

**SUPPLEMENT D  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
ACTION AGENDA**

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

**ITEM: 6-IT**

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**DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:**

Information Technology

**CONTRACT ID:**

Fiber Optic Cable

ADPICS No. 060B1400069

**CONTRACT DESCRIPTION:** Provide approximately 72 miles of fiber optic cable to DoIT's Networks Division.

**AWARD:**

Martelecom, LLC

Millersville, MD

**TERM:**

8/10/2011-8/09/2013

**AMOUNT:**

\$198,940.00

**PROCUREMENT METHOD:**

Competitive Sealed Bidding

Single Bid Received

**MBE PARTICIPATION:**

100%

**REQUESTING AGENCY REMARKS:** The State was awarded a federal grant to extend middle-mile broadband infrastructure in the 23 counties, the City of Baltimore, and the City of Annapolis through implementation of the One Maryland Broadband Network (OMBN). The federal grant is from through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The OMBN will use the grant funds to install approximately 1,294 miles of fiber optic cable, much of it in rural and underserved communities throughout the State, to bring Internet access to more than 1,000 community institutions and link together three independent broadband networks. Expanding broadband is crucial to help to create jobs, improve public safety, increase educational opportunities, improve health care delivery, and improve infrastructure for the Defense Base Realignment and Closure.

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**ITEM: 6-IT (cont'd)**

Reference is made to DoIT Item 7-IT (June 15, 2011) in which the Board approved the award of a contract to OFS Fitel, LLC for the required fiber optic cabling. However, OFS Fitel, LLC could not make delivery by the dates the State required to meet the federal grant construction deadlines.

DoIT determined to issue this procurement to enable the State to start the fiber optic cable installation sooner. A notice of the availability of the Invitation for Bid was advertised on *eMarylandMarketplace.com* and on DoIT's website. In addition, the IFB was sent directly to 3 prospective vendors, all Original Equipment Manufacturers. Martelecom, LLC, a MBE, was the only bidder.

This procurement enables the State to quickly obtain approximately 72 miles of cable and be able to start the project approximately two months sooner than by waiting for OFS Fitel's fiber optic cable. It is important to receive these materials as soon as possible to meet the grant's August 2013 construction deadline.

<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	100% Federal
<b>APPROP. CODES:</b>	B0410
<b>RESIDENT BUSINESS:</b>	Yes
<b>MD TAX CLEARANCE:</b>	11-1896-1111

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Board of Public Works Action - The above referenced Item was:

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