

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #171 (1999-2000)

January 31, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT: FURNISH & INSTALL COMPAQ/DEC
ALPHA SERVER FOR LIBRARY CATALOG & CIRCULATION
SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to furnish and install a centralized enterprise server for the Library Catalog & Circulation System to the low bidder, Applied Microsystems, Inc., in the amount of \$125,407.97.

PERTINENT FACTS:

On August 9, 1999 the School Board awarded a contract to SIRSI Corporation for a new Library Catalog & Circulation System (ASD Memorandum #28). The new software required a centralized enterprise server on which the software would be installed and operate. The Administration and the software vendor (SIRSI) worked together to identify the needed hardware.

The District obtained competitive pricing and awarded an emergency contract to Gemini Digital Products on September 2, 1999. After contract award, a letter of concern was received from one of the unsuccessful bidders questioning whether the low bidder would provide new equipment and was an authorized reseller of Compaq computers. After extensive discussions with Compaq, award of that contract was rescinded.

An Invitation to Bid was reissued and mailed to 40 authorized Compaq resellers. Three responsive bids were received (Attachment A). The Anchorage School District Data Processing Department reviewed the low bid for compliance with the specifications and concurs in this recommendation (Attachment B).

The timeline established for a fully operational Library Catalog & Circulation System was December 15, 1999. Because the contract with Gemini Digital Products was rescinded, the required installation and training schedule was impacted. As a result, and as a gesture of good faith, the educational representative from Compaq furnished the District with a "seed" unit to meet our interim hardware needs. The SIRSI software was installed on the "seed" unit and is working well. All bidders were encouraged to use the "seed" unit in their bid. The Library Catalog & Circulation System, as currently installed, was up and running for school use on January 3, 2000. After award of this contract, the vendor will reconfigure the components to meet specific District requirements.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

Fund Description:

- (01) General Fund
- (105105) Library Resources — Automation
- (5440) Equipment (New)

Fund Source:

	Fund	Funding Source	Account Code	Amount
Library Resources Automation New Equipment	01	105105	105105-5440	\$125,407.97

BC/EB/PKC/tc

Attachments

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Approved by: Norm Holthouse, Executive Director, Technology/MIS

Janet Stokesbary, Chief Financial Officer

Attachment A

TABULATION OF BIDS

ITEM	Applied Microsystems Inc	CATG	Wyle Electronics
Alpha Server, Compaq/DEC, Model ES40, Model 2, custom configuration	\$125,407.97	\$134,241.11	\$127,196.80

Attachment B

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ABSTRACT OF BID

**FURNISH & INSTALL COMPAQ/ DEC ALPHA SERVER FOR Commodity or
Service:**

LIBRARYCATALOG & CIRCULATION SYSTEM

Invitation to Bid Opened On:	2:00 P.M., Anchorage Time December 22, 1999
Budget Fund:	General (1999-2000)
Number of Bids Sent:	Forty (40)
Number of Responsive Bids Received:	Three (3)
Advertised Date:	November 26, 1999 Anchorage Daily News
Prebid Conference Held:	10:00 A.M., Anchorage Time December 2, 1999
Addenda Issued:	Addendum #1 December 3, 1999 Addendum #2 December 14, 1999 Addendum #3 December 17, 1999