



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 25-096, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to GCI Corporation for Providing Public Internet Service at the Homer Public Library and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Library Director.

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For about 25 years, the Homer Public Library has received the annual e-rate subsidy from the federal government. This subsidy pays for 70% of the library's public internet bill and requires competitive bidding each time an existing contract reaches its conclusion.

The library's public internet is currently provided by GCI and the contract will expire on June 30, 2026. The City issued a call for e-rate bids in September 2025. Three companies responded. From among those bids, the selection committee recommends signing a new five-year contract with GCI.

The committee recommends maintaining the current level of service, a symmetrical 400 Mbit/sec connection. The new contract carries a monthly base cost of \$1,425 and a total five-year cost of \$85,500. When the e-rate subsidy is applied, the library's monthly bill falls to \$427.50 and the total five-year cost to \$25,650.

Recommendation: Approve the five year contract with GCI to provide internet service at the Homer Public Library, beginning July 1, 2026.