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**Procurement Officer's Written Determination
For Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
(COMAR 21.05.09.04)**

Contract Title/Number: 001B0600386 – Long Distance and Toll-Free Telecommunications Services

Type: Information Technology

Why is utilizing an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement chosen as the procurement method rather than Competitive Sealed Bidding/Proposals?

The Department of General Services (DGS) intends to use the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association (MiCTA) Master Service Agreement 187AN-TISA2018-0821 to obtain Long Distance (LD), and Toll-Free (TF) telecommunication services, through a Participating Addendum (PA) with MCI Communications Services d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon). The purpose of this agreement will be to provide ongoing maintenance and support for these voice telecommunications services to the State of Maryland.

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) presently holds a PA with Verizon (BPO 060B7400039) under the MiCTA Master Service Agreements through 6/08/2020. For the State to continue receiving services at the current rates and ensure ongoing support, a new PA must be established.

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, as the Procurement Officer, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the State to participate in the MiCTA contract. The MiCTA Master Service Agreement 187AN-TISA2018-0821 provide the State of Maryland with a favorable pre-determined pricing structure to procure the requested services in a timely manner that will promote administrative efficiencies to meet the above mentioned mission critical initiatives of DoIT. Additionally, the new contract pricing represents a decreased cost to the State overall as toll-free services will now have a lower per-call standard fee.

DGS intends to issue a three-year (3) contract under the intergovernmental purchasing agreement to Verizon to provide the Long Distance and Toll-free services to the State.



This purchase will promote administrative efficiencies and is not intended as a means to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03.

Determination by: John R Walker
Procurement Officer

5-15-2020
Date

Approved by: Robert E. Gleason
Agency Head or Designee

5/15/2020
Date