356 Verizon – New Jersey
Contract Awarded – November 7, 2001
Contract Term: 5 years

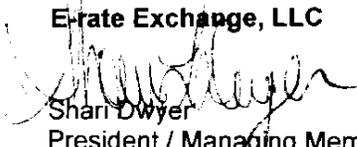
FRN: 959404 Xtel Communications, Inc.
Contract Awarded – March 7, 2001
Contract Term: 3 years

FRN: 99465 Business Automated Technologies / Bell Atlantic Network Integration
Contract Awarded – March 7, 2001
Contract Term: 5 years

Thank you for reviewing this appeal. Please use the contact information below.
E-rate Exchange, LLC, Shari Dwyer President / Managing Member, PO Box 451,
Syracuse, NY 13206, Tel.) 315.422.7608, Fax) 866.283.9332, sld@erateexchange.com

Best Regards,

E-rate Exchange, LLC


Shari Dwyer
President / Managing Member


Mr. Richard Shreffler

CC: Federal Communications Commission
Mr. Richard Shreffler – Howell Township Public Schools

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November 14, 2001

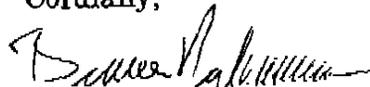
Ms. Elizabeth Sorrino, Vice President
XTEL Communications, Inc.
12 East Stow Road, Suite 190
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Dear Ms. Sorrino:

I am pleased to inform you that at today's board meeting the Board voted to award your firm a renewal of our present contract for the provision of intralata calling services for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 pursuant to the bid submitted by your firm on November 1, 2000. Please indicate your acceptance of this renewal contract by signing a copy of this letter and returning it to me at the address above. The terms of the contract shall include the bid specifications dated September 27, 2000 and the addendum dated October 18, 2000.

We look forward to a continuing successful relationship with your firm.

Cordially,


Bruce Rodman
Board Secretary/School
Business Administrator

BR: mas

XTEL Communications, Inc. agrees to the terms of the contract renewal as indicated above for the provision of intralata calling services.


Ms. Elizabeth Sorrino, Vice President

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January 8, 2003

Ms. Elizabeth Sorino, Vice President
XTEL Communications, Inc.
9 East Stow Road
Suite F
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Dear Ms. Sorino:

I am pleased to inform you that at the January 8, 2003 board meeting, the Board voted to award your firm a contract for the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to the bid submitted by your firm on December 20, 2002. Please sign and return a copy of this letter to me indicating your acceptance of this contract. The contract shall include the terms of the bid specifications dated November 20, 2002. Please also return with your signed contract your performance bond in the amount of \$100,000.00.

We look forward to another successful contract with your firm.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Rodman', written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Rodman
Board Secretary/School
Business Administrator

BR: mas

XTEL Communications, Inc. agrees to the terms of the contract indicated above for the provision of telecommunications services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Sorino', written over a horizontal line.
Elizabeth Sorino, Vice President

M-O-ESC Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission

Johanna Huntowski, Ed.D.
Superintendent

John T. Avella, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent

Bruce Rodman
School Business Administrator

March 21, 2001

Ms. Elizabeth Sorino, Vice President
XTEL Communications, Inc.
Suite 190
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Dear Ms. Sorino:

I am pleased to inform you that at the board meeting of March 14, 2001 the M-O-ESC Board of Directors voted to award your firm a contract for the provision of Intralata calling services pursuant to the bid submitted by your firm on November 1, 2000. Please indicate your acceptance of this contract by signing the copy of this letter and returning it to me at the address below. The terms of the contract shall include the bid specifications dated September 27, 2000 and the addendum dated October 18, 2000.

The provision of services to all districts by your firm must commence by July 1, 2001 and will terminate June 30, 2002.

We look forward to a successful contract with your firm.

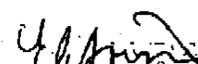
Cordially,



Bruce Rodman
Board Secretary/School
Business Administrator

BR: mas

XTEL Communications, Inc. agrees to the terms of the contract as indicated above for the provision of Intralata calling services.


Ms. Elizabeth Sorino, Vice President