



Department of Administration
Purchasing Division
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State of West Virginia Master Agreement

Order Date: 08-24-2026

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CONCERNING THIS ORDER SHOULD BE
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Order Number:	CMA 0212 0212 LDPHONE26 1	Procurement Folder:	2016715
Document Name:	Long-Distance Telephone Services	Reason for Modification:	AWARD OF CRFQ SWC2700000001
Document Description:	Statewide Contract: Long-Distance Telephone Services		
Procurement Type:	Statewide MA (Open End)		
Buyer Name:			
Telephone:			
Email:			
Shipping Method:	Best Way	Effective Start Date:	2026-08-17
Free on Board:	FOB Dest, Freight Prepaid	Effective End Date:	2027-08-16

VENDOR	DEPARTMENT CONTACT																				
Vendor Customer Code: 000000181018 TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC 3 WING DR STE 103 CEDAR KNOLLS NJ 07927 US Vendor Contact Phone: 973-739-9300 Extension: Discount Details: <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Discount Allowed</th><th>Discount Percentage</th><th>Discount Days</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>#1</td><td>No</td><td>0.0000</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>#2</td><td>No</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>#3</td><td>No</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>#4</td><td>No</td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>		Discount Allowed	Discount Percentage	Discount Days	#1	No	0.0000	0	#2	No			#3	No			#4	No			Requestor Name: Derrick K Day Requestor Phone: (304) 957-8277 Requestor Email: derrick.k.day@wv.gov 2027 FILE LOCATION _____ 2 CFR 200 Compliant
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INVOICE TO	SHIP TO
ALL STATE AGENCIES VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS INDICATED BY ORDER No City WV 99999 US	STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS INDICATED BY ORDER No City WV 99999 US

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Total Order Amount: Open End

Purchasing Division's File Copy

TW 8/24/26

PURCHASING DIVISION AUTHORIZATION
DATE: 8/24/26
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL AS TO FORM
DATE: 8/25/2026
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE

ENCUMBRANCE CERTIFICATION
DATE: 8-26-26
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE ON FILE

Extended Description:

Statewide Contract:

The Vendor, TouchTone Communications, agrees to enter with the State of West Virginia into an open-end Statewide Contract to provide Long Distance Telephone Services per the Specifications, Terms and Conditions, Bid Requirements, and the Vendors bid dated 08/04/2026, incorporated herein by reference and made apart hereof.

Line	Commodity Code	Manufacturer	Model No	Unit	Unit Price
1	83111502			EA	0.000000
Service From		Service To		Service Contract Amount	
				0.00	

Commodity Line Description: Long Distance Phone Service- see attached Pricing page

Extended Description:

Long-Distance Telephone Services - see attached Pricing Page

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT: Issuance of an Award Document signed by the Purchasing Division Director, or his designee, and approved as to form by the Attorney General's office constitutes acceptance by the State of this Contract made by and between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor. Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the Contract if the Contract is not the result of a bid solicitation, signifies Vendor's agreement to be bound by and accept the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

2. DEFINITIONS: As used in this Solicitation/Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them below. Additional definitions may be found in the specifications included with this Solicitation/Contract.

2.1. "Agency" or "Agencies" means the agency, board, commission, or other entity of the State of West Virginia that is identified on the first page of the Solicitation or any other public entity seeking to procure goods or services under this Contract.

2.2. "Bid" or "Proposal" means the vendors submitted response to this solicitation.

2.3. "Contract" means the binding agreement that is entered into between the State and the Vendor to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation.

2.4. "Director" means the Director of the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

2.5. "Purchasing Division" means the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division.

2.6. "Award Document" means the document signed by the Agency and the Purchasing Division, and approved as to form by the Attorney General, that identifies the Vendor as the contract holder.

2.7. "Solicitation" means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.

2.8. "State" means the State of West Virginia and/or any of its agencies, commissions, boards, etc. as context requires.

2.9. "Vendor" or "Vendors" means any entity submitting a bid in response to the Solicitation, the entity that has been selected as the lowest responsible bidder, or the entity that has been awarded the Contract as context requires.

3. CONTRACT TERM; RENEWAL; EXTENSION: The term of this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below:

☒ **Term Contract**

Initial Contract Term: The Initial Contract Term will be for a period of One (1) Year. The Initial Contract Term becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as _____), and the Initial Contract Term ends on the effective end date also shown on the first page of this Contract.

Renewal Term: This Contract may be renewed upon the mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any request for renewal should be delivered to the Agency and then submitted to the Purchasing Division thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the initial contract term or appropriate renewal term. A Contract renewal shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract. Unless otherwise specified below, renewal of this Contract is limited to Three (3) successive one (1) year periods or multiple renewal periods of less than one year, provided that the multiple renewal periods do not exceed the total number of months available in all renewal years combined. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

☐ **Alternate Renewal Term** – This contract may be renewed for _____ successive _____ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only)

Delivery Order Limitations: In the event that this contract permits delivery orders, a delivery order may only be issued during the time this Contract is in effect. Any delivery order issued within one year of the expiration of this Contract shall be effective for one year from the date the delivery order is issued. No delivery order may be extended beyond one year after this Contract has expired.

☐ **Fixed Period Contract:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and must be completed within _____ days.

☐ **Fixed Period Contract with Renewals:** This Contract becomes effective upon Vendor's receipt of the notice to proceed and part of the Contract more fully described in the attached specifications must be completed within _____ days. Upon completion of the work covered by the preceding sentence, the vendor agrees that:

☐ the contract will continue for _____ years;

☐ the contract may be renewed for _____ successive _____ year periods or shorter periods provided that they do not exceed the total number of months contained in all available renewals. Automatic renewal of this Contract is prohibited. Renewals must be approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division and Attorney General's Office (Attorney General approval is as to form only).

☐ **One-Time Purchase:** The term of this Contract shall run from the issuance of the Award Document until all of the goods contracted for have been delivered, but in no event will this Contract extend for more than one fiscal year.

☐ **Construction/Project Oversight:** This Contract becomes effective on the effective start date listed on the first page of this Contract, identified as the State of West Virginia contract cover page containing the signatures of the Purchasing Division, Attorney General, and Encumbrance clerk (or another page identified as _____), and continues until the project for which the vendor is providing oversight is complete.

☐ **Other:** Contract Term specified in _____

4. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED: Vendor is authorized to begin performance of this contract on the date of encumbrance listed on the front page of the Award Document unless either the box for "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked in Section 3 above. If either "Fixed Period Contract" or "Fixed Period Contract with Renewals" has been checked, Vendor must not begin work until it receives a separate notice to proceed from the State. The notice to proceed will then be incorporated into the Contract via change order to memorialize the official date that work commenced.

5. QUANTITIES: The quantities required under this Contract shall be determined in accordance with the category that has been identified as applicable to this Contract below.

☒ **Open End Contract:** Quantities listed in this Solicitation/Award Document are approximations only, based on estimates supplied by the Agency. It is understood and agreed that the Contract shall cover the quantities actually ordered for delivery during the term of the Contract, whether more or less than the quantities shown.

☐ **Service:** The scope of the service to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

☐ **Combined Service and Goods:** The scope of the service and deliverable goods to be provided will be more clearly defined in the specifications included herewith.

☐ **One-Time Purchase:** This Contract is for the purchase of a set quantity of goods that are identified in the specifications included herewith. Once those items have been delivered, no additional goods may be procured under this Contract without an appropriate change order approved by the Vendor, Agency, Purchasing Division, and Attorney General's office.

☐ **Construction:** This Contract is for construction activity more fully defined in the specifications.

6. EMERGENCY PURCHASES: The Purchasing Division Director may authorize the Agency to purchase goods or services in the open market that Vendor would otherwise provide under this Contract if those goods or services are for immediate or expedited delivery in an emergency. Emergencies shall include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation or an unanticipated increase in the volume of work. An emergency purchase in the open market, approved by the Purchasing Division Director, shall not constitute a breach of this Contract and shall not entitle the Vendor to any form of compensation or damages. This provision does not excuse the State from fulfilling its obligations under a One-Time Purchase contract.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: All of the items checked in this section must be provided to the Purchasing Division by the Vendor as specified:

☐ **LICENSE(S) / CERTIFICATIONS / PERMITS:** In addition to anything required under the Section of the General Terms and Conditions entitled Licensing, the apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the following licenses, certifications, and/or permits upon request and in a form acceptable to the State. The request may be prior to or after contract award at the State's sole discretion.

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The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional licenses or certifications contained in the specifications regardless of whether or not that requirement is listed above.

8. INSURANCE: The apparent successful Vendor shall furnish proof of the insurance identified by a checkmark below prior to Contract award. The insurance coverages identified below must be maintained throughout the life of this contract. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the insurance policies, Vendor shall provide the Agency with proof that the insurance mandated herein has been continued. Vendor must also provide Agency with immediate notice of any changes in its insurance policies, including but not limited to, policy cancelation, policy reduction, or change in insurers. The apparent successful Vendor shall also furnish proof of any additional insurance requirements contained in the specifications prior to Contract award regardless of whether that insurance requirement is listed in this section.

Vendor must maintain:

☒ **Commercial General Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

☒ **Automobile Liability Insurance** in at least an amount of: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

☐ **Professional/Malpractice/Errors and Omission Insurance** in at least an amount of: _____ per occurrence. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Vendor's are not required to list the State as an additional insured for this type of policy.

☐ **Commercial Crime and Third Party Fidelity Insurance** in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

☐ **Cyber Liability Insurance** in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

☐ **Builders Risk Insurance** in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the Contract.

☐ **Pollution Insurance** in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

☐ **Aircraft Liability** in an amount of: _____ per occurrence.

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9. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: Vendor shall comply with laws relating to workers compensation, shall maintain workers' compensation insurance when required, and shall furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance upon request.

10. VENUE: All legal actions for damages brought by Vendor against the State shall be brought in the West Virginia Claims Commission. Other causes of action must be brought in the West Virginia court authorized by statute to exercise jurisdiction over it.

11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other available remedy. Vendor shall pay liquidated damages in the amount specified below or as described in the specifications:

☐ _____ for _____.

☐ Liquidated Damages Contained in the Specifications.

☒ Liquidated Damages Are Not Included in this Contract.

12. ACCEPTANCE: Vendor's signature on its bid, or on the certification and signature page, constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn, signifies that the product or service proposed by vendor meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise indicated, and signifies acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation unless otherwise indicated.

13. PRICING: The pricing set forth herein is firm for the life of the Contract, unless specified elsewhere within this Solicitation/Contract by the State. A Vendor's inclusion of price adjustment provisions in its bid, without an express authorization from the State in the Solicitation to do so, may result in bid disqualification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Vendor must extend any publicly advertised sale price to the State and invoice at the lower of the contract price or the publicly advertised sale price.

14. PAYMENT IN ARREARS: Payments for goods/services will be made in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods/services provided or receipt of the goods/services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software maintenance, licenses, or subscriptions may be paid annually in advance.

15. PAYMENT METHODS: Vendor must accept payment by electronic funds transfer and P-Card. (The State of West Virginia's Purchasing Card program, administered under contract by a banking institution, processes payment for goods and services through state designated credit cards.)

16. TAXES: The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, personal property or any other taxes arising out of this Contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.

17. ADDITIONAL FEES: Vendor is not permitted to charge additional fees or assess additional charges that were not either expressly provided for in the solicitation published by the State of West Virginia, included in the Contract, or included in the unit price or lump sum bid amount that Vendor is required by the solicitation to provide. Including such fees or charges as notes to the solicitation may result in rejection of vendor's bid. Requesting such fees or charges be paid after the contract has been awarded may result in cancellation of the contract.

18. FUNDING: This Contract shall continue for the term stated herein, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available, this Contract becomes void and of no effect beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year for which funding has not been appropriated or otherwise made available. If that occurs, the State may notify the Vendor that an alternative source of funding has been obtained and thereby avoid the automatic termination. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.

19. CANCELLATION: The Purchasing Division Director reserves the right to cancel this Contract immediately upon written notice to the vendor if the materials or workmanship supplied do not conform to the specifications contained in the Contract. The Purchasing Division Director may also cancel any purchase or Contract upon 30 days written notice to the Vendor in accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5.2.

20. TIME: Time is of the essence regarding all matters of time and performance in this Contract.

21. APPLICABLE LAW: This Contract is governed by and interpreted under West Virginia law without giving effect to its choice of law principles. Any information provided in specification manuals, or any other source, verbal or written, which contradicts or violates the West Virginia Constitution, West Virginia Code, or West Virginia Code of State Rules is void and of no effect.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances. By submitting a bid, Vendor acknowledges that it has reviewed, understands, and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

23. ARBITRATION: Any references made to arbitration contained in this Contract, Vendor's bid, or in any American Institute of Architects documents pertaining to this Contract are hereby deleted, void, and of no effect.

24. MODIFICATIONS: This writing is the parties' final expression of intent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary no modification of this Contract shall be binding without mutual written consent of the Agency, and the Vendor, with approval of the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's office (Attorney General approval is as to form only). Any change to existing contracts that adds work or changes contract cost, and were not included in the original contract, must be approved by the Purchasing Division and the Attorney General's Office (as to form) prior to the implementation of the change or commencement of work affected by the change.

25. WAIVER: The failure of either party to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms or provision of this Contract, or to exercise any option, right, or remedy herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, provision, option, right, or remedy, but the same shall continue in full force and effect. Any waiver must be expressly stated in writing and signed by the waiving party.

26. SUBSEQUENT FORMS: The terms and conditions contained in this Contract shall supersede any and all subsequent terms and conditions which may appear on any form documents submitted by Vendor to the Agency or Purchasing Division such as price lists, order forms, invoices, sales agreements, or maintenance agreements, and includes internet websites or other electronic documents. Acceptance or use of Vendor's forms does not constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions contained thereon.

27. ASSIGNMENT: Neither this Contract nor any monies due, or to become due hereunder, may be assigned by the Vendor without the express written consent of the Agency, the Purchasing Division, the Attorney General's office (as to form only), and any other government agency or office that may be required to approve such assignments.

28. WARRANTY: The Vendor expressly warrants that the goods and/or services covered by this Contract will: (a) conform to the specifications, drawings, samples, or other description furnished or specified by the Agency; (b) be merchantable and fit for the purpose intended; and (c) be free from defect in material and workmanship.

29. STATE EMPLOYEES: State employees are not permitted to utilize this Contract for personal use and the Vendor is prohibited from permitting or facilitating the same.

30. PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Vendor agrees that it will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the Agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the Agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy.

31. YOUR SUBMISSION IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: Vendor's entire response to the Solicitation and the resulting Contract are public documents. As public documents, they will be disclosed to the public following the bid/proposal opening or award of the contract, as required by the competitive bidding laws of West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-1 et seq., 5-22-1 et seq., and 5G-1-1 et seq. and the Freedom of Information Act West Virginia Code §§ 29B-1-1 et seq.

DO NOT SUBMIT MATERIAL YOU CONSIDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, A TRADE SECRET, OR OTHERWISE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Submission of any bid, proposal, or other document to the Purchasing Division constitutes your explicit consent to the subsequent public disclosure of the bid, proposal, or document. The Purchasing Division will disclose any document labeled "confidential," "proprietary," "trade secret," "private," or labeled with any other claim against public disclosure of the documents, to include any "trade secrets" as defined by West Virginia Code § 47-22-1 et seq. All submissions are subject to public disclosure without notice.

32. LICENSING: In accordance with West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-6.1.e, Vendor must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agency or political subdivision. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Upon request, the Vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Purchasing Division Director or the Agency to verify that the Vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

SUBCONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE: Vendor shall notify all subcontractors providing commodities or services related to this Contract that as subcontractors, they too are required to be licensed, in good standing, and up-to-date on all state and local obligations as described in this section. Obligations related to political subdivisions may include, but are not limited to, business licensing, business and occupation taxes, inspection compliance, permitting, etc. Notification under this provision must occur prior to the performance of any work under the contract by the subcontractor.

33. ANTITRUST: In submitting a bid to, signing a contract with, or accepting a Award Document from any agency of the State of West Virginia, the Vendor agrees to convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to Vendor.

34. VENDOR NON-CONFLICT: Neither Vendor nor its representatives are permitted to have any interest, nor shall they acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would compromise the performance of its services hereunder. Any such interests shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

35. VENDOR RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by this Contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising, and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this Solicitation and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor, nor any employees or subcontractors of the Vendor, shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purpose whatsoever. Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for payment of employees and contractors for all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension, or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms, and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including, but not limited to, the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, Social Security taxes, and employer income tax returns.

36. INDEMNIFICATION: The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any subcontractor, person, or firm performing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of the Contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data used under the Contract in a manner not authorized by the Contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; and (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws including, but not limited to, labor and wage and hour laws.

37. NO DEBT CERTIFICATION: In accordance with West Virginia Code §§ 5A-3-10a and 5-22-1(i), the State is prohibited from awarding a contract to any bidder that owes a debt to the State or a political subdivision of the State. By submitting a bid, or entering into a contract with the State, Vendor is affirming that (1) for construction contracts, the Vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, neither the Vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above, and neither the Vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined in the statute cited above unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the statute.

38. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Vendor, its officers or members or employees, shall not presently have or acquire an interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict with or compromise the performance of its obligations hereunder. Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise. Any conflict of interest discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

39. REPORTS: Vendor shall provide the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division with the following reports identified by a checked box below:

☒ Such reports as the Agency and/or the Purchasing Division may request. Requested reports may include, but are not limited to, quantities purchased, agencies utilizing the contract, total contract expenditures by agency, etc.

☐ Quarterly reports detailing the total quantity of purchases in units and dollars, along with a listing of purchases by agency. Quarterly reports should be delivered to the Purchasing Division via email at purchasing.division@wv.gov.

40. BACKGROUND CHECK: In accordance with W. Va. Code § 15-2D-3, the State reserves the right to prohibit a service provider's employees from accessing sensitive or critical information or to be present at the Capitol complex based upon results addressed from a criminal background check. Service providers should contact the West Virginia Division of Protective Services by phone at (304) 558-9911 for more information.

41. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTS: Except when authorized by the Director of the Purchasing Division pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56, no contractor may use or supply steel products for a State Contract Project other than those steel products made in the United States. A contractor who uses steel products in violation of this section may be subject to civil penalties pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-56. As used in this section:

- a. "State Contract Project" means any erection or construction of, or any addition to, alteration of or other improvement to any building or structure, including, but not limited to, roads or highways, or the installation of any heating or cooling or ventilating plants or other equipment, or the supply of and materials for such projects, pursuant to a contract with the State of West Virginia for which bids were solicited on or after June 6, 2001.
- b. "Steel Products" means products rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated or otherwise similarly processed, or processed by a combination of two or more or such operations, from steel made by the open heath, basic oxygen, electric furnace, Bessemer or other steel making process.
- c. The Purchasing Division Director may, in writing, authorize the use of foreign steel products if:
 1. The cost for each contract item used does not exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the total contract cost or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), whichever is greater. For the purposes of this section, the cost is the value of the steel product as delivered to the project; or
 2. The Director of the Purchasing Division determines that specified steel materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet contract requirements.

42. PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DOMESTIC ALUMINUM, GLASS, AND STEEL: In Accordance with W. Va. Code § 5-19-1 et seq., and W. Va. CSR § 148-10-1 et seq., for every contract or subcontract, subject to the limitations contained herein, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of public works or for the purchase of any item of machinery or equipment to be used at sites of public works, only domestic aluminum, glass or steel products shall be supplied unless the spending officer determines, in writing, after the receipt of offers or bids, (1) that the cost of domestic aluminum, glass or steel products is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest of the State of West Virginia, (2) that domestic aluminum, glass or steel products are not produced in sufficient quantities to meet the contract requirements, or (3) the available domestic aluminum, glass, or steel do not meet the contract specifications. This provision only applies to public works contracts awarded in an amount more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or public works contracts that require more than ten thousand pounds of steel products.

The cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than twenty percent (20%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. If the domestic aluminum, glass or steel products to be supplied or produced in a "substantial labor surplus area", as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the cost of domestic aluminum, glass, or steel products may be unreasonable if the cost is more than thirty percent (30%) of the bid or offered price for foreign made aluminum, glass, or steel products. This preference shall be applied to an item of machinery or equipment, as indicated above, when the item is a single unit of equipment or machinery manufactured primarily of aluminum, glass or steel, is part of a public works contract and has the sole purpose or of being a permanent part of a single public works project. This provision does not apply to equipment or machinery purchased by a spending unit for use by that spending unit and not as part of a single public works project.

All bids and offers including domestic aluminum, glass or steel products that exceed bid or offer prices including foreign aluminum, glass or steel products after application of the preferences provided in this provision may be reduced to a price equal to or lower than the lowest bid or offer price for foreign aluminum, glass or steel products plus the applicable preference. If the reduced bid or offer prices are made in writing and supersede the prior bid or offer prices, all bids or offers, including the reduced bid or offer prices, will be reevaluated in accordance with this rule.

43. INTERESTED PARTY SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE: W. Va. Code § 6D-1-2 requires that for contracts with an actual or estimated value of at least \$1 million, the Vendor must submit to the Agency a disclosure of interested parties prior to beginning work under this Contract. Additionally, the Vendor must submit a supplemental disclosure of interested parties reflecting any new or differing interested parties to the contract, which were not included in the original pre-work interested party disclosure, within 30 days following the completion or termination of the contract. A copy of that form is included with this solicitation or can be obtained from the WV Ethics Commission. This requirement does not apply to publicly traded companies listed on a national or international stock exchange. A more detailed definition of interested parties can be obtained from the form referenced above.

44. PROHIBITION AGAINST USED OR REFURBISHED: Unless expressly permitted in the solicitation published by the State, Vendor must provide new, unused commodities, and is prohibited from supplying used or refurbished commodities, in fulfilling its responsibilities under this Contract.

45. VOID CONTRACT CLAUSES: This Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law.

46. ISRAEL BOYCOTT: Bidder understands and agrees that, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 5A-3-63, it is prohibited from engaging in a boycott of Israel during the term of this contract.

DESIGNATED CONTACT: Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

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CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation/Contract in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation/Contract for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that this bid or offer was made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any entity submitting a bid or offer for the same material, supplies, equipment or services; that this bid or offer is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that this Contract is accepted or entered into without any prior understanding, agreement, or connection to any other entity that could be considered a violation of law; that I am authorized by the Vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on Vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

By signing below, I further certify that I understand this Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law; and that pursuant to W. Va. Code 5A-3-63, the entity entering into this contract is prohibited from engaging in a boycott against Israel.

TouchTone Communications

(Company)

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** The West Virginia Purchasing Division is soliciting bids on behalf of the West Virginia Office of Technology to establish an open-end, statewide contract for 1) traditional non-Internet Protocol (IP) based long-distance services (intrastate, interstate, calling card, and international); 2) traditional non-IP based toll-free services; and 3) directory assistance services.

CURRENT ENVIRONMENT: Currently, the State has its current Centrex Statewide Contract. The current CENTREX contract can be viewed using the following link:
<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/swc/CENTREX.htm>

The current LDPHONE19E Statewide Contracts expires 08/16/2022 and will not be renewed. The current contract can be viewed online using the following link:
<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/swc/LDPHONE.htm>

While the Custom Centrex and Long-Distance services are separate contracts, they work together to facilitate intra-state calling capability and inter-state calling services.

A consolidated intrastate backbone network referred to as the Custom Centrex platform serves WV state government and educational institutions. The dedicated intra-LATA facilities comprising the network are leased from a third-party vendor. There are 31 Centrex nodes currently in operation throughout the State to provide a wider intrastate and local calling service area. In addition to dedicated switching and transport routing, these Centrex nodes also provide local dial tone via telephone lines to the State's respective geographic areas. Egress points for this traffic are located in Charleston, WV and Clarksburg, WV.

The intra-LATA network carries traffic to and from the long-distance network; the long-distance network provides for interstate calling, international calling, inbound calling functions, inter-LATA connectivity (dedicated and switched), interstate connectivity (dedicated and switched) and toll-free services.

In addition to the dedicated facilities for the egress points, some agencies have dedicated T-1s to handle their inbound toll-free traffic as well as the outbound long-distance. It should also be noted that not all state services related to this contract are currently being handled by the State's incumbent provider. This may be partially due to exempt agencies (legislative, judicial, higher education) or services that have not been identified as needing to be converted to the statewide contracted services.

Examples:

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- A. An agency is serviced through the Centrex node in Huntington, WV. When this agency wants to call Morgantown, WV, the call is processed at the Huntington Centrex node. The call is then routed across the network (and the LATA crossing) and completed via the Morgantown, WV node, resulting in a local call.
- B. If this same agency (referenced in example A) wants to make a long-distance interstate call, the call is routed from the Huntington Centrex node to the Charleston egress point - it transitions from the Centrex network to the Long-Distance network to complete the call.
- C. If this same agency (referenced in example A) wants to call another agency in the Bluefield area, the call is routed to the Charleston egress point where it switches to the Long-Distance provider's network. It remains on the Long-Distance provider's network to Bluefield, routes to the correct Central Office and completes the call.
- D. When an agency that is not connected/serviced through a Centrex node wants to make a call to any place other than its local calling area (intra-LATA, inter-LATA, interstate, etc.), the call is switched at the Central Office by means of a LPIC/PIC code to the Long-Distance provider's network and the call is completed.

Below is a sample of the average monthly usage, based on the last three months, under the current long-distance service contract. During the term of this contract, current services may be migrated to IP-based services which are provided under separate contracts; therefore, the average usage indicated below may not reflect future usage.

Description of Service	Average Minutes
Domestic Interstate	155,080
Domestic Intrastate	291,009
Toll-Free Interstate	172,895
Toll-Free Intrastate	417,287
Payphone	13,373
Canada	0
Caribbean	0
Directory Assistance	3
Dedicated Toll-Free	590,182
Dedicated Outbound-Intrastate	291,009
Dedicated Outbound-Interstate	155,080
International	1,884
Toll-Free Non-Mainland	0
Calling Card	139

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- 2. DEFINITIONS:** The terms listed below shall have the meanings assigned to them below. Additional definitions can be found in section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions.

- 2.1 "Calling Card"** means calls placed with the use of a calling card issued by the vendor.
- 2.2 "Contract Item" or "Contract Items"** means traditional long-distance services (Intrastate, Interstate, and International), calling card services, inbound toll-free calling services and directory assistance.
- 2.3 "Centrex"** means a PBX-like services providing switching and features at the central office instead of at the customer's premises.
- 2.4 "Dedicated"** means network access for locations with sufficient traffic volumes to support circuits dedicated to the direct access of the carrier.
- 2.5 "DID"** means Direct Inward Dialing number. Telephone service providers use DID signaling to identify the number they are about to connect to the business PBX. The PBX would use these DID digits to switch the call to the right recipient.
- 2.6 "Domestic Interstate"** means calls that are placed within one state and received in another state, within the 50 United States (domestic).
- 2.7 "Domestic Intrastate"** means calls that are placed and received within the same state inside the 50 United States.
- 2.8 "FCC"** means Federal Communications Commission.
- 2.9 "Inter-LATA"** means a call that is placed within one LATA (Local Access Transport Area) and received in a different LATA. These calls are carried by a long-distance company.
- 2.10 "Internet Protocol (IP) based toll free services"** means providing delivery of toll-free calls to locations via an IP based access facility and terminating in IP based premises equipment.
- 2.11 "Intra-LATA"** is also known as "local toll" or "local long distance." These are calls that originate and terminate in the same Local Access Transport Area (LATA), but still require a 1 + in order to complete them. Your local carrier is allowed by law to reserve a geographic area (not more than 50 miles) around your home for intra-LATA calls NOT passed to your long-distance carrier. These areas

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(in some localities called "zones") are typically listed in the front of your local phone book.

- 2.12** “IXC” means Inter Exchange Carrier.
- 2.13** “LATA” means Local Access Transport Area also called Service areas by some telephone companies. It's a local (one of approximately 196) geographical area in the US with which a local telephone company may offer telecommunications services-local or long distance.
- 2.14** “Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)” is the regulatory term in telecommunications for the local telephone company.
- 2.15** “Local Portability Charge” means that under the Federal Communications Commission’s “local number portability” (LNP) rules, so long as you remain in the same geographic area, you can switch telephone service providers and keep your existing phone number. Some vendors charge their customers fees to recover the costs that they incur in providing number portability.
- 2.16** “LPIC/PIC” means Local Primary Interexchange Carrier/Primary Interexchange Carrier.
- 2.17** “NPA” means Numbering Plan Area which is a three-digit code commonly called an area code.
- 2.18** “NXX” means central office code, also known as exchange or prefix.
- 2.19** “PBX” means the Private Branch Exchange which is a telephone switch that serves a particular business or office site.
- 2.20** “PIC” means Primary Interexchange Carrier – the primary long-distance carrier through which all interstate long distance calls are made (1+ dialing).
- 2.21** “PoP” stands for Point of Presence. PoP is an artificial demarcation point or interface point between communicating entities. A point of presence is a location where a long-distance carrier (IXC) could terminate services and provide connections into a local telephone network (LATA).
- 2.22** “PRI” means Primary Rate Interface.

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- 2.23** “**Pricing Pages**” means the schedule of prices and totals contained in wvOASIS or attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and used to evaluate the Solicitation Response.
- 2.24** “**Project Manager**” means the responsible party for managing the implementation and conversion of this contract (Transition Project Manager), and the responsible party serving as the single point of contact for all problem resolution, billing issues, installation activity, etc. for the life of the contract (Contract Project Manager).
- 2.25** “**P.01 Grade of Service**” is the probability of a call in a circuit group being blocked or delayed for more than a specified interval. Rejected calls occur as a result of heavy traffic loads (congestion) on the system and can result in the call either being delayed or lost.
- 2.26** “**RespOrg**” means Responsible Organization, a term that refers to the companies with access to the Service Management System, the database that provides number management of all toll-free telephone numbers. According to FCC regulations, the end user has the right to select their RespOrg and have their numbers transferred to their control.
- 2.27** “**SLD**” means Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administration Company
- 2.28** “**Solicitation**” means the official notice of an opportunity to supply the State with goods or services that is published by the Purchasing Division.
- 2.29** “**SPOC**” means Single Point of Contact.
- 2.30** “**Switched**” means network access via the State’s contracted Local Exchange Carriers for locations with traffic volumes that do not justify dedicated lines.
- 2.31** “**T-1**” is a dedicated phone connection consisting of 24 individual channels, each of which supports 64 Kbits per second. Each 64 bit per second channel can be configured to carry voice or data traffic.
- 2.32** “**TCR**” means Telecommunications Change Request.
- 2.33** “**Toll Free service**” means inbound calls that are completed at no cost to the entity originating the call and are generally assigned a toll-free number (800-type) for ease in dialing by the calling party.
- 2.34** “**USAC**” means Universal Service Administration Company.

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2.35 "USF" means Universal Service Fund.

2.36 "WVOT" means West Virginia Office of Technology.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Contract Items and Mandatory Requirements: Vendor shall provide Agency with the Contract Items listed below on an open-end and continuing basis. Contract Items must meet or exceed the mandatory requirements as shown below.

3.1.1 Long Distance Services (Domestic Interstate and Intrastate, International, Calling Card):

3.1.1.1 Per Minute charges shall be based and billed on six (6) second increments after the initial eighteen (18) second minimum for calls less than one minute. (Vendor will round to the 4th decimal point).

3.1.1.2 Per minute charges for long-distance calls shall be the same regardless if the call is made using Switched or Dedicated facilities.

3.1.1.3 All connectivity charges and coordination efforts required to connect to the two egress points will be the responsibility of the successful vendor.

3.1.1.4 The vendor will report to WVOT quarterly on the usage of the dedicated facilities. The vendor is responsible for monitoring the dedicated facilities and providing any additional dedicated facilities necessary to minimize the amount of overflow switched traffic. The vendor will be responsible for the cost of all dedicated facilities and any additional facilities required.

3.1.1.5 The two egress points must have switched overflow capabilities in addition to the dedicated facilities.

3.1.1.6 Transition to the new service should be transparent to the station user. Dialing procedures should remain unchanged.

3.1.1.7 The vendor must work with the WVOT, through the established TCR process, to coordinate with the local exchange carriers in getting the LPIC/PIC code changed and placing a freeze on the changes for all existing outbound long-distance services. This will

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be at no cost to the State. WVOT realizes any current LPIC/PIC freeze will be the State's responsibility to lift until the new LPIC/PIC changes are made.

- 3.1.1.8 Vendor must provide international calling capability. International calls shall be based and billed on six (6) second increments after the initial eighteen (18) second minimum for calls less than one-minute duration. Although only the per-minute rate proposed by the vendor for Canada will be included in the Pricing Pages, it is preferred that the vendor provide a price quote for all International destinations with their response. The state will allow for quarterly Change Orders to update this pricing, as necessary.
- 3.1.1.9 Vendor must provide Calling Card capability. Calling card calls shall be based and billed on six (6) second increments after the initial eighteen (18) second minimum for calls less than one minute.
- 3.1.1.10 Vendor is responsible for providing agencies with calling cards on a per request basis.

3.1.2 Toll-Free Services:

- 3.1.2.1 Based on FCC 800 portability regulations, no change in the present toll-free numbers shall be acceptable, unless allowed by the State.
- 3.1.2.2 All converted and/or new dedicated facilities (i.e., T-1s, PRIs, etc.) must be included in the cost per minute.
- 3.1.2.3 It is required that the vendor will complete inbound toll-free calls from payphones, and that the local payphone provider is allowed a fee (surcharge) for the recovery of its costs.
- 3.1.2.4 The vendor must provide the following "advanced" features for supporting inbound toll-free services when requested by WVOT.
 - 3.1.2.4.1 **Call Referral:** This feature allows the toll-free call to connect to the CPE (Customer Premises Equipment). The toll-free call is routed based on caller-entered digits (i.e., "Please Press 1 to hear about White Water Rafting") or rotary default (i.e., "If you do not have a touch tone phone, please stay on the line.").

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3.1.2.4.2 Caller Transfer: This feature allows a caller to be transferred to another toll-free number based on the digits entered (i.e., "Press 1 if you are interested in making reservations at Canaan Valley State Park.") The caller would have dialed the 1-800-CALLWVA but when they press 1, they would be transferred to the 800 number of Canaan Valley.

3.1.2.4.3 Informational Announcement: This feature offers a recorded voice message which may be used to assist in call routing. The message may be a menu of options, information prior to call termination, or information prior to connecting the call to the customer's location.

3.1.2.4.4 Area Code Routing: This feature allows a customer to route calls to the same toll-free number to a different terminating location (switched or dedicated) based on the originating area code of the caller.

3.1.2.4.5 Area Code Selection: This feature permits a customer to allow or block calls to a toll-free number based on the originating area code of the caller.

3.1.2.4.6 Area Code/Exchange Routing: This feature allows a customer to (1) route calls to the same toll-free number to different terminating locations (switched or dedicated) based on the originating area code (NPA) and exchange (NXX) of the caller and (2) allows a customer to block calls to a toll-free number based on the originating area code (NPA) and exchange (NXX) of the caller.

3.1.2.4.7 Day of Week Routing: This feature allows a customer to route calls to the same toll-free number to different terminating locations (switched or dedicated) based on the day of the week.

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3.1.2.4.8 Time of Day Routing: This feature allows a customer to route calls to the same toll-free number to different terminating locations (switched or dedicated) based on the time of the day. Days may be divided into 15-minute increments.

3.1.2.5 During implementation/conversion, the vendor is responsible for providing updates for all toll-free services that are being processed via a "Responsible Organization Change Authorization" (RespOrg) transfer.

3.1.3 Dedicated Connectivity

3.1.3.1 The vendor must provide, at no additional cost to the State, dedicated connectivity to carry the traffic (inbound and outbound) via the egress points. All costs associated with the egress points must be paid by the vendor. Agency's responsibility is limited to the payment of the cost of service.

3.1.3.2 The vendor is responsible for monitoring the dedicated facilities located at the egress points. Based on the monthly call report the vendor will notify the agency via formal memo to recommend additional dedicated facilities. Thereafter vendor is responsible for the set up and maintenance of any additional dedicated facilities necessary to minimize the amount of overflow switched traffic. The vendor will be responsible for the cost of all dedicated and switched facilities and any additional facilities required. Agency's responsibility is limited to the payment of the cost of service.

3.1.3.3 The vendor must provide the necessary facilities to maintain a P.01 grade of service or a 1 percent or less probability of callers being blocked to the facilities.

3.1.4 Directory Assistance:

3.1.4.1 The vendor shall provide National Directory Assistance (area code-555-1212).

3.1.5 Implementation/Conversion:

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3.1.5.1 Prior to beginning the implementation/conversion process, an initial face-to-face meeting will be held at the WVOT facility in Charleston, WV for all key members of the vendor's project team and the WVOT staff. This meeting shall occur within fifteen (15) calendar days of award. The Implementation/Conversion shall begin no later than thirty (30) calendar days after contract execution.

3.1.5.2 Implementation/Conversion must be completed within 120 calendar days from contract execution.

3.1.5.3 The vendor should provide with its response a Detailed Implementation Plan that ensures the smooth transition to the new service. This plan is preferred with the bid but must be furnished upon request. Be advised that WVOT has limited resources to dedicate to this project so the State expects the vendor to assume all of the responsibilities required for implementation/conversion.

3.1.5.4 The vendor will be responsible for any PIC and LPIC Switching fees. These fees are charged by the local provider when changing long-distance carriers.

3.1.5.5 The vendor will be responsible for any Local Number Portability Charges incurred when switching from one local telephone service provider to another. All agencies must have the ability to retain, at the same location, their existing local telephone numbers and equipment.

3.1.5.6 The Vendor will be responsible for the coordination of, charges for, and reconfiguration of the State's existing equipment.

3.1.5.7 The Vendor will be responsible for paying the migration costs to move the State to an alternative solution.

3.1.6 Dedicated Support Team:

3.1.6.1 Project Manager:

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3.1.6.1.1 The vendor shall be required to designate a person as the single point of contact who is responsible for managing the implementation and conversion of these services.

3.1.6.1.2 A draft Implementation Plan submitted by the Vendor will be discussed at this meeting. The final versions of this document shall be provided within ten (10) calendar days of the Kick-Off Meeting, as well as any requests to the State from the Vendor.

3.1.6.1.3 At a minimum, the Project Manager shall be located in Charleston, WV.

3.1.6.2 Service Manager:

3.1.6.2.1 After the Implementation and conversion is complete, the Vendor will assign a Service Manager to serve as the single point of contact (SPOC) for all problem resolutions, billing issues, installation activity, etc. for the life of the contract. The Service Manager shall be located locally in Charleston, WV and available to meet with the WVOT staff at the WVOT facility on a regularly scheduled basis which will be no less than once a month or as deemed necessary by the WVOT.

3.1.6.2.2 The Service Manager shall be responsible, at all times, for ensuring all vendor staff supporting the State's account is up-to-date and understands the contract. The Service Manager shall be responsible for ensuring appropriate vendor personnel are available to provide overall account management.

3.1.6.2.3 The WVOT reserves the right to request a new Service Manager for any reason.

3.1.6.2.4 The Service Manager is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the status of new installations.

3.1.6.2.5 The Service Manager is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the status of interruptions to service (incidents).

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3.1.7 Ordering, Billing, and Payment:

3.1.7.1 The Vendor must work with the State using the established Telecommunications Change Request (TCR) Form and procedures for ordering and implementing these telecommunications services. A copy of a TCR is included with this solicitation as **Exhibit_B**.

3.1.7.2 The monthly bill provided to the State shall be an electronic version, broken into subaccounts as defined by the State, for the purposes of rebilling by the State. The following are the minimum requirements for this data:

3.1.7.2.1 The State must be able to extract the data to specific file format (MS Excel and/or csv).

3.1.7.2.2 The Vendor's electronic bill must be received by the State within ten (10) business days of the end of the previous billing cycle. It should be understood that timely receipt of the Vendor's bill is directly correlated to timely payment of the Vendor's bill.

3.1.7.2.3 The Vendor must state any system requirements to operate the Vendor's billing software, if applicable.

3.1.7.2.4 Vendor's bill must include, at minimum, the following data elements:

- 3.1.7.2.4.1** Billing month,
- 3.1.7.2.4.2** Billed entity name,
- 3.1.7.2.4.3** Sub Account Number
- 3.1.7.2.4.4** Service Number
- 3.1.7.2.4.5** Origination Number
- 3.1.7.2.4.6** Dialed Number
- 3.1.7.2.4.7** Call Date
- 3.1.7.2.4.8** Call Time
- 3.1.7.2.4.9** Call Duration
- 3.1.7.2.4.10** Origination City
- 3.1.7.2.4.11** Origination State

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- 3.1.7.2.4.12** Destination City
- 3.1.7.2.4.13** Destination State
- 3.1.7.2.4.14** Usage Category
- 3.1.7.2.4.15** Exchange Category
- 3.1.7.2.4.16** Itemized cost for charge of call
- 3.1.7.2.4.17** Itemized cost for any surcharges and total cost.

NOTE: The cost identified in the bill must match contract rates for the specified services. A uniform description of the service being billed that matches the description of service provided on the contract must also be included. The Vendor and the State must mutually agree upon a standardized billing format for the purposes of this contract.

- 3.1.7.2.5** If incorrect rates or quantities are discovered, these errors must be corrected prior to the next billing cycle and must be credited back to the effective billing start date for that service. The customer shall reserve the right to withhold payment until corrections have been made and credit is received.
- 3.1.7.2.6** Vendor cannot back-bill for a service beyond three (3) months.
- 3.1.7.2.7** The Vendor's billing cycle must be on a monthly billing cycle and must be consistent across all services. Services installed or disconnected for a partial month must be prorated based on the date the service is turned up or down relative to that monthly billing cycle.
- 3.1.7.2.8** Services cannot be billed until they have been accepted as functional by the State.
- 3.1.7.2.9** Services must be disconnected by the Due Date on TCRs submitted for disconnection. No billing can occur after this date.

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- 3.1.7.2.10** If the Vendor has multiple contracts with the State of West Virginia, the Vendor must provide separate billing for each contract.
- 3.1.7.2.11** Vendor must agree not to hold the State of WV or its Agencies responsible for the payment of any charges determined to be unauthorized or fraudulent by the State of WV and its Agencies.
- 3.1.7.2.12** Vendor must identify any surcharges or fees it intends to charge the State for services. The Vendor must identify these fees and the authority to charges those fees – i.e., Universal Service Fund Fee as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. These fees will be discussed prior to award.

3.1.8 Training and Support:

- 3.1.8.1** Vendor must provide a telephone support center(s) that is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week and accessible via a toll-free number. The support center must 1) provide advanced technical expertise, 2) be staffed with resources that are proficient in spoken and written English, 3) maintain and take responsibility for trouble tickets reported by the State of West Virginia customers until those troubles are resolved and 4) provide a tiered support escalation process. Vendor must build this cost into its rates.
- 3.1.8.2** Vendor must provide telephone response to customer problems in one (1) hour or less and provide onsite support (when required) in twenty-four (24) hours or less.
- 3.1.8.3** The severity of the issue/support problem shall determine the average problem resolution response time under the contract as follows:
 - 3.1.8.3.1** Severity Level 1 shall be defined as an urgent situation, where the customer's services are out of service and the customer is unable to use/access the network. The Vendor shall resolve Severity Level 1 problems as quickly as possible, which on average shall not exceed two (2) business hours. If repair inside the 2-hour window is not feasible, then regular 2-hour updates are required.

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- 3.1.8.3.2** Severity Level 2 shall be defined as significant outages and/or repeated failures resulting in limited effective use by the customer. The service may operate but is severely restricted (i.e. slow response, intermittent but repeated inaccessibility, etc.). The Vendor shall resolve Severity Level 2 problems as quickly as possible, which on average shall not exceed four (4) business hours. If repair inside the 4-hour window is not feasible, then regular 4-hour updates are required.
- 3.1.8.3.3** Severity Level 3 shall be defined as a minor problem that exists with the service, but the majority of the functions are still usable, and some circumvention may be required to provide service. The Vendor shall resolve Severity Level 3 problems as quickly as possible, which on average shall not exceed ten (10) business hours. If repair inside the 10-hour window is not feasible, then updates are required at the start of the next business day and every day thereafter until repairs are complete.
- 3.1.8.4** Vendor must contact the State engineering points of contact by phone within 30 minutes of a network outage that affects multiple sites. This verbal notification must be followed with a written report that provides an explanation of the problem, the cause of the problem, the solution to the problem, the estimated time for recovery, and the steps taken or to be taken to attempt to prevent a reoccurrence.
- 3.1.8.5** Vendor must provide both verbal and written notification a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of any planned upgrades, modifications, etc. that may affect the State customers to all State engineering points of contact.
- 3.1.8.6** Vendor must participate in regular customer status meetings with the State engineering contacts during the implementation and migration phases of the resulting contract as well as ongoing contract management meetings to review new service issues, plan and coordinate network upgrades, and report on progress related to active network issues.
- 3.1.8.7** For an alternative solution, the Vendor shall be responsible for any training services, if requested by an Agency. The training can be

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delivered via web and the Vendor must provide a per hour rate for training services.

3.1.9 Security:

3.1.9.1 Vendor shall be responsible for the physical and cyber security of the network infrastructure that provides transmission services to the customer.

3.1.9.2 Vendor shall be responsible for resolving all security vulnerabilities that may affect equipment or transmission services provided to the customer.

3.1.9.3 Vendor's policies, services, processes, or employees cannot create conflicts with the customer's standard security policy requirements. In the event of a standard security policy conflict, the customer's policy will be upheld. (Policies available at <http://www.technology.wv.gov>)

3.1.9.4 Vendor must support customer evaluation of security incidents and compliance verification evaluations, as deemed necessary by the customer.

3.1.9.5 The Vendor must have an established and documented policy governing personnel security to include the validation of employee trustworthiness.

3.1.10 Disentanglement:

3.1.10.1 The State expects full, complete, and timely cooperation in disentangling the relationship in the event that the Agreement expires or terminates for any reason. In the event of expiration or termination, the Vendor shall, at a minimum, among other things:

- return all State data and documentation to the State, including but not limited to configuration information;
- transfer ownership of all leased equipment at no cost to the State (other than the payments already received by the Vendor under the Agreement);
- and, allow the State or the replacement provider(s) continued access to all billing, ordering, and trouble ticketing systems, and processes that have been employed in servicing the State, in accordance with methods and procedures to be agreed upon and established in the Agreement.

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- Submission of a bid is the Vendor's acceptance of this disentanglement clause.

Vendor should provide with their bid a copy of any Software Terms and Conditions or Licenses that the State of West Virginia or the Agency will have to agree or accept as a part of this solicitation. This information will be required before a Purchase Order is issued if applicable.

Vendor should include with their bid a copy of any Maintenance Terms and Conditions or Licenses that the State of West Virginia or the Agency will be required to agree or accept as a part of this solicitation. This information will be required before a Purchase Order is issued if applicable.

4. CONTRACT AWARD:

4.1 Contract Award: The Contract is intended to provide Agencies with a purchase price on all Contract Items. The Contract shall be awarded to the Vendor that provides the Contract Items meeting the required specifications for the lowest overall Total Cost as shown on the Pricing Pages.

4.2 Pricing Pages: Vendor should complete the Exhibit_A Pricing Page by providing the per Unit Cost of each service. For any service that does not apply to the proposal, the vendor must enter \$0.00 or N/A into that cell. All Cells must be completed as failure to do so may result in Vendor's bids being disqualified. The Exhibit_A Pricing Page has been provided in Excel and formatted to automatically calculate the bid total. However, it is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure the calculation for their bid is correct before submitting. In the event of an error, the Unit Price shall prevail.

The Pricing Pages contain a list of the Contract Items and estimated purchase volume. The estimated purchase volume for each item represents the approximate volume of anticipated purchases only. No future use of the Contract or any individual item is guaranteed or implied.

Vendor should electronically enter the information into the Pricing Pages through wvOASIS, if available, or as an electronic document.

5. ORDERING AND PAYMENT:

5.1 Ordering: Vendor shall accept orders through wvOASIS, regular mail, facsimile, e-mail, or any other written form of communication. Vendor may, but is not required to, accept on-line orders through a secure internet ordering portal/website. If Vendor has the ability to accept on-line orders, it should include in its response a brief description of how Agencies may utilize the on-line ordering system. Vendor shall

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ensure that its on-line ordering system is properly secured prior to processing Agency orders on-line.

- 5.2 Payment:** Vendor shall accept payment in accordance with the payment procedures of the State of West Virginia.

6. DELIVERY AND RETURN:

- 6.1 Delivery Time:** Vendor shall deliver standard orders within fifteen (15) working days after orders are received. Vendor shall deliver emergency orders five (5) working day(s) after orders are received. Vendor shall ship all orders in accordance with the above schedule and shall not hold orders until a minimum delivery quantity is met.

- 6.2 Late Delivery:** The Agency placing the order under this Contract must be notified in writing if orders will be delayed for any reason. Any delay in delivery that could cause harm to an Agency will be grounds for cancellation of the delayed order, and/or obtaining the items ordered from a third party.

Any Agency seeking to obtain items from a third party under this provision must first obtain approval of the Purchasing Division.

- 6.3 Delivery Payment/Risk of Loss:** Standard order delivery shall be F.O.B. destination to the Agency's location. Vendor shall include the cost of standard order delivery charges in its bid pricing/discount and is not permitted to charge the Agency separately for such delivery. The Agency will pay delivery charges on all emergency orders provided that Vendor invoices those delivery costs as a separate charge with the original freight bill attached to the invoice.

- 6.4 Return of Unacceptable Items:** If the Agency deems the Contract Items to be unacceptable, the Contract Items shall be returned to Vendor at Vendor's expense and with no restocking charge. Vendor shall either make arrangements for the return within five (5) days of being notified that items are unacceptable, or permit the Agency to arrange for the return and reimburse Agency for delivery expenses. If the original packaging cannot be utilized for the return, Vendor will supply the Agency with appropriate return packaging upon request. All returns of unacceptable items shall be F.O.B. the Agency's location. The returned product shall either be replaced, or the Agency shall receive a full credit or refund for the purchase price, at the Agency's discretion.

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- 6.5 Return Due to Agency Error:** Items ordered in error by the Agency will be returned for credit within 30 days of receipt, F.O.B. Vendor's location. Vendor shall not charge a restocking fee if returned products are in a resalable condition. Items shall be deemed to be in a resalable condition if they are unused and in the original packaging. Any restocking fee for items not in a resalable condition shall be the lower of the Vendor's customary restocking fee or 5% of the total invoiced value of the returned items.

7. VENDOR DEFAULT:

- 7.1** The following shall be considered a vendor default under this Contract.

- 7.1.1 Failure to provide Contract Items in accordance with the requirements contained herein.
- 7.1.2 Failure to comply with other specifications and requirements contained herein.
- 7.1.3 Failure to comply with any laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the Contract Services provided under this Contract.
- 7.1.4 Failure to remedy deficient performance upon request.

- 7.2** The following remedies shall be available to Agency upon default.

- 7.2.1 Immediate cancellation of the Contract.
- 7.2.2 Immediate cancellation of one or more release orders issued under this Contract.
- 7.2.3 Any other remedies available in law or equity.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 8.1 No Substitutions:** Vendor shall supply only Contract Items submitted in response to the Solicitation unless a contract modification is approved in accordance with the provisions contained in this Contract.
- 8.2 Vendor Supply:** Vendor must carry sufficient inventory of the Contract Items being offered to fulfill its obligations under this Contract. By signing its bid, Vendor certifies that it can supply the Contract Items contained in its bid response.

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- 8.3 Reports:** Vendor shall provide quarterly reports and annual summaries to the Agency showing the Agency's items purchased, quantities of items purchased, and total dollar value of the items purchased. Vendor shall also provide reports, upon request, showing the items purchased during the term of this Contract, the quantity purchased for each of those items, and the total value of purchases for each of those items. Failure to supply such reports may be grounds for cancellation of this Contract.
- 8.4 Contract Manager:** During its performance of this Contract, Vendor must designate and maintain a primary contract manager responsible for overseeing Vendor's responsibilities under this Contract. The Contract manager must be available during normal business hours to address any customer service or other issues related to this Contract. Vendor should list its Contract manager and his or her contact information below.

Contract Manager: Gary Glodek, Senior Vice President
Telephone Number: 973-739-9300
Fax Number: 973-270-0667
Email Address: gcglodek@touchtone.net

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APPENDIX A: FEDERAL FUNDS ADDENDUM

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FEDERAL FUNDS ADDENDUM

2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.327

Purpose: This addendum is intended to modify the solicitation in an attempt to make the contract compliant with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 through 200.327 relating to the expenditure of certain federal funds. This solicitation will allow the State to obtain one or more contracts that satisfy standard state procurement, state federal funds procurement, and county/local federal funds procurement requirements.

Instructions: Vendors who are willing to extend their contract to procurements with federal funds and the requirements that go along with doing so, should sign the attached document identified as: "REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.317)"

Should the awarded vendor be unwilling to extend the contract to federal funds procurement, the State reserves the right to award additional contracts to vendors that can and are willing to meet federal funds procurement requirements.

Changes to Specifications: Vendors should consider this solicitation as containing two separate solicitations, one for state level procurement and one for county/local procurement.

State Level: In the first solicitation, bid responses will be evaluated with applicable preferences identified in sections 15, 15A, and 16 of the "Instructions to Vendors Submitting Bids" to establish a contract for both standard state procurements and state federal funds procurements.

County Level: In the second solicitation, bid responses will be evaluated with applicable preferences identified in Sections 15, 15A, and 16 of the "Instructions to Vendors Submitting Bids" omitted to establish a contract for County/Local federal funds procurement.

Award: If the two evaluations result in the same vendor being identified as the winning bidder, the two solicitations will be combined into a single contract award. If the evaluations result in a different bidder being identified as the winning bidder, multiple contracts may be awarded. The State reserves the right to award to multiple different entities should it be required to satisfy standard state procurement, state federal funds procurement, and county/local federal funds procurement requirements.

State Government Use Caution: State agencies planning to utilize this contract for procurements subject to the above identified federal regulations should first consult with the federal agency providing the applicable funding to ensure the contract is compliant.

County/Local Government Use Caution: County and Local government entities planning to utilize this contract for procurements subject to the above identified federal regulation should first consult with the federal agency providing the applicable funding to ensure the contract is compliant. For purposes of County/Local government use, the solicitation resulting in this contract was conducted in accordance with the procurement laws, rules, and procedures governing the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, except that vendor preference has been omitted for County/Local use purposes and the contract terms contained in the document entitled "REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.317)" have been added.

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REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.317):

The State of West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, and the Vendor awarded this Contract intend that this Contract be compliant with the requirements of the Procurement Standards contained in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements found in 2 C.F.R. § 200.317, et seq. for procurements conducted by a Non-Federal Entity. Accordingly, the Parties agree that the following provisions are included in the Contract.

1. MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS: (2 C.F.R. § 200.321)

- a. The State confirms that it has taken all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Those affirmative steps include:
 - (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 - (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
 - (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
 - (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
 - (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) above.
- b. Vendor confirms that if it utilizes subcontractors, it will take the same affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

2. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES: (2 C.F.R. § 200.322)

- a. The State confirms that as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, it has, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provided a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United

States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

b. Vendor confirms that will include the requirements of this Section 2. Domestic Preference in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

c. Definitions: For purposes of this section:

(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

3. BREACH OF CONTRACT REMEDIES AND PENALTIES:
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

(a) The provisions of West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5 provide for breach of contract remedies, and penalties. A copy of that rule is attached hereto as Exhibit A and expressly incorporated herein by reference.

4. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND CONVENIENCE:
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

(a) The provisions of West Virginia Code of State Rules § 148-1-5 govern Contract termination. A copy of that rule is attached hereto as Exhibit A and expressly incorporated herein by reference.

5. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, and if this contract meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3, this contract includes the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

6. DAVIS-BACON WAGE RATES:
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Vendor agrees that if this Contract includes construction, all construction work in excess of \$2,000 will be completed and paid for in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must:

- (a) pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.
- (b) pay wages not less than once a week.

A copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The decision to award a contract or subcontract is conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The State will report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

7. ANTI-KICKBACK ACT:
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Vendor agrees that it will comply with the Copeland Anti-KickBack Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). Accordingly, Vendor, Subcontractors, and anyone performing under this contract are prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The State must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

8. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Where applicable, and only for contracts awarded by the State in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, Vendor agrees to comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, Vendor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

9. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

10. CLEAN AIR ACT
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Vendor agrees that if this contract exceeds \$150,000, Vendor is to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

11. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

The State will not award to any vendor that is listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

12. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT
(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II)

Vendors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

13. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II; 2 C.F.R. § 200.323)

Vendor agrees that it and the State must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

14. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.

(2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and Appendix II; 2 CFR § 200.216)

Vendor and State agree that both are prohibited from obligating or expending funds under this Contract to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Date: 08/03/2026

EXHIBIT A To:
REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY
CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.317):

W. Va. CSR § 148-1-5

West Virginia Code of State Rules
Title 148. Department of Administration
Legislative Rule (Ser. 1)
Series 1. Purchasing

W. Va. Code St. R. § 148-1-5
§ 148-1-5. Remedies.
Currentness

5.1. The Director may require that the spending unit attempt to resolve any issues that it may have with the vendor prior to pursuing a remedy contained herein. The spending unit must document any resolution efforts and provide copies of those documents to the Purchasing Division.

5.2. Contract Cancellation.

5.2.1. Cancellation. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract immediately under any one of the following conditions including, but not limited to:

5.2.1.a. The vendor agrees to the cancellation;

5.2.1.b. The vendor has obtained the contract by fraud, collusion, conspiracy, or is in conflict with any statutory or constitutional provision of the State of West Virginia;

5.2.1.c. Failure to honor any contractual term or condition or to honor standard commercial practices;

5.2.1.d. The existence of an organizational conflict of interest is identified;

5.2.1.e. Funds are not appropriated or an appropriation is discontinued by the legislature for the acquisition;

5.2.1.f. Violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, and

5.2.1.g. The contract was awarded in error.

5.2.2. The Director may cancel a purchase or contract for any reason or no reason, upon providing

the vendor with 30 days' notice of the cancellation.

5.2.3. Opportunity to Cure. In the event that a vendor fails to honor any contractual term or condition, or violates any provision of federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, the Director may request that the vendor remedy the contract breach or legal violation within a time frame the Director determines to be appropriate. If the vendor fails to remedy the contract breach or legal violation or the Director determines, at his or her sole discretion, that such a request is unlikely to yield a satisfactory result, then he or she may cancel immediately without providing the vendor an opportunity to perform a remedy.

5.2.4. Re-Award. The Director may award the cancelled contract to the next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) without a subsequent solicitation if the following conditions are met:

5.2.4.a. The next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) is able to perform at the price contained in its original bid submission, and

5.2.4.b. The contract is an open-end contract, a one-time purchase contract, or a contract for work which has not yet commenced.

Award to the next lowest responsible bidder (or next highest scoring bidder if best value procurement) will not be an option if the vendor's failure has in any way increased or significantly changed the scope of the original contract. The vendor failing to honor contractual and legal obligations is responsible for any increase in cost the state incurs as a result of the re-award.

5.3. Non-Responsible. If the Director believes that a vendor may be non-responsible, the Director may request that a vendor or spending unit provide evidence that the vendor either does or does not have the capability to fully perform the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability necessary to assure good faith performance. If the Director determines that the vendor is non-responsible, the Director shall reject that vendor's bid and shall not award the contract to that vendor. A determination of non-responsibility must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and can only be made after the vendor in question has submitted a bid. A determination of non-responsibility will only extend to the contract for which the vendor has submitted a bid and does not operate as a bar against submitting future bids.

5.4. Suspension.

5.4.1. The Director may suspend, for a period not to exceed 1 year, the right of a vendor to bid on

procurements issued by the Purchasing Division or any state spending unit under its authority if:

5.4.1.a. The vendor has submitted a bid and then requested that its bid be withdrawn after bids have been publicly opened.

5.4.1.b. The vendor has exhibited poor performance in fulfilling his or her contractual obligations to the State. Poor performance includes, but is not limited to any of the following: violations of law, regulation, or ordinance; failure to deliver timely; failure to deliver quantities ordered; poor performance reports; or failure to deliver commodities, services, or printing at the quality level required by the contract.

5.4.1.c. The vendor has breached a contract issued by the Purchasing Division or any state spending unit under its authority and refuses to remedy that breach.

5.4.1.d. The vendor's actions have given rise to one or more of the grounds for debarment listed in W. Va. Code § 5A-3-33d.

5.4.2. Vendor suspension for the reasons listed in section 5.4 above shall occur as follows:

5.4.2.a. Upon a determination by the Director that a suspension is warranted, the Director will serve a notice of suspension to the vendor.

5.4.2.b. A notice of suspension must inform the vendor:

5.4.2.b.1. Of the grounds for the suspension;

5.4.2.b.2. Of the duration of the suspension;

5.4.2.b.3. Of the right to request a hearing contesting the suspension;

5.4.2.b.4. That a request for a hearing must be served on the Director no later than 5 working days of the vendor's receipt of the notice of suspension;

5.4.2.b.5. That the vendor's failure to request a hearing no later than 5 working days of

the receipt of the notice of suspension will be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing and result in the automatic enforcement of the suspension without further notice or an opportunity to respond; and

5.4.2.b.6. That a request for a hearing must include an explanation of why the vendor believes the Director's asserted grounds for suspension do not apply and why the vendor should not be suspended.

5.4.2.c. A vendor's failure to serve a request for hearing on the Director no later than 5 working days of the vendor's receipt of the notice of suspension will be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing and may result in the automatic enforcement of the suspension without further notice or an opportunity to respond.

5.4.2.d. A vendor who files a timely request for hearing but nevertheless fails to provide an explanation of why the asserted grounds for suspension are inapplicable or should not result in a suspension, may result in a denial of the vendor's hearing request.

5.4.2.e. Within 5 working days of receiving the vendor's request for a hearing, the Director will serve on the vendor a notice of hearing that includes the date, time and place of the hearing.

5.4.2.f. The hearing will be recorded and an official record prepared. Within 10 working days of the conclusion of the hearing, the Director will issue and serve on the vendor, a written decision either confirming or reversing the suspension.

5.4.3. A vendor may appeal a decision of the Director to the Secretary of the Department of Administration. The appeal must be in writing and served on the Secretary no later than 5 working days of receipt of the Director's decision.

5.4.4. The Secretary, or his or her designee, will schedule an appeal hearing and serve on the vendor, a notice of hearing that includes the date, time and place of the hearing. The appeal hearing will be recorded and an official record prepared. Within 10 working days of the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Secretary will issue and serve on the vendor a written decision either confirming or reversing the suspension.

5.4.5. Any notice or service related to suspension actions or proceedings must be provided by certified mail, return receipt requested.

5.5. Vendor Debarment. The Director may debar a vendor on the basis of one or more of the grounds for debarment contained in W. Va. Code § 5A-3-33d or if the vendor has been declared ineligible to participate in procurement related activities under federal laws and regulation.

5.5.1. Debarment proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with W. Va. Code § 5A-3-33e and these rules. A vendor that has received notice of the proposed debarment by certified mail, return receipt requested, must respond to the proposed debarment within 30 working days after receipt of notice or the debarment will be instituted without further notice. A vendor is deemed to have received notice, notwithstanding the vendor's failure to accept the certified mail, if the letter is addressed to the vendor at its last known address. After considering the matter and reaching a decision, the Director shall notify the vendor of his or her decision by certified mail, return receipt requested.

5.5.2. Any vendor, other than a vendor prohibited from participating in federal procurement, undergoing debarment proceedings is permitted to continue participating in the state's procurement process until a final debarment decision has been reached. Any contract that a debarred vendor obtains prior to a final debarment decision shall remain in effect for the current term, but may not be extended or renewed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director may cancel a contract held by a debarred vendor if the Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that doing so is in the best interest of the State. A vendor prohibited from participating in federal procurement will not be permitted to participate in the state's procurement process during debarment proceedings.

5.5.3. If the Director's final debarment decision is that debarment is warranted and notice of the final debarment decision is mailed, the Purchasing Division shall reject any bid submitted by the debarred vendor, including any bid submitted prior to the final debarment decision if that bid has not yet been accepted and a contract consummated.

5.5.4. Pursuant to W.Va. Code § 5A-3-33e(e), the length of the debarment period will be specified in the debarment decision and will be for a period of time that the Director finds necessary and proper to protect the public from an irresponsible vendor.

5.5.5. List of Debarred Vendors. The Director shall maintain and publicly post a list of debarred vendors on the Purchasing Division's website.

5.5.6. Related Party Debarment. The Director may pursue debarment of a related party at the same time that debarment of the original vendor is proceeding or at any time thereafter that the Director determines a related party debarment is warranted. Any entity that fails to provide the Director with full, complete, and accurate information requested by the Director to determine related party

status will be presumed to be a related party subject to debarment.

5.6. Damages.

5.6.1. A vendor who fails to perform as required under a contract shall be liable for actual damages and costs incurred by the state.

5.6.2. If any commodities delivered under a contract have been used or consumed by a spending unit and on testing the commodities are found not to comply with specifications, no payment may be approved by the Spending Unit for the merchandise until the amount of actual damages incurred has been determined.

5.6.3. The Spending Unit shall seek to collect damages by following the procedures established by the Office of the Attorney General for the collection of delinquent obligations.

Credits

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W. Va. C.S.R. § 148-1-5, WV ADC § 148-1-5

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**EXHIBIT B To:
REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY
CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.317):**

Prevailing Wage Determination

[X] – Not Applicable Because Contract Not for Construction

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APPENDIX B: WV VOICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHANGE REQUEST (TCR)

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NOTE: FIELDS WITH ** ARE COMPLETED BY WVOT

TCR#**		REQUESTED DUE DATE	
AGENCY DEPARTMENT		AGENCY NAME	
DIVISION		DIRECT BILL**	NO
AGENCY PRIMARY CONTACT		AGENCY ON-SITE CONTACT	
AGENCY PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE		AGENCY ON-SITE CONTACT PHONE	
AGENCY PRIMARY CONTACT EMAIL		AGENCY ON-SITE CONTACT EMAIL	
OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION		OFFICE MOVE	
AGENCY ON-SITE ADDRESS (E911)		OLD ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	
WVOT FIELD TECH(S)**		WVOT FIELD TECH(S) PHONE**	

LOCAL SERVICE			
LOCAL ACCOUNT NUMBER (BTN/BAC)		EXTEND DEMARC** N/A	
PHONE BOOK LISTING		***DETAILS FOR DEMARC EXTENSION IF APPLICABLE	
SPECIFY HOW LISTING(S) SHOULD APPEAR			
CONTINUATION SHEET (Blue Tab)			
PIC/LPIC CODE: 0555			
PIC FREEZE**	YES		
LPIC FREEZE**	YES		
PLOC FREEZE**	YES		
LINE TYPE-			
**LIST PHONE NUMBERS IN COMMENTS	ADD	MOVE	DISCONNECT
POTS/CENTREX			
DSL			
ISDN-BRI/PRI			
DID			
LONG DISTANCE			
LONG DISTANCE ACCOUNT NUMBER (GROUP ID)			
**LIST PHONE NUMBERS IN COMMENTS	ADD	MOVE	DISCONNECT
PHONE NUMBER			
INTERNATIONAL			
TOLL FREE			
CALLING CARD			

TOLL FREE#		POINT TO#	
CALLING CARD#		EMPLOYEE NAME	
FORMS			
ARE ADDITIONAL FORMS ATTACHED?		HUNT GROUP FORM?	
PRI FORM?*		CONTINUATION SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL NUMBERS?	
COMMENTS			

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EXHIBIT A: PRICING PAGE

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Exhibit A- VENDOR PRICING SHEET
ALL BLANK CELLS of Exhibit A are to be completed by the bidding vendor.
If a Cost per Unit does not apply, please enter \$0.00 or N/A.

Solicitation Specification Reference	Service Type	Unit of Measure	Cost per unit
3.1.1	Domestic Interstate	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0114
3.1.1	Domestic Interstate	6 Second Increment	\$0.0038
3.1.1	Domestic Interstate	Per minute	\$0.0380
3.1.1	Domestic Intrastate	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0114
3.1.1	Domestic Intrastate	6 Second Increment	\$0.0038
3.1.1	Domestic Intrastate	Per minute	\$0.0380
3.1.1	International - Canada	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0117
3.1.1	International - Canada	6 Second Increment	\$0.0039
3.1.1	International - Canada	Per minute	\$0.0390
3.1.1	Calling Card Service	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0150
3.1.1	Calling Card Service	6 Second Increment	\$0.0050
3.1.1	Calling Card Service	Per minute	\$0.0500
3.1.2	Toll Free Interstate	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0105
3.1.2	Toll Free Interstate	6 Second Increment	\$0.0035
3.1.2	Toll Free Interstate	Per minute	\$0.0350
3.1.2	Toll Free Intrastate	Initial 18 Seconds	\$0.0105
3.1.2	Toll Free Intrastate	6 Second Increment	\$0.0035
3.1.2	Toll Free Intrastate	Per minute	\$0.0350
3.1.2	Inbound Toll Free from Payphone (surcharge)	Per Call	\$0.8500 per call
3.1.4	National Directory Assistance	Per Call	\$0.8500 per call
	SUBTOTAL A: COST OF LONG DISTANCE, TOLL FREE and NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE		
INTERACTIVE TOLL-FREE SERVICES:			
Solicitation Specification Reference	Service Type	Unit of Measure	Cost per unit
3.1.2.3	Call Referral	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Call Transfer	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Informational Announcements	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Area Code Routing	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Area Code Selection	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Area Code/Exchange Routing	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Day of Week Routing	Per Call	N/A
3.1.2.3	Time of Day Routing	Per Call	N/A
	SUBTOTAL B: COST OF INTERACTIVE TOLL FREE SERVICES		
TOTAL COST OF LONG DISTANCE, TOLL FREE AND NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES			