

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee
February 18, 2014

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND/OR ESTABLISH
FUNDING REQUESTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE
E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2014: 07/01/2014 THROUGH 06/30/2015**

- WHEREAS, The Schools and Libraries Program of the federal Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections; and
- WHEREAS, The Program is intended to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services; and
- WHEREAS The Schools and Libraries Program reimburses telecommunications, Internet access, and internal connections providers for discounts on eligible services provided to schools and libraries. While schools and libraries apply for these discounts, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) works in conjunction with service providers to make sure these discounts are passed on to program participants; and
- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library is eligible to participate in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Discount Program and currently requests needs for Telecommunication Services only through the program, and
- WHEREAS, On January 2, 2014, the Cleveland Public Library filed FCC Form 470: Description of Services Requested and Certification Form as required for participation in the discount program. This posting began the required 28-day competitive bidding process, for which the allowable contract date is January 30, 2014; and

EXHIBIT 4

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes Library management to pursue all possible discounts available through the School and Libraries Universal Service Discount Program and to establish funding requests by filing the FCC Form 471, including those in excess of \$25,000 and for current contracts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to execute agreements, subject to the approval of the Chief Legal Officer, for telecommunication services, including those in excess of \$25,000; to be charged to the 53210 Telecommunications object in the General, OLBDP, KnowItNow (KIN) and Judd funds.