HUGHES SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FIRST QUESTION RESPONSE

Data transmission TO consortium Internet connectivity 2019 FCC Form 470 Application Number 190018891 (FY19 C1 Inet Trans v2)

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is the official response to the questions submitted by Larry Montgomery of Etex Telephone Cooperative Incorporated on February 20, 2019. The answers follow the questions below.

We can happily provide 3 schools as references. However, our schools that have similar services have been installed longer than two years. Is it ok to list these schools?

Section 3.3 Service Level Agreement. The two-hour response time is a not a problem. The four-hour response due to factors outside of our control could be an issue. Do we need to an add a disclaimer regarding factors outside of our control?

Both questions ask about how to address a requirement of the RFP when the vendor is unable to meet the requirement as stated. Hughes Springs Independent School District will consider responses that may not meet all the requirements as outlined, but the vendor needs to be aware of two things.

First, a failure to meet the needs as outlined in the RFP could result in a lower evaluation score as described in 2.14 of the RFP. Specifically, the 20% of the evaluation which measures, "Quality and technical assessment of the vendor's goods/services, and the extent to which the goods/services meet the District's needs."

Second, as stated on page eleven of the RFP, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS, vendors must certify if their response meets all guidelines of the proposal. If it does not, vendors are required to reference the criteria they do not meet and provide an explanation.

Respectfully,

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