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TO: Glynn Walker
DATE: April 5, 2011
SUBJECT: Internet Service RFP #11-009

CSISD currently uses the Trans-Texas Video Network (TTVN) through Texas A&M University for its internet access. The district has had a long, healthy relationship with TTVN and Texas A&M University but as the need to increase services continues to grow with the uncertainty of future funding the Technology Department requested other options for internet service be examined.

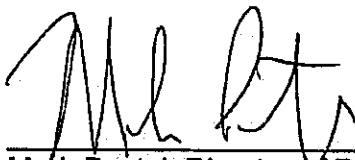
Request for Proposal (RFP) # 11-009, Internet Service was mailed February 24, 2011 to three companies, advertised February 28 and March 7, 2011 and posted on the CSISD website. Two firms responded to the RFP which opened March 1, 2011. The vendors that responded were:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Yearly Cost</u>
AT&T	No Bid
Verizon	No Bid
Suddenlink	\$78,000

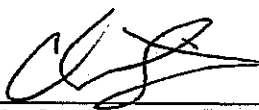
Verizon was unable to respond to the RFP since they would need to perform a 'build out' of only 3000 feet for the internet access to the district's facility. They were unable to secure that portion of the pricing and meet the RFP response deadline.

Suddenlink can provide the requested bandwidth speeds with the ability to scale and grow as the needs of the district change. The proposal from Suddenlink is offered as a leased service in which components will be owned and maintained by the vendor for the life of the agreement.

It is the recommendation of Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing and Chris Speier, Director of Technology that the district purchase internet service from Suddenlink for \$78,000 per year. The initial term of this agreement shall be one (1) year from date of installation with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year periods if agreed to by both parties.



Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing



Chris Speier, Director of Technology
