



**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT
ACTION AGENDA
November 29, 2023**



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**31-IT. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
*Department of General Services***

Contract ID: Long Distance and Toll-Free Telecommunications Services; 001B4600129
ADPICS No.: 001B4600129

Contract Description: Long distance and toll-free telecommunication services to multiple State agencies.

Award: MCI Communication Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon); Silver Spring, MD

Contract Term: 11/30/2023 - 08/22/2027

Amount: \$5,000,000

Procurement Method: Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase (MiCTA)
Master Service Agreement 191AN-MTTISAFBOS2022-0827

MBE/VSBE Participation: 0% / 0%

Performance Security: No

Incumbent: Same

Requesting Agency Remarks: The Department of General Services is requesting approval for participation in the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association (MiCTA) Master Service Agreement 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.

DGS intends to take advantage of the economy of scale established by the MiCTA Agreement. By joining MiCTA the State will be allowed to take advantage of a pricing scale that would not be available through other forms of competitive bidding. The lack of competition in the telecommunications market has led the State to search all possible resources and MiCTA is currently the best solution available on the market. The State will also benefit from joining MiCTA by establishing a transparent pricing structure instead of facing unforeseeable pricing fluctuations in the future.



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Agency Remarks (cont'd):

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, it is in the States best interest to participate in the MiCTA contract. The MiCTA Master Service Agreement provides the State with a favorable pre-determined pricing structure to procure the requested services in a timely manner that will promote administrative efficiencies to meet mission-critical initiatives of the State agencies.

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.

No MBE or VSBE participation was included because this is an ICPA contract not awarded by the State of Maryland

Fund Source: 100% General Funds

Approp. Code: Various (Using Agencies)

Resident Business: Yes

MD Tax Clearance: 23-4392-0111

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THIS ITEM WAS:

APPROVED

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