

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

Verizon Centrex Phone Service Agreement

May 9, 2016

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, requests a decision by the Board for a contract award to Verizon Maryland LLC, located at One East Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202, in the estimated amount of \$384,000.00 for a 12 month contract to provide Centrex Phone service to all schools and offices of HCPS.

The contract vehicle used for this service was Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) eRate purchasing program. Three proposals were received and evaluated. Verizon Maryland was selected based on price for comparative service and utilization of existing phone numbers.

Discussion:

Centrex phone service has been in service for HCPS for over 30 years. Centrex is a type of service which groups phone lines to act like a private exchange. Originally the grouping was HCPS, Harford County Government, Libraries, and Sherriff office. The grouping permitted a 4 digit dial plan, which remains for HCPS. The Government, Libraries, and Sheriff Office have since moved to a digital service across the wide area network, HMAN. To date, the contract covers 817 lines with the flexibility of adding and deleting lines as needed.

Funding for this service contract is from the Office of Technology's operating budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the service contract for the amount of \$384,000 (based on FY16 charges), to Verizon Maryland LLC.