

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2012

Title of Item: Telecommunications Link for the Disaster Recovery Site

Background and Analysis:

The district currently contracts with Abtech Support to provide collocation and disaster recovery services for the district's IT systems. The contract with Abtech Support provides space, utilities, and maintenance services in an off-site location (at Carlsbad, CA) to host our back-up servers and data equipment.

To connect the Abtech Support off-site center with the district's network, the district contracts separately with CENIC to provide a communications link between Abtech and the CENIC network, which the district is already connected to.

CENIC is a public, non-profit consortium of California-based K-12 school districts, colleges and universities with a mission to provide affordable, high-speed network connections to the internet for educational entities within California.

Previously, at the April 6, 2009 board meeting, the board approved contracting with CENIC to establish the interconnecting communications link for a three (3) year period at a cost of \$126,720.00. (Note that this cost did not include applicable taxes and telecommunication surcharges.) This contract is due to expire at end of June 30, 2012.

ETS requests board approval to amend the agreement with CENIC to continue the telecommunications link for an additional three-year period at a total cost not to exceed \$160,000, which will include applicable taxes and telecommunication surcharges.

Recommendation: Vice Chancellor of Technology Fred Sherman recommends board authorization to amend the contract with CENIC to continue the telecommunications link between the CENIC network and the Abtech disaster recovery site for an additional three-year period at a total cost not to exceed \$160,000

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Is backup provided?	No