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April 29, 2020

**Procurement Officer's Written Determination
For Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**

(COMAR 21.05.09.04)

Contract Title/Number: F50B0600047 – Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Telecommunications Services

Type: Information Technology

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

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) intends to use the Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association (MiCTA) Master Service Agreements 178AN-TISA2018-0820 to obtain Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Trunking and Voice over IP (VoIP) through a Participating Addendum (PA) with Century Link. The purpose of this agreements will be to provide ongoing maintenance and support for these voice telecommunications services to the State of Maryland.

DoIT presently holds a PA with Century Link (formerly L3 – 060B7400038) under the MiCTA Master Service Agreements through 6/08/2020. For the State to continue receiving services at the current rates and ensure ongoing support, a new PA must be established.

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, as the Procurement Officer, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the State to participate in the MiCTA contract. The MiCTA Master Service Agreement 178AN-TISA2018-0820 provide the State of Maryland with a favorable pre-determined pricing structure to procure the requested services in a timely manner that will promote administrative efficiencies to meet the above mentioned mission critical initiatives of DoIT. Furthermore, Century Link has matched contract pricing to the current contract rates, meaning no increase in costs to the State.



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DoIT intends to issue a five-year (5) contract to Century Link for VoIP services. Century Link's contract is procured for a longer term as DoIT is presently in the midst of implementing a large-scale State transition to VoIP services and moving away from discrete long distance and toll-free support.

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

Determination by: John R Walker 4-29-2020
Procurement Officer, John Walker Date

DocuSigned by: Michael G. Leahy 05/14/2020
Approved by: 7820D075C8E04C5 Agency Head or Designee, Michael G. Leahy Date