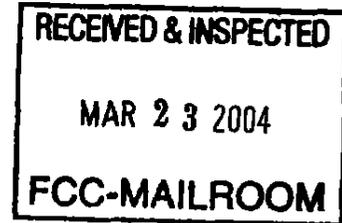


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Re: Docket No. 02-6
Billed Entity Number: 121320
Billed Entity Name: Milton School District
FORM 471: 382043
Funding Request Numbers: 1052420

I am writing on behalf of Milton School District with the hope that you will understand my error and will hopefully the reverse the decision to deny funding for the outsourcing of email.

During the process of submitting the FORM 470, I failed to check the box for Internet Access (my error), and as such, errantly included the "outsourcing of the schools district's email" under the category of Telecommunications.

I do realize that this was a mistake, and the box for Internet Access should have been checked. Funding was denied to the district based upon the fact that the "outsourcing of the email" was not open to competitive bidding.

In the past, if an item was mistakenly placed under the wrong category, (I.E. should have been put under "Internet Access" as opposed to "Telecommunications"), those reviewing the applications have contacted the author, and with an appropriate communication, have permitted the item to be moved into the correct category. If I had checked all three categories, I would have been OK, and would have been permitted to move the cost of "outsourcing the email" from Telecommunications into Internet Access. During discussions with folks at the SLD, they confirmed that would have been the case.

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The RFP which was posted on the Internet for the 28+ days prior to selecting the vendors clearly had the "Outsourcing of Email" listed on it, and as such, any vendor who looked at it could have responded. One did, and it was the same one who has responded over recent years and is our current vendor.

It would appear that everyone submitting a FORM 470 should just automatically check off all three areas of funding ("Telecommunications", "Internet Access" and "Internal Connections"), even if they do not submit an item in one of more of those designated areas. As it is, if someone accidentally places a service in the wrong category, they are permitted to make the necessary change by submitting a fax to the SLD requesting the change. The SLD makes the change and the funding is allowed. Because I made a mistake and put the "outsourcing of email" under Telecommunications without checking the box for Internet Access, the Milton School District is unfairly being punished for a very minor oversight with no opportunity to correct the error.

I admit to the error, but also did clearly post the RFP looking to "outsource the email". I am attaching a copy of the RFP. I hope you can understand my point and can see to allow the funding of the \$660 (the amount requested). The Milton School District did not use funding for the cells phones which were approved at a funding level of over \$2800.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

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Erate Proposal for 2003-2004

Please submit bids to:
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For additional information about proposal, send inquiries to: tmulligan@miton.k12.nh.us with copies to: iparkhurst@miton.k12.nh.us, ndrew@miton.k12.nh.us and cmitchell@metrocast.net

Internal Connections

- Run fiber optic cables to all remote classrooms, including the addition of 10/100MB Switches in each remote site for distribution to the classrooms.
 - Replace any 10 MB hubs with 10/100 MB switches (in all building and external or portable classrooms)
 - Purchase and install 10 "wireless access points", and 40 wireless NICs. Wireless access points to include 6 for Nute High School and 4 for Milton Elementary School , and wireless NICs: 20 for each building.
 - Increase the number of network connections in each classroom (both schools) to three and offices to two using Category 5e cabling and using plenum rated cable where needed. This will require the installation of new cabling and purchase and installation of new 10/100 MB Switches to accommodate the new connections. In addition to above, there is a need for additional connections at Nute in the lower computer lab (4 new), music room, and the TIP building.
 - Secure a network maintenance contract, the purpose of which is to monitor, maintain and repair the telecommunications network at

both Milton Elementary School and Nute High School . This includes replacing any faulty cabling, as well maintaining servers, switches hubs, and NICs.

- Purchase a server (hardware and software) to host own email instead of outsourcing email. This would include set-up and installation of the server and needed client licenses. This would also include any change over fees associated in going from outsourcing to hosting our own email server (such as re-configuring all computers in the district).

Telecommunications

- 12 Cell phones – 6 each school (some to be used primarily as a walkie-talkie), the rest with both walkie-talkie capability and full cell phone usage. Must be able to get good digital signal in the Milton , NH geographic area. (For additional information, please contact Nancy Drew . ndrew@milton.k12.nh.us
- 110 email accounts (to be outsourced should the district not opt for its own email server (including any one time set up fees should there be a change in vendor).

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