

# Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

The LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION agrees to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications with the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) in seeking bids on a cooperative basis for the provision of telecommunication services for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004. The Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission shall be the lead Local Educational Agency (LEA) for this program. All New Jersey School Districts are invited to participate in the ***Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications.***

The Board hereby agrees to provide the Commission with the telephone line numbers, and estimated call usage for each telephone number to be bid, and any other appropriate information necessary for the development of bid specifications.

The Board agrees not to solicit bids to enter into a contract that would jeopardize the award of a contract for cooperative telecommunication services by the Commission. The Board agrees to abide by the award of contract made by the Commission. The Board will not withdraw from ACT prior to June 30, 2004.

The Commission will prepare bid specifications, evaluate bids submitted, and award a contract for the provision of telecommunication services. The Commission will also monitor the performance of the vendor during the course of the contract.

All fees for the work of the Commission, including preparation of specifications, transmittal of bid specifications, bid evaluation, contract documents and the expenses of NJASBO, will be incorporated into the price for services as provided by the successful vendor(s).

This participation agreement was approved at the regular Board meeting of the LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION held on MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002.

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Signature of Business Administrator

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