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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
**FROM:** MICHAEL BOYD, POLICY & PLANNING DIR.  
**SUBJECT:** CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE  
**DATE:** MAY 22, 2000  
**CC:** FILE

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The Request for Proposals is due to be released tomorrow (5/23). All items requested by the task force have been included in the RFP (e.g., minimum specifications, leasing option, and add-on options). However, I need some guidance from you on the following questions:

QUESTIONS

1. How do you want to handle the contract? Do you want to sign the contract agreement with David Litchlitter? [The RFP was written with the Governor's Office and ITS as the contracting entity. This can be changed in the final contract.]
2. How do you want to handle the \$2 million at DECD? I would suggest granting this money to the MEC Foundation of the Public Education Forum with the later development of a separate 501(c)3 foundation dedicated to the continual improvement of classroom technology.
3. Do you want Mike Larsen involved and to what extent, if any? Mike Larsen has requested to be involved with the Task Force as DECD has the state's portion of funding. I am cautious of his involvement. He attempted to interfere with the publication of the Tourism Guide in January, and I fear that he will be a stumbling block in this process. I have spoken with both John Gilbert and Donna Simmons about Larsen's involvement—they also expressed concerns about his involvement.
4. How do you want to handle the AOL/ITS conflict? ITS is concerned about losing e-rate funding for the backbone infrastructure. Basically, ITS secures 50% (\$2 million) of the backbone's funding from e-rate. If AOL becomes the provider for schools, ITS will no longer have access to e-rate funding; thereby losing \$2 million for the ITS backbone.

Please respond to these questions ASAP (practical). 359-2971 or 888-857-5785 (pager).