

Sacramento Public Library Authority

Agenda Item 5.2: Purchase Contract - Internet Connectivity Services

TO: Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members

FROM: Gerry Calderón, Information Technology Manager

RE: Purchase Contract for Internet Connectivity Services

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approve a contract with SureWest Communications for Internet Connectivity Services in an amount not to exceed \$199,800 over a three year period, with two (2) additional one-year renewal options.

2. Authorize the Library Director to sign all documents related to this contract within the approved terms.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Library currently contracts for Internet connectivity services with Integra Telecom for a bandwidth speed up to 45Mbps. The current contract expires in June 2009.

In compliance with the Sacramento Public Library Authority's Contracts and Procurement Policy, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to Sacramento area Internet Service providers. Vendors responding to the RFP included AT&T, Integra Telecom, and SureWest.

SureWest was selected by the evaluation team as the vendor of choice because it offers all of the service the Library requested at the lowest price - 19% lower than the next closest company. Other contributing factors for the selection of SureWest included installation type into the building, service, support and customer references. The RFP document and all related proposals are available for review.

To meet the expected demands from additional public and staff computers at the new Valley Hi and North Natomas libraries, SureWest will provide bandwidth capacity starting at 100Mbps. This added bandwidth capacity is an improvement from our current provider, which tops out at 45 Mbps and is hitting maximum capacity during peak periods.