

CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES II (CATS II)

TASK ORDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (TORFP)

WBJC ANALOG & HD

FM BROADCAST TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

CATS II TORFP # R95B9200021

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

This Consulting and Technical Services II (CATS II) Task Order Request for Proposals (TORFP) is issued to obtain the services necessary to satisfy the requirements defined in Section 2 - Scope of Work. All CATS II Master Contractors approved to perform work in the functional area under which this TORFP is released are invited to submit a Task Order (TO) Proposal to this TORFP. All Master Contractors must complete and submit a Master Contractor Feedback form via the CATS II web site if not submitting a proposal. The form is accessible via, your CATS II Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu. In addition to the requirements of this TORFP, the Master Contractors are subject to all terms and conditions contained in the CATS II RFP issued by the Maryland Department of Information Technology and subsequent Master Contract Project Number 060B9800035, including any amendments.

TORFP Title:	
TORTI THE.	WBJC ANALOG & HD FM BROADCAST TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
Functional Area:	FA 13, Tower Installation
TORFP Issue Date:	07/8/2010
Closing Date and Time:	07/26/2010 at 10:00 AM
TORFP Issuing Agency:	Department of Information Technology
Send Questions and Proposals to:	Mr. Paul Ford Paul.Ford@dgs.state.md.us (CC: roxann.king@doit.state.md.us)
TO Procurement Officer:	Mr. Paul Ford Office Phone Number: 410-767-4340 Paul.Ford@dgs.state.md.us
TO Manager:	Mr. Paul Ford Office Phone Number: 410-767-4340 Paul.Ford@dgs.state.md.us
TO Project Number:	R95B9200021
ТО Туре:	Fixed price
Period of Performance:	120 Days from issuance of a Notice to Proceed
MBE Goal:	3 percent
Small Business Reserve (SBR):	No
Primary Place of Performance:	R 1723 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, Baltimore County MD 21208

TO Pre-proposal Conference	07/16/2010 at 10:00 AM
	R 1723 Reisterstown Road
	Pikesville, Baltimore County MD 21208
	Site walk is mandatory
	See Attachment 6 for directions.

SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1.1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR TORFP AND TO AGREEMENT

The TO Procurement Officer has the primary responsibility for the management of the TORFP process, for the resolution of TO Agreement scope issues, and for authorizing any changes to the TO Agreement. See Section 2.15 for information on change orders.

The TO Manager has the primary responsibility for the management of the work performed under the TO Agreement; administration functions, including issuing written directions; ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the CATS II Master Contract; and, in conjunction with the selected Master Contractor, achieving on budget/on time/on target (e.g., within scope) completion of the Scope of Work.

1.2 TO AGREEMENT

Based upon an evaluation of TO Proposal responses, a Master Contractor will be selected to conduct the work defined in Section 2 - Scope of Work. A specific TO Agreement, Attachment 3, will then be entered into between the State and the selected Master Contractor, which will bind the selected Master Contractor (TO Contractor) to the contents of its TO Proposal, including the price proposal.

1.3 TO PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

The TO Procurement Officer will not accept submissions after the stated date and exact time. The time will be local time as determined by DGS's e-mail system time stamp. Due to the large size of the files, the TO Proposal is to be submitted via hand delivery or shipment as two attachments in MS Word format on a CD-R disk. <u>EMAIL</u> <u>submissions will not be accepted</u>. The first file will be the TO Proposal technical response to this TORFP and titled, "CATS II TORFP #R95B9200021 Technical". The second file will be the financial response to this CATS II TORFP and titled, "CATS II TORFP #R95B9200021 Financial". The following proposal documents must be submitted with required signatures as .PDF files with signatures clearly visible:

- Attachment 1 Price Proposal
- Attachment 2 MBE Forms D-1 and D-2
- Attachment 4 Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Affidavit
- Attachment 10 Living Wage Affidavit
- Proposal Bond as required in Section 1.9
- Letter providing evidence that the Master Contractor is capable of securing the bonds required in TORFP Sections 1.10 and 1.11.

1.4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS

All Master Contractors and proposed staff may be required to make an oral presentation to State representatives. Significant representations made by a Master Contractor during the oral presentation shall be submitted in writing. All such representations will become part of the Master Contractor's proposal and are binding, if the Contract is awarded. The Procurement Officer will notify Master Contractor of the time and place of oral presentations.

1.5 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)

A Master Contractor that responds to this TORFP shall complete, sign, and submit all required MBE documentation (Attachment 2 - Forms D-1 and D-2) at the time it submits its TO Proposal. Failure of the Master Contractor to complete, sign, and submit all required MBE documentation at the time it submits its TO Proposal will result in the State's rejection of the Master Contractor's TO Proposal.

1.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The TO Contractor awarded the TO Agreement shall provide IT technical and/or consulting services for State agencies or component programs with those agencies, and must do so impartially and without any conflicts of interest. Each Master Contractor shall complete and include a Conflict of Interest Affidavit in the form included as Attachment 4 this TORFP with its TO Proposal. If the TO Procurement Officer makes a determination that facts or circumstances exist that give rise to or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest within the meaning of COMAR 21.05.08.08A, the TO Procurement Officer may reject a Master Contractor's TO Proposal under COMAR 21.06.02.03B.

Master Contractors should be aware that the State Ethics Law, State Government Article, §15-508, might limit the selected Master Contractor's ability to participate in future related procurements, depending upon specific circumstances.

1.7 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Certain system documentation may be available for potential Offerors to review at a reading room at 301 W Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201. Offerors who review such documentation will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (Offeror) in the form of Attachment 7. Please contact the TO Procurement Officer of this TORFP to schedule an appointment.

In addition, certain documentation may be required by the TO Contractor awarded the TO Agreement in order to fulfill the requirements of the TO Agreement. The TO Contractor, employees and agents who review such documents will be required to sign, including but not limited to, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (TO Contractor) in the form of Attachment 8.

1.8 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY CEILING

Pursuant to Section 27(C) of the CATS Master Contract, the limitation of liability ceiling is hereby reduced as follows: Contractor's liabilities per claim under this TORFP shall not exceed 5 times the total TO Agreement amount.

1.9 PROPOSAL SECURITY

Each Master Contractor must submit with its proposal a Proposal Bond in the amount of 5 percent of the total price proposed to guarantee for 120 days after the Due Date for Receipt of Proposals the availability of the equipment and services at the offered price The bond shall be in the form provided in Attachment 15 and underwritten by a surety company authorized to do business in the State and subject to approval by DGS, or other acceptable security for bond as described in COMAR 21.06.07. A certified check or cashier's check payable to DGS may also serve as a Proposal Bond.

Offerors may request a release of the bond after the date of the award in return for a release signed by the Offeror and accepted by DGS.

1.10 PERFORMANCE BOND

The successful Master Contractor must submit a Performance Bond, TORFP Attachment 15, or other suitable securities as identified within COMAR 21.06.07, in the amount of the value for the TO Agreement for the period of the contract award. The cost of this bond, or other suitable security, is to be included in the total price proposed and is not to be proposed and will not be recoverable as a separate cost item. The Performance Bond or other suitable security shall be delivered to the State by the Master Contractor within 5 days of recommendation for award. <u>A letter must be submitted from a bonding company with the technical proposal providing evidence that the Master Contractor is capable of securing the performance bond required.</u> Acceptable security for bid, performance, and payment bonds is limited to a bond in a form satisfactory to the State underwritten by a surety company authorized to do business in this State.

Assistance in obtaining a bid, performance and payment bonds may be available to qualifying small businesses through the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFA). MSBDFA can directly

issue bid, performance or payment bonds up to \$750,000. MSBDFA may also guaranty up to 90% of a surety's losses as a result of a contractor's breach of contract; MSBDFA exposure on any bond guaranteed may not, however, exceed \$900,000. Bonds issued directly by the program will remain in effect for the duration of the contract, and those surety bonds that are guaranteed by the program will remain in effect for the duration of the surety's exposure under the contract. To be eligible for bonding assistance, a business must first be denied bonding by at least one surety on both the standard and specialty markets within 90 days of submitting a bonding application to MSBDFA. The applicant must employ fewer than 500 full-time employees or have gross sales of less than \$50 million annually, have its principal place of business in Maryland or be a Maryland resident, must not subcontract more than 75 percent of the work, and the business or its principals must have a reputation of good moral character and financial responsibility. Finally, it must be demonstrated that the bonding or guarantee will have a measurable economic impact, through job creation and expansion of the state's tax base. Applicants are required to work through their respective bonding agents in applying for assistance under the program.

Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority 217 E. Redwood Street, 22nd Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Phone: (410) 767-4270 Fax: (410) 333-6931

1.11 PAYMENT BOND

The Master Contractor shall submit to the Procurement Officer, within 10 business days after notice of recommended award, a Payment Bond in the amount of the TO Agreement. The bond shall be in the form provided in Attachment 14 and issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State and shall be subject to approval by the State. The Payment Bond shall be maintained throughout the term of this TO Agreement, or renewal option period, if exercised. Evidence of renewal of the Payment Bond and payment of the required premium shall be provided to DGS. This bond shall also secure liquidated damages.

Failure of the Master Contractor to submit and maintain the required Payment Bond coverage throughout the term of the TO Agreement, and renewal option period if exercised, will constitute an event of Default under the Master Contract.

The Payment Bond shall be forfeited to DGS, in whole or in part, if the Master Contractor defaults in its payment of subcontractors or vendors for work performed under this TO Agreement.

1.12 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

DGS will be performing contract management oversight on the CATS II master contract. As part of that oversight, DGS has implemented a process for self-reporting contract management activities of CATS II task orders (TO). This process shall typically apply to active TOs for operations and maintenance services valued at \$1 million or greater, but all CATS II TOs are subject to review.

Attachment 9 is a sample of the TO Contractor Self-Reporting Checklist. DGS will send initial checklists out to applicable TO Contractors approximately three months after the award date for a TO. The TO Contractor shall complete and return the checklist as instructed on the checklist. Subsequently, at six month intervals from the due date on the initial checklist, the TO Contractor shall update and resend the checklist to DGS.

1.13 PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS

This TO Agreement and all subcontracts issued under this TO Agreement are subject to the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §15-226, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 21.10.08. In §A-D, the terms "undisputed amount", "prime contractor", "contractor", and "subcontractor" have the meanings stated in COMAR 21.10.08.01.

A Master Contractor shall promptly pay its subcontractors an undisputed amount to which a subcontractor is entitled for work performed under this contract within 10 days after the contractor receives a progress payment or final payment for work under this contract.

If a Master Contractor fails to make payment within the period prescribed in §B, a subcontractor may request a remedy in accordance with COMAR 21.10.08.

A Master Contractor shall include in its subcontracts for work under this contract, wording that incorporates the provisions, duties and obligations of §A-D, State Finance and Procurement Article §15-226, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 21.10.08.

1.14 DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS

The Master Contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the TO Manager in writing of: (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in this TORFP, or (2) unknown physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inhering in work of the character provided for in this TORFP. The TO Manager shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if the TO Manager finds that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Master Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly.

No claim of the Master Contractor under this clause shall be allowed unless the Master Contractor has given the notice required in above; provided, however, the time prescribed therefore may be extended by the State.

No claim by the Master Contractor for an equitable adjustment here under shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

1.15 SITE INVESTIGATION

The Master Contractor acknowledges that the Master Contractor has investigated and is satisfied as to the conditions affecting the work, including but not restricted to those bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials, availability of labor, water, electric power, roads and uncertainties of weather, river stages, tides or similar physical conditions at the site, the conformation and conditions of the ground, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during prosecution of the work. The Master Contractor further acknowledges that it is satisfied as to the character, quality and quantity of surface and subsurface materials or obstacles to be encountered insofar as this information is reasonably ascertainable from an inspection of the site, including all exploratory work done by the State, as well as from information presented by the drawings and specifications made a part of this contract. Any failure by the Master Contractor to acquaint itself with the available information may not relieve the Master Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work. The State assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Master Contractor on the basis of the information made available by the State.

1.16 WARRANTY

All tower materials, galvanizing, tower foundation materials, tower structures and all attachments and appurtenances thereto shall be guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum of five (5) years after final, written acceptance of the project.

All equipment shelters, equipment shelter foundations, HVAC units, generator and other associated equipment shall be guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum of two (2) years after final, written acceptance of the project.

The supplied tower lighting system shall be guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of five (5) years after final, written acceptance of the project.

All other materials and labor provided by the Master Contractor shall be guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for a minimum of two (2) years after final, written acceptance of the project.

After the initial, two-year warranty period, the state, in its discretion, may reduce the performance bond amount to 40% of the total contract price.

SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 PURPOSE

DGS is involved in a project partnering with WBJC Radio Station. DGS is issuing this CATS II TORFP for the purchase of materials and installation of new guy wires and structural members on an existing tower, retrofitting an existing tower lighting system, One 12x20x10 ft shelter and associated foundation; one with a 100 Kw backup generator and generator shelter, liquid propane tank and associated foundation and other site improvements.

2.2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.2.1 State Project Managers (PM) – Individuals who coordinate the CATS II, FA13 Master Contractors, sub contractors and daily operations of the project. Email correspondence shall be sent to all the following PM.

Paul Ford (Paul.Ford@dgs.state.md.us) (Office 410-767-4340)

WBJC Liaison - Bob Lenio (BLenio@bccc.edu) (cell 410-982-2031)

BCC Liaison – John Vinci (JVinci@bccc.edu) (cell 443-392-2126)

2.2.2 Master Contractor PM – The Master Contractor shall provide one PM to coordinate all daily operations and subcontractor activities. The PM's contact info will be supplied upon award. It will include his name, cell, landline, email and mailing address. Direct coordination with subcontractors will only occur during extraneous situations and is strongly discouraged.

2.3 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Baltimore City Community College is soliciting quotations for RF transmission and related equipment and facilities to allow it to implement its current FCC construction permit, to implement HD Radio transmission, and to make other improvements. Bidders must bid all equipment, buildings, antennas, and appurtenances, as fully operational, installed, and tested. Materials and services must be quoted as F.O.B. point of installation.

The objective of this TORFP is to elicit competitive bids from companies capable of supplying an integrated system. The successful bidder will have a proven track record of successful integration and installation of similar systems. Cost is a significant criteria in the bid award process but greater weight will be given to sound, proven, engineering design, with a clear analysis of the overall transmission plant, and proof that past success in similar projects can be expected on this project.

2.4 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

See Attachment 5 for technical specifications for the equipment and services to be provided by the TO Contractor.

2.5 DELIVERABLES

2.5.1 DELIVERABLE SUBMISSION PROCESS

For each written deliverable, draft and final, the TO Contractor shall submit to the TO Manager one hard copy and one electronic copy compatible with Microsoft Office 2000, Microsoft Project 2000 and/or Visio 2000.

Drafts of all final deliverables are required at least two weeks in advance of when all final deliverables are due. Written deliverables defined as draft documents must demonstrate due diligence in meeting the scope and requirements of the associated final written deliverable. A draft written deliverable may contain limited structural errors such as poor grammar, misspellings or incorrect punctuation, but must:

- A) Be presented in a format appropriate for the subject matter and depth of discussion.
- B) Be organized in a manner that presents a logical flow of the deliverable's content.
- C) Represent factual information reasonably expected to have been known at the time of submittal.

- D) Present information that is relevant to the Section of the deliverable being discussed.
- E) Represent a significant level of completeness towards the associated final written deliverable that supports a concise final deliverable acceptance process.

Upon completion of a deliverable, the TO Contractor shall document each deliverable in final form to the TO Manager for acceptance. The TO Contractor shall memorialize such delivery in an Agency Receipt of Deliverable Form. The TO Manager shall countersign the Agency Receipt of Deliverable Form indicating receipt of the contents described therein.

Upon receipt of a final deliverable, the TO Manager shall commence a review of the deliverable as required to validate the completeness and quality in meeting requirements. Upon completion of validation, the TO Manager shall issue to the TO Contractor notice of acceptance or rejection of the deliverables in an Agency Acceptance of Deliverable Form. In the event of rejection, the TO Contractor shall correct the identified deficiencies or non-conformities. Subsequent project tasks may not continue until deficiencies with a deliverable are rectified and accepted by the TO Manager or the TO Manager has specifically issued, in writing, a waiver for conditional continuance of project tasks. Once the State's issues have been addressed and resolutions are accepted by the TO Manager, the TO Contractor will incorporate the resolutions into the deliverable and resubmit the deliverable for acceptance. Accepted deliverables shall be invoiced within 30 days in the applicable invoice format (Reference 2.13 Invoicing).

A written deliverable defined as a final document must satisfy the scope and requirements of this TORFP for that deliverable. Final written deliverables shall not contain structural errors such as poor grammar, misspellings or incorrect punctuation, and must:

- A) Be presented in a format appropriate for the subject matter and depth of discussion.
- B) Be organized in a manner that presents a logical flow of the deliverable's content.
- C) Represent factual information reasonably expected to have been known at the time of submittal.
- D) Present information that is relevant to the Section of the deliverable being discussed.

The State required deliverables are defined below. Within each task, the TO Contractor may suggest other subtasks or deliverables to improve the quality and success of the project.

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Time of Performance
2.5.2.1	Project Schedule	A document suitable for tracking all current and pending activities. At a minimum, the schedule shall show milestones, deliverables, times of performance, degrees of completion and resources for all activities starting with NTP and ending with final deliverables. This is a single, periodically updated deliverable encompassing all activities.	Weekly
2.5.2.2	Tower modifications in accordance with construction documents.	 Passes an independent tower inspection. The first inspection will be provided by DGS PM. Subsequent inspections will be provided at the vendor's expense. Passes a visual inspection of the tower replacement members, guy wires and associated components at time of 	*see note below

2.5.2 DELIVERABLE DESCRIPTIONS / ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

		delivery. painting, welds, flanges, overall design and condition will be inspected by an agent of DGS	
2.5.2.3	One Equipment Shelter and generator shelter designed in compliance with the attached specifications and the latest version of R56.	 Passes a visual inspection upon delivery. Any shelter discrepancies discovered during the project or the final walk through are corrected to the satisfaction of the State. 	*see note below
		-Any discrepancies discovered during the State provided R56 inspections are corrected to the satisfaction of the State.	
2.5.2.4	Civil construction site improvements -Removal of existing building and appurtenances	-Each improvement/system passes civil engineering inspections	*see note below
	-modification of electric and telephone systems		
	-Fence		
2.5.2.5	Bi Weekly Construction schedule and updates	-Submission on 2nd and final Thursday of every month for the duration of the project or as required.	*see note below
		-Submission in writing per details in attached scope of work.	
		-Attendance on a biweekly conference call with a representative of the State and a suitable vendor representative. This will occur on the 2nd and final Thursday of every month for the duration of the project. Vendors will be expected to update progress, forecast upcoming milestones and discuss other items as directed by the State PMs.	
2.5.2.6	Close out binders	-Submitted to DGS PMs prior to billing for final invoice. One will be submitted to DGS PMs and another left on site.	*see note below
2.5.2.7	"As Built" Drawings	-Submit three hard copies and three soft copies and one electronic of as built drawings to DGS PMs	*see note below

Note: The asterisk (*) denotes the dates submitted in the TO Contractor's Construction Schedule (see Attachment 12 – Construction Schedule). Because deliverable due dates are dependent upon the State's declaration of a Notice to Proceed (NTP), the Construction Schedule timing shall be expressed in terms of NTP + X calendar days.

2.6 REQUIRED PROJECT POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND METHODOLOGIES

The TO Contractor shall be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, standards and guidelines affecting information technology projects, which may be created or changed periodically. The TO Contractor shall adhere to and remain abreast of current, new, and revised laws, regulations, policies, standards and

guidelines affecting project execution. The following policies, guidelines and methodologies can be found at <u>http://doit.maryland.gov/policies/Pages/ContractPolicies.aspx</u> under "Policies and Guidance." These may include, but are not limited to:

- The State's System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) methodology
- The State Information Technology Security Policy and Standards
- The State Information Technology Project Oversight
- The State of Maryland Enterprise Architecture
- The TO Contractor shall follow the project management methodologies that are consistent with the Project Management Institute's Project Management Body of Knowledge Guide. TO Contractor's staff and sub Contractors are to follow a consistent methodology for all TO activities.

2.7 TO CONTRACTOR EXPERTISE REQUIRED

The TO Contractor and any subcontractors must document a professional level of expertise in:

-Construction of Erosion and Sediment Device in accordance with the latest Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) specifications, construction drawings and supplemental bidding instructions.

-Supervision/certification by a certified Professional Engineer for the construction of all appropriate storm water management devices as required.

2.8 TO CONTRACTOR MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The TO Contractor shall be capable of furnishing all necessary services required to successfully complete all tasks and work requirements and produce high quality deliverables described herein. The Master Contractor shall demonstrate, in its proposal, that it possesses such expertise in-house or has fostered strategic alliances with other firms for providing such services.

2.9 RETAINAGE

Five percent of the total TO Agreement value shall be retained by the State and will not be released until final payment.

2.10 INSURANCE

Any damage to finished surfaces, surrounding areas, equipment shelter, etc., from this installation shall be repaired to the damaged party's satisfaction at the TO Contractor's expense. The TO Contractor shall maintain liability in the event of an accident at the site. This policy is to cover the TO Contractor and all subcontracted personnel as well as property liability coverage. The amount of this insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000.

2.11 PREVAILING WAGES

For TO Proposals with a price totaling \$500,000 or more Prevailing Wage Rates apply. For these TO Proposals only, the wage rates to be paid laborers and mechanics on this TO Agreement is by order of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry as outlined on Attachment 19. It is mandatory upon the successful Master Contract and any subcontractor, to pay not less than the specific rates to all workers employed by the Master Contractor and subcontractor(s) execution of the TO Agreement. Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland State Finance and Procurement, Section 17-201 thru 17-226 inclusive. These rates were taken from the locality determination, issued pursuant to the Commissioner's authority under State Finance and Procurement Article Section 17-209, Annotated Code of Maryland.

2.12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Time is an essential element of the contract and it is important that the work be vigorously prosecuted until completion.

For each day that any work shall remain uncompleted beyond the 120 days time of performance, the Master Contractor shall be liable per for liquidated damages per the table below, provided, however, that due account shall be taken of any adjustment of specified completion time(s) for completion of work as granted by approved change orders:

Estimate	Class	Liquidated Damages
Under \$25,000.00		\$100.00
\$25,000-\$100,000	А	\$250.00
\$100,00-\$500,000	В	\$350.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	С	\$550.00
\$1,000,000-\$2,500,000	D	\$750.00
\$2,500,000-\$5,000,000	E	\$1,000.00
\$5,000,000-\$10,000,000	F	\$1,500.00
\$10,000,000-\$15,000,000	G	\$200.00
\$15,000,000 and up	Н	\$2,500.00

Additionally, for each day that the project has a 'D' rating as assigned by a MDE Field Inspector or other responsible individual, the Master Contractor and/or the Master Contractor's surety shall be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$745 per day. Failure to upgrade the project to the minimum of a 'B' rating within 72 hours will result in the project being rated 'F.' For each day that the project has an 'F' rating, the Master Contractor and/or the surety shall be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,045 per day.

2.13 INVOICING

Payment will only be made upon completion and acceptance of the deliverables as defined in 2.5.2.

Invoice payments to the TO Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions defined in the CATS II Master Contract. Invoices for payment shall contain the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number, as well as the information described below, and must be submitted to the TO Manager for payment approval. Payment of invoices will be withheld if a signed Acceptance of Deliverable form is not submitted.

The TO Contractor shall submit invoices for payment upon acceptance of separately priced deliverables, on or before the 15th day of the month following receipt of the approved notice(s) of acceptance from the TO Manager. A copy of the notice(s) of acceptance shall accompany all invoices submitted for payment.

2.13.1 INVOICE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

This procedure consists of the following requirements and steps:

- A) The invoice shall identify the Department of General Services as the TO Requesting Agency, deliverable description, associated TO Agreement number, date of invoice, period of performance covered by the invoice, and a TO Contractor point of contact with telephone number.
- B) The TO Contractor shall send the original of each invoice and supporting documentation (itemized billing reference for employees and any subcontractor and signed Acceptance of Deliverable form, for each deliverable being invoiced) submitted for payment to the DGS at the following address:

DGS ATTN: Paul Ford 301 W Preston St, Suite 1405 Baltimore, MD 21201

C) Invoices for final payment shall be clearly marked as "FINAL" and submitted when all work

requirements have been completed and no further charges are to be incurred under the TO Agreement. In no event shall any invoice be submitted later than 60 calendar days from the TO Agreement termination date.

2.14 MBE PARTICIPATION REPORTS

Monthly reporting of MBE participation is required in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CATS II Master Contract by the 15th day of each month (send to: <u>DoIT.mbe@DoIT.state.md.us</u>). The TO Contractor shall provide a completed MBE Participation form (Attachment 2, Form D-5) to DGS at the same time the invoice copy is sent. The TO Contractor shall ensure that each MBE Subcontractor provides a completed MBE Participation Form (Attachment 2, Form D-6). Subcontractor reporting shall be sent directly from the subcontractor to DGS. DGS will monitor both the TO Contractor's efforts to achieve the MBE participation goal and compliance with reporting requirements. The TO Contractor shall email all completed forms, copies of invoices and checks paid to the MBE directly and to the DoIT MBE Officer.

2.15 CHANGE ORDERS

(1) The TO Procurement Officer unilaterally may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, if any, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make any change in the work within the general scope of the contract, including but not limited to changes:

- (a) In the specifications (including drawings and designs):
- (b) In the method or manner of performance of the work;
- (c) In the State-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, service, or site; or
- (d) Directing acceleration in the performance of the work.

(2) Any other written order or an oral order, including a direction, instruction, interpretation or determination, from the TO Procurement Officer that causes any such change, shall be treated as a change order under this clause, provided that the TO Contractor gives the TO Procurement Officer written notice stating the date, circumstances, and source of the order and that the TO Contractor regards the order as a change order.

(3) Except as herein provided, no order, statement, or conduct of the TO Procurement Officer shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the TO Contractor to an equitable adjustment hereunder.

(4) Subject to paragraph (6), if any change under this clause causes an increase or decrease in the TO Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by an order, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly; provided, however, that except for claims based on defective specifications, no claim for any change under (2) above shall be allowed for any costs incurred more than 20 days before the TO Contractor gives written notice as therein required; and provided further, that in the case of defective specifications for which the State is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the TO Contractor in attempting to comply with such defective specifications.

(5) If the TO Contractor intends to assert a claim for an equitable adjustment under this clause, he shall, within 30 days after receipt of a written change order under (1) above or the furnishing of written notice under (2) above, submit to the TO Procurement Officer a written statement setting forth the general nature and monetary extent of such claim, unless this period is extended by the State. The statement of claim hereunder may be included in the notice under (2) above.

(6) Each contract modification or change order that affects contract price shall be subject to the prior written approval of the TO Procurement Officer and other appropriate authorities and to prior certification of the appropriate fiscal authority of fund availability and the effect of the modification or change order on the project budget or the total construction cost. If, according to the certification of the fiscal authority, the contract modification or change order will cause an increase in cost that will exceed budgeted and available funds, the modification or change order may not be made unless sufficient additional funds are made available or the scope of the project is adjusted to permit its completion within the project budget. (7) No claim by the TO Contractor for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

SECTION 3 - TASK ORDER PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 REQUIRED RESPONSE

Each Master Contractor receiving this CATS II TORFP must respond within the submission time designated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Each Master Contractor is required to submit one of two possible responses: 1) a proposal along with a completed Master Contractor Feedback Form; or 2) a Master Contractor Feedback Form only. The feedback form helps the State understand for future contract development why Master Contractors did or did not submit proposals. The form is accessible via the CATS II Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu.

3.2 FORMAT

If a Master Contractor elects to submit a TO Proposal, the Master Contractor shall do so in conformance with the requirements of this CATS II TORFP, followed by external documents. A TO Proposal shall contain the following sections in order:

3.2.1 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

- A) Proposed Services
 - 1) Executive Summary: A high level overview of the Master Contractor's understanding of the background, purpose, and objectives of the TORFP. The Executive Summary shall summarize the Master Contractor's capabilities and experience, and summarize the proposed methodology and solution for achieving the objectives of the TORFP.
 - 2) Proposed Solution: A detailed narrative of the Master Contractor's proposed methodology and solution for completing the requirements and deliverables in Section 2 - Scope of Work. This section should include a comprehensive schedule of tasks and times frames for completing all requirements and deliverables, including any tasks to be performed by State or third party personnel.
 - 3) Attachment 12 Construction Schedule in draft form. The final schedule will be a deliverable under the task order and the contractor will be bound by this schedule. The Construction Schedule may include tasks to be performed by the State or third parties as appropriate.
 - 4) Assumptions: A description of any assumptions formed by the Master Contractor in developing the Technical Proposal. Master Contractors should not include assumptions that are exceptions to TORFP terms and conditions.
 - 5) Organization Chart: Identify all permanent personnel and subcontractors working on the project (i.e., Superintendent, Safety personnel).
 - 6) Tower Modification Details: A description of the manufacture of the guy wire, wire size and associated materials any technical documents related to guy wire tensioning. This will include, but is not limited to, preliminary shop drawings, technical sheets or correspondence from the manufacturer.
 - 7) Shelter Technical Details: A description of the manufacturer, any technical documents related to the shelter and shelter foundation design. This will include, but is not limited, to preliminary shop drawings, technical sheets or correspondence from the manufacturer. List any appropriate assumptions used for the shelter design.
 - 8) Documents bound herein
 - i. Proof of insurance
 - ii. Proposal Bond Attachment 16
 - iii. Performance bond capability letter from bond company

- iv. Payment bond capability letter from bond company
- v. Evidence of tower site construction safety policies and procedures
- vi. Attachment 4 Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Affidavit
- vii. Attachment 2 D1 and D2
- viii. Attachment 10 Living Wage Affidavit
- ix. All external required documents- See page 47
- B) Proposed Personnel
 - Identify and provide resumes for all proposed personnel by labor category including the proposed PM. The resume should feature prominently the proposed personnel's skills and experience as they relate to the Master Contractor's proposed solution and Section 2 – Scope of Work.
 - 2) Certification that all proposed personnel meet the minimum required qualifications and possess the required certifications in accordance to Section 2.
 - 3) Provide the names and titles of the Master Contractor's management staff who will supervise the personnel and quality of services rendered under this TO Agreement.
- C) MBE Participation
 - 1) Submit completed MBE documents Attachment 2 Forms D-1 and D-2.
- D) Subcontractors Supply Houses
 - 1) Identify all proposed subcontractors, working on the project by name, including MBEs, and their roles in the performance of Section 2 Scope of Work. Resumes of proposed subcontractors key supervisors and leadership should be included.
- E) Master Contractor and Subcontractor Experience and Capabilities
 - 1) Provide up to three examples of projects or contracts the Master Contractor has completed that were similar to Section 2 Scope of Work. Each example must include contact information for the client organization complete with the following:
 - a) Name of organization.
 - b) Point of contact name, title, and telephone number
 - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 2 Scope of Work.
 - d) Start and end dates for each example project or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
 - 2) State of Maryland Experience: If applicable, the Master Contractor shall submit a list of all contracts it currently holds or has held within the past five years with any entity of the State of Maryland. For each identified contract, the Master Contractor shall provide:
 - a) Name of organization.
 - b) Point of contact name, title, and telephone number
 - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 2 Scope of Work.
 - d) Start and end dates for each example project or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
 - e) Dollar value of the contract.
 - f) Whether the contract was terminated before the original expiration date.
 - g) Whether any renewal options were not exercised.

Note - State of Maryland experience can be included as part of Section E2 above as project or contract experience. State of Maryland experience is neither required nor given more weight in proposal evaluations.

- F) Proposed Facility
 - 1) Identify Master Contractor's facilities, including address, from which any work will be performed.
- G) State Assistance
 - 1) Provide an estimate of expectation concerning participation by State personnel.
- H) Confidentiality
 - A Master Contractor should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act, Title 10, Subtitle 6, of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Contractors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the TO Procurement Officer will be required to make an independent determination regarding whether the information may be disclosed.

3.2.2 FINANCIAL RESPONSE

- A) A description of any assumptions on which the Master Contractor's Financial Proposal is based (Assumptions shall not constitute conditions, contingencies, or exceptions to the price proposal);
- B) Attachment 1 Completed Financial Proposal

SECTION 4– TASK ORDER AWARD PROCESS

4.1 **OVERVIEW**

The TO Contractor will be selected from among all eligible Master Contractors within the appropriate functional area responding to the CATS II TORFP. In making the TO Agreement award determination, the TO Requesting Agency will consider all information submitted in accordance with Section 3.

4.2 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following are criteria for evaluating a TO Proposal in descending order of importance:

- A. Expertise, experience and credentials of proposed personnel. This will include, but is not limited to:
 - a. General Contractor's Project Manager
 - b. Sub Contractor personnel in key leadership roles
 - c. General Contractor's leadership/executives
 - d. Sub Contractor's leadership/executives
 - e. Any other pertinent personnel proposed by the Master Contractor; not limited to foremen, specialized sub contractors, inspectors, safety personnel, etc.
- B. Master Contractor's proposed solution.
- C. Attachment 12 Proposed Construction Schedule for completion of the project
- D. Proposed shelter delivery plan
- E. Tower modification plan
- F. Coax installation plan
- G. Utility installation and swap over plan
- H. Past performance of the Master Contractor in constructing communication tower sites
- I. Safety policies/procedures

4.3 SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A. The TO Procurement Officer in conjunction with the evaluation team comprised of WBJC, DoIT, DGS personnel will review the proposals for compliance with the MBE and bonding requirements. Master Contractors who fail to meet these requirements will not have their proposals considered.
- B. The Master Contractor and proposed personnel will be assessed for compliance with the expertise and minimum qualifications in Sections 2.7 and 2.8 of the TORFP. Master Contractors who fail to meet the required expertise and minimum qualifications will be disqualified and their proposals eliminated from further consideration.
- C. TO Proposals deemed technically qualified will have their financial proposal considered. All others will receive e-mail notice from the TO Procurement Officer of not being selected to perform the work. Qualified TO Proposal financial responses will be reviewed and ranked from lowest to highest price proposed.
- D. The most advantageous TO Proposal offer considering technical and financial submission shall be selected for the work assignment. In making this selection, price will have the greatest merit.

4.4 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK UNDER A TO AGREEMENT

Commencement of work in response to a TO Agreement shall be initiated only upon receipt by the State of the required Performance and Payment bonds from the TO Contractor and issuance of a fully executed TO Agreement, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (To Contractor), a Purchase Order, and by a Notice to Proceed authorized by the TO Procurement Officer.

ATTACHMENT 1 – PRICE PROPOSAL

PROVIDED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT

ATTACHMENT 2 – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FORMS TO CONTRACTOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CATS II TORFP #R95B9200021

These instructions are meant to accompany the customized reporting forms sent to you by the TO Manager. If, after reading these instructions, you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact the TO Manager immediately.

- 1. As the TO Contractor, you have entered into a TO Agreement with the State of Maryland. As such, your company/firm is responsible for successful completion of all deliverables under the contract, including your commitment to making a good faith effort to meet the MBE participation goal(s) established for TORFP. Part of that effort, as outlined in the TORFP, includes submission of monthly reports to the State regarding the previous month's MBE payment activity. Reporting forms D-5 (TO Contractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report) and D-6 (Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report) are attached for your use and convenience.
- 2. The TO Contractor must complete a separate Form D-5 for each MBE subcontractor for each month of the contract and submit one copy to each of the locations indicated at the bottom of the form. The report is due no later than the 15th of the month following the month that is being reported. For example, the report for January's activity is due no later than the 15th of February. With the approval of the TO Manager, the report may be submitted electronically. Note: Reports are required to be submitted each month, regardless of whether there was any MBE payment activity for the reporting month.
- 3. The TO Contractor is responsible for ensuring that each subcontractor receives a copy (e-copy of and/or hard copy) of Form D-6. The TO Contractor should make sure that the subcontractor receives all the information necessary to complete the form properly, i.e., all of the information located in the upper right corner of the form. It may be wise to customize Form D-6 (upper right corner of the form) for the subcontractor the same as the Form D-5 was customized by the TO Manager for the benefit of the TO Contractor. This will help to minimize any confusion for those who receive and review the reports.
- 4. It is the responsibility of the TO Contractor to make sure that all subcontractors submit reports no later than the 15th of each month, regardless of whether there was any MBE payment activity for the reporting month. Actual payment data is verified and entered into the State's financial management tracking system from the subcontractor's D-6 report only. Therefore, if the subcontractor(s) do not submit their D-6 payment reports, the TO Contractor cannot and will not be given credit for subcontractor payments, regardless of the TO Contractor's proper submission of Form D-5. The TO Manager will contact the TO Contractor if reports are not received each month from either the prime contractor or any of the identified subcontractors. The TO Contractor must promptly notify the TO Manager if, during the course of the contract, a new MBE subcontractor is utilized. Failure to comply with the MBE contract provisions and reporting requirements may result in sanctions, as provided by COMAR 21.11.03.13.

FORM D – 1

CERTIFIED MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT

This document shall be included with the submittal of the Offeror's TO Proposal. If the Offeror fails to submit this form with the TO Proposal, the TO Procurement Officer shall determine that the Offeror's TO Proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

In conjunction with the offer submitted in response to TORFP No. R95B9200021, I affirm the following:

1. I acknowledge the overall certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of 3 percent and, if specified in the TORFP, sub-goals of _____ percent for MBEs classified as African American-owned and _____ percent for MBEs classified as women-owned. I have made a good faith effort to achieve this goal.

OR

After having made a good faith effort to achieve the MBE participation goal, I conclude that I am unable to achieve it. Instead, I intend to achieve an MBE goal of ______percent and request a waiver of the remainder of the goal. If I am selected as the apparent TO Agreement awardee, I will submit written waiver documentation that complies with COMAR 21.11.03.11 within 10 business days of receiving notification that our firm is the apparent low bidder or the apparent awardee.

- 2. I have identified the specific commitment of certified Minority Business Enterprises by completing and submitting an <u>MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment 2 Form D-2)</u> with the proposal.
- 3. I acknowledge that the MBE subcontractors/suppliers listed in the MBE Participation Schedule will be used to accomplish the percentage of MBE participation that I intend to achieve.
- 4. I understand that if I am notified that I am the apparent TO Agreement awardee, I must submit the following documentation within 10 working days of receiving notice of the potential award or from the date of conditional award (per COMAR 21.11.03.10), whichever is earlier.
 - (a) <u>Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement (Attachment D-3)</u>
 - (b) <u>Subcontractor Project Participation Statement (Attachment D-4)</u>
 - (c) <u>MBE Waiver Documentation</u> per COMAR 21.11.03.11 (if applicable)
 - (d) Any other documentation required by the TO Procurement Officer to ascertain offeror's responsibility in connection with the certified MBE participation goal.

If I am the apparent TO Agreement awardee, I acknowledge that if I fail to return each completed document within the required time, the TO Procurement Officer may determine that I am not responsible and therefore not eligible for TO Agreement award. If the TO Agreement has already been awarded, the award is voidable.

5. In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE subcontractors were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond as were non-MBE subcontractors.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this paper are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Offeror Name

Signature of Affiant

Address

Printed Name, Title

Date

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{SUBMIT}}\xspace$ as a .pdf file with to response

FORM D – 2

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

This document shall be included with the submittal of the TO Proposal. If the Offeror fails to submit this form with the TO Proposal, the TO Procurement Officer shall determine that the TO Proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

TO Prime Contractor (Firm Name, Address, Phone)	Task Order Description
Task Order Agreement Number R95B9200021	
List Information For Each Certified MBE Subcontracto	or On This Project
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number
Work To Be Performed/SIC	
Percentage of Total Contract	
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number
Work To Be Performed/SIC	
Percentage of Total Contract	
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number
Work To Be Performed/SIC	
Percentage of Total Contract	

USE ATTACHMENT D-2 CONTINUATION PAGE AS NEEDED

SUMMARY

	TICIPATION: OWNED MBE PARTICIPATION: AMERICAN-OWNED MBE PARTICIPATION:	<u> </u>
Document Prepared By: ((please print or type)	
Name:	Title:	

SUBMIT AS A .PDF FILE WITH TO RESPONSE

FORM D – 2

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

List Information For Each Certified MBE	Subcontractor On This Project	
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		
Minority Firm Name	MBE Certification Number	
Work To Be Performed/SIC		
Percentage of Total Contract		

SUBMIT AS A .PDF FILE WITH TO RESPONSE

FORM D – 3

OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In conjunction with the bid or offer submitted in response to TORFP #R95B9200021, I state the following:

- 1. Offeror identified opportunities to subcontract in these specific work categories:
- 2. Attached to this form are copies of written solicitations (with bidding instructions) used to solicit certified MBEs for these subcontract opportunities.
- 3. Offeror made the following attempts to contact personally the solicited MBEs:
- 4. \Box Offeror assisted MBEs to fulfill or to seek waiver of bonding requirements.

(DESCRIBE EFFORTS)

- \Box This project does not involve bonding requirements.
- - \Box No pre-proposal conference was held.

	By:	
Offeror Name	Name	
Address	Title	
	Date	

Submit within 10 working days of receiving notice of the potential award

FORM D – 4

SUBCONTRACTOR PROJECT PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH CERTIFIED MBE LISTED IN THE MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Provided that	is awarded the TO Agreement in
(Prime TO Contractor M	Name)
conjunction with TORFP No. R95B920	00021, it and,
	(Subcontractor Name)
MDOT Certification No. , int	end to enter into a contract by which the subcontractor shall:
(Describe work to be performed by MB	
	equired of Subcontractor
$\Box \qquad \text{The following a}$	amount and type of bonds are required of Subcontractor:
By:	By:
Prime Contractor Signature	Subcontractor Signature
Name	Name
Title	Title
Date	Date

submit within 10 working days of receiving notice of the potential award

FORM D – 5

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION TO CONTRACTOR PAID/UNPAID INVOICE REPORT

Report #:	CATS II TORFP R95B9200021
	Contracting Unit
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	Contract Amount
	MBE Sub Contract Amt
Report is due by the 15 th of the following month.	Contract Begin Date
	Contract End Date
	Services Provided

Prime TO Contractor:		Contact Person:				
		Contact Terson.				
Address:						
City:		State:	ZIP:			
Phone:	FAX:					
Subcontractor Name:		Contact Person:				
Phone:	FAX:					
Subcontractor Services Provided:						
List all unpaid invoices over 30 days o	ld received from the I	MBE subcontractor named	above:			
1.						
2.						
3.						
Total Dollars Unpaid: \$						

If more than one MBE subcontractor is used for this contract, please use separate forms. **Return one copy of this form to the following address:

MBE Officer	
Department of Information Technology	
Procurement Unit	
45 Calvert Street, 4 th Floor	
Annapolis, MD 21401	
DoIT.MBE@DoIT.state.md.us	

Signature:

_____ Date:____

FORM D – 6

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION SUBCONTRACTOR PAID/UNPAID INVOICE REPORT

Report #: Reporting Period (Month/Year):/ Report Due By the 15 th of the following Month.	CATS II TORFP R95B9200021 Contracting Unit Contract Amount MBE Sub Contract Amt Contract Begin Date Contract End Date Services Provided						
MBE Subcontractor Name:							
MDOT Certification #:							
Contact Person:							
Address:							
City:			State:		ZIP:		
Phone:	FAX:						
Subcontractor Services Provided:							
List all payments received from Prime TO Contractor during reporting period indicated above. 1. 2. 3. Total Dollars Paid: \$		List dates and amounts of any unpaid invoices over 30 days old. 1. 2. 3. Total Dollars Unpaid: \$					
Prime TO Contractor:		Cor	ntact Person:				
Prime TO Contractor: Contact Person: Return one copy of this form to the following address:							
MBE Officer Department of Information Technology Procurement Unit 45 Calvert Street, 4 th Floor							

Signature:____

Annapolis, MD 21401

DoIT.MBE@DOIT.state.md.us

_ Date:___

$SUBMIT \ AS \ REQUIRED \ IN \ \ TO \ CONTRACTOR \ MBE \ REPORTING \ REQUIREMENTS$

ATTACHMENT 3 – TASK ORDER AGREEMENT

CATS II TORFP# R95B9200021 OF MASTER CONTRACT #060B9800035

This Task Order Agreement ("TO Agreement") is made this day of Month, 2009 by and between Task Order Contractor (TO Contractor) and the STATE OF MARYLAND, Department of General Services.

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual premises and the covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Definitions. In this TO Agreement, the following words have the meanings indicated:
 - a. "Agency" means the Department of General Services, as identified in the CATS II TORFP # R95B9200021
 - b. "CATS II TORFP" means the Task Order Request for Proposals R95B9200021, dated July 2, 2010 including any addenda.
 - c. "Master Contract" means the CATS II Master Contract between the Maryland Department of General Services and TO Contractor dated July XX, 20XX.
 - d. "TO Procurement Officer" means Paul Ford. The Agency may change the TO Procurement Officer at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
 - e. "TO Agreement" means this signed TO Agreement between Department of General Services and TO Contractor.
 - f. "TO Contractor" means the CATS II Master Contractor awarded this TO Agreement, whose principal business address is ______.
 - g. "TO Manager" means Paul Ford of the Agency. The Agency may change the TO Manager at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
 - h. "TO Proposal Technical" means the TO Contractor's technical response to the CATS II TORFP dated date of TO Proposal Technical.
 - i. "TO Proposal Financial" means the TO Contractor's financial response to the CATS II TORFP dated date of TO Proposal Financial.
 - j. "TO Proposal" collectively refers to the TO Proposal Technical and TO Proposal Financial.
- 2. Scope of Work
- 2.1 This TO Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and shall not in any way amend, conflict with or supersede the Master Contract.
- 2.2 The TO Contractor shall, in full satisfaction of the specific requirements of this TO Agreement, provide the services set forth in Section 2 of the CATS II TORFP. These services shall be provided in accordance with the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and the following Exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict among the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and these Exhibits, the terms of the Master Contract shall govern. If there is any conflict between this TO Agreement and any of these Exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision:
 - a. The TO Agreement,
 - b. Exhibit A CATS II TORFP
 - c. Exhibit B TO Proposal-Technical
 - d. Exhibit C TO Proposal-Financial

- 2.3 The TO Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the TO Agreement. No other order, statement or conduct of the TO Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the TO Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this Section. Except as otherwise provided in this TO Agreement, if any change under this Section causes an increase or decrease in the TO Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the TO Agreement price shall be made and the TO Agreement modified in writing accordingly. The TO Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this Section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the TO Contractor shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause of the Master Contract. Nothing in this Section shall excuse the TO Contractor from proceeding with the TO Agreement as changed.
- 3. Time for Performance

Unless terminated earlier as provided in the Master Contract, the TO Contractor shall provide the services described in the TO Proposal and in accordance with the CATS II TORFP on receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the TO Manager. The term of this TO Agreement is for a period of 120 days, commencing on the date of Notice to Proceed and terminating on Month Day, Year.

- 4. Consideration and Payment
- 4.1 The consideration to be paid the TO Contractor shall be done so in accordance with the CATS II TORFP and shall not exceed total amount of task order. Any work performed by the TO Contractor in excess of the not-to-exceed ceiling amount of the TO Agreement without the prior written approval of the TO Manager is at the TO Contractor's risk of non-payment.
- 4.2 Payments to the TO Contractor shall be made as outlined Section 2 of the CATS II TORFP, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Agency's receipt of a proper invoice for services provided by the TO Contractor, acceptance by the Agency of services provided by the TO Contractor, and pursuant to the conditions outlined in Section 4 of this Agreement.
- 4.3 Each invoice for services rendered must include the TO Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number which is______. Charges for late payment of invoices other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time-to-time amended, are prohibited. Invoices must be submitted to the Agency TO Manager unless otherwise specified herein.
- 4.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the TO Procurement Officer, the TO Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the TO Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the TO Contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the TO Contractor meets performance standards as established by the TO Procurement Officer.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this TO Agreement as of the date hereinabove set forth.

TO Contractor Name

By: Type or Print TO Contractor POC

Date

Witness: _____

STATE OF MARYLAND, Department of General Services

By: Paul Ford, TO Procurement OfficerDate

Witness: _____

ATTACHMENT 4 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE

- A) "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.
- B) "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B(64) and includes a bidder, Offeror, Contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or subconsultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- C) The bidder or Offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- D) The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail—attach additional sheets if necessary):
- E) The bidder or Offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the bidder or Offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the bidder or Offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the procurement officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date:_____ By:_____

(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

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ATTACHMENT 5 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PROVIDED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT

ATTACHMENT 6 – DIRECTIONS

TO THE PRE-TO PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

The Pre-proposal Conference will be held on 10 May, 2010 at 10:00 AM at R1723 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Baltimore County, Maryland 21208.

ATTACHMENT 7 – NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (OFFEROR)

This Non- Disclosure Agreement (the "Agreement") is made this ____ day of _____ 200_, by and between

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "the OFFEROR ") and the State of Maryland (hereinafter referred to as " the State").

OFFEROR warrants and represents that it intends to submit a TO Proposal in response to CATS II TORFP R95B9200021 for WBJC Analog & HD FM Broadcast Transmission Equipment Replacement Project. In order for the OFFEROR to submit a TO Proposal, it will be necessary for the State to provide the OFFEROR with access to certain confidential information including, but not limited, to _____. All such information provided by the State shall be considered Confidential Information regardless of the form, format, or media upon which or in which such information is contained or provided, regardless of whether it is oral, written, electronic, or any other form, and regardless of whether the information is marked as "Confidential Information". As a condition for its receipt and access to the Confidential Information described in Section 1.7 of the TORFP, OFFEROR agrees as follows:

- 1. OFFEROR will not copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate or use for any purpose in any form any Confidential Information received under Section 1.7, except in connection with the preparation of its TO Proposal.
- Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who receives or has access to the Confidential Information shall execute a 2. copy of this Agreement and the OFFEROR shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State. Each employee or agent of the OFFEROR who signs this Agreement shall be subject to the same terms, conditions, requirements and liabilities set forth herein that are applicable to the OFFEROR.
- OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to the State within five business days of the State's Notice of 3. recommended award. If the OFFEROR does not submit a Proposal, the OFFEROR shall return the Confidential Information to Sue Howells, DGS on or before the due date for Proposals.
- 4 OFFEROR acknowledges that the disclosure of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying, or other impermissible use of the Confidential Information. The State's rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages for the OFFEROR'S failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement. The OFFEROR consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts.
- 5. In the event the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys' fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the OFFEROR or any employee or agent of the OFFEROR to comply with the requirements of this Agreement, OFFEROR and such employees and agents of OFFEROR shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
- 6. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 7. OFFEROR acknowledges that pursuant to Section 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a person may not willfully make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact in connection with a procurement contract. Persons making such statements are guilty of a felony and on conviction subject to a fine of not more than \$20,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both. OFFEROR further acknowledges that this Agreement is a statement made in connection with a procurement contract.
- The individual signing below warrants and represents that they are fully authorized to bind the OFFEROR to the terms 8. and conditions specified in this Agreement. If signed below by an individual employee or agent of the OFFEROR under Section 2 of this Agreement, such individual acknowledges that a failure to comply with the requirements specified in this Agreement may result in personal liability.

OFFEROR:	BY:
NAME:	TITLE:
ADDRESS:	

SUBMIT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1.7 OF THE TORFP

ATTACHMENT 8 – NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (TO CONTRACTOR)

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THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of this ____ day of ___

by and between the State of Maryland ("the State"), acting by and through its DGS (the "Department"), and

_____ ("TO Contractor"), a corporation with its principal business office located at

_____ and its principal office in Maryland located at _____

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the TO Contractor has been awarded a Task Order Agreement (the "TO Agreement") for WBJC Analog & HD FM Broadcast Transmission Equipment Replacement TORFP No. R95B9200021 dated April, 26, 2010 for TORFP, (the "TORFP) issued under the Consulting and Technical Services procurement issued by the Department, Project Number 060B9800035; and

WHEREAS, in order for the TO Contractor to perform the work required under the TO Agreement, it will be necessary for the State to provide the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor's employees and agents (collectively the "TO Contractor's Personnel") with access to certain confidential information regarding ______ (the "Confidential Information").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being given access to the Confidential Information in connection with the TORFP and the TO Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

- Confidential Information means any and all information provided by or made available by the State to the TO Contractor in connection with the TO Agreement, regardless of the form, format, or media on or in which the Confidential Information is provided and regardless of whether any such Confidential Information is marked as such. Confidential Information includes, by way of example only, information that the TO Contractor views, takes notes from, copies (if the State agrees in writing to permit copying), possesses or is otherwise provided access to and use of by the State in relation to the TO Agreement.
- 2. TO Contractor shall not, without the State's prior written consent, copy, disclose, publish, release, transfer, disseminate, use, or allow access for any purpose or in any form, any Confidential Information provided by the State except for the sole and exclusive purpose of performing under the TO Agreement. TO Contractor shall limit access to the Confidential Information to the TO Contractor's Personnel who have a demonstrable need to know such Confidential Information in order to perform under the TO Agreement and who have agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information. The names of the TO Contractor's Personnel are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. Each individual whose name appears on Exhibit A shall execute a copy of this Agreement and thereby be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement to the same extent as the TO Contractor. TO Contractor shall update Exhibit A by adding additional names as needed, from time to time.
- 3. If the TO Contractor intends to disseminate any portion of the Confidential Information to non-employee agents who are assisting in the TO Contractor's performance of the TORFP or who will otherwise have a role in performing any aspect of the TORFP, the TO Contractor shall first obtain the written consent of the State to any such dissemination. The State may grant, deny, or condition any such consent, as it may deem appropriate in its sole and absolute subjective discretion.
- 4. TO Contractor hereby agrees to hold the Confidential Information in trust and in strictest confidence, to adopt or establish operating procedures and physical security measures, and to take all other measures necessary to protect the Confidential Information from inadvertent release or disclosure to unauthorized third parties and to prevent all or any portion of the Confidential Information from falling into the public domain or into the possession of persons not bound to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
- 5. TO Contractor shall promptly advise the State in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use, misappropriation, or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of the TO Contractor's Personnel or the TO Contractor's former Personnel. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, cooperate with the State in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief against any such person(s).
- 6. TO Contractor shall, at its own expense, return to the Department, all copies of the Confidential Information in its care, custody, control or possession upon request of the Department or on termination of the TO Agreement.
- 7. A breach of this Agreement by the TO Contractor or by the TO Contractor's Personnel shall constitute a breach of the TO Agreement between the TO Contractor and the State.

- 8. TO Contractor acknowledges that any failure by the TO Contractor or the TO Contractor's Personnel to abide by the terms and conditions of use of the Confidential Information may cause irreparable harm to the State and that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate the State for such breach. Accordingly, the TO Contractor agrees that the State may obtain an injunction to prevent the disclosure, copying or improper use of the Confidential Information. The TO Contractor consents to personal jurisdiction in the Maryland State Courts. The State's rights and remedies hereunder are cumulative and the State expressly reserves any and all rights, remedies, claims and actions that it may have now or in the future to protect the Confidential Information and/or to seek damages from the TO Contractor and the State suffers any losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, or costs (including, by way of example only, attorneys' fees and disbursements) that are attributable, in whole or in part to any failure by the TO Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any such losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, and/or costs.
- 9. TO Contractor and each of the TO Contractor's Personnel who receive or have access to any Confidential Information shall execute a copy of an agreement substantially similar to this Agreement and the TO Contractor shall provide originals of such executed Agreements to the State.
- 10. The parties further agree that:
 - a. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland;
 - b. The rights and obligations of the TO Contractor under this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the State;
 - c. The State makes no representations or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of any Confidential Information;
 - d. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement;
 - e. Signatures exchanged by facsimile are effective for all purposes hereunder to the same extent as original signatures; and
 - f. The Recitals are not merely prefatory but are an integral part hereof.

TO Contractor/TO Contractor's Personnel:

Department of General Services:

Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

EXHIBIT A

TO CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS WHO WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Printed Name and Address of Employee or Agent		Signature	Date
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SUBMIT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1.7 OF THE TORFP

ATTACHMENT 9 – TO CONTRACTOR SELF-REPORTING CHECKLIST

The purpose of this checklist is for CATS II Master Contractors to self-report on adherence to procedures for task orders (TO) awarded under the CATS II master contract. Requirements for TO management can be found in the CATS II master contract RFP and at the TORFP level. The Master Contractor is requested to complete and return this form by the **Checklist Due Date** below. Master Contractors may attach supporting documentation as needed. Please send the completed checklist and direct any related questions to contractoversight@DGS.state.md.us with the TO number in the subject line.

Master Contractor:		
Master Contractor Contact / Phone:		
Procuring State Agency Name:		
TO Title:		
TO Number:		
TO Type (Fixed Price, T&M, or Both):		
Checklist Issue Date:		
Checklist Due Date:		
Section 1 – Task Order	rs with Invoices Linked to Deliverables	
A) Was the original TORFP (Task Order Request for Proposals) structured to link invoice payments to distinct deliverables with specific acceptance criteria?		
Yes No (If no, skip to Section 2.)		
B) Do TO invoices match corresponding deliverable prices shown in the accepted Financial Proposal?		
Yes No (If no, explain why)		
C) Is the deliverable acceptance process being adhered to as defined in the TORFP?		
Yes No (If no, explain why)		
Section 2 – Task Orders with Invoices Linked to Time, Labor Rates and Materials		
A) If the TO involves material costs, are material costs passed to the agency without markup by the Master Contractor?		
Yes 🗌 No 🛄 (If no, explain why)		
B) Are labor rates the same or less than the rates proposed in the accepted Financial Proposal?		
Yes No (If no, explain why)		
C) Is the Master Contractor providing timesheets or other appropriate documentation to support invoices?		
Yes No (If no, explain why)		
Section 3 – Substitution of Personnel		
A) Has there been any substitution of personnel?		
Yes No (If no, skip to Section 4.)		

B) Did the Master Contractor request each personnel substitution in writing?			
Yes No (If no, explain why)			
C) Does each accepted substitution possess equivalent or better education, experience and qualifications than incumbent personnel?			
Yes No (If no, explain why)			
D) Was the substitute approved by the agency in writing?			
Yes No (If no, explain why)			
Section 4 – MBE Participation			
 A) What is the MBE goal as a percentage of the TO value? (If there is no MBE goal, skip to Section 5) % 			
B) Are MBE reports D-5 and D-6 submitted monthly?			
Yes No (If no, explain why)			
C) What is the actual MBE percentage to date? (divide the dollar amount paid to date to the MBE by the total amount paid to date on the TO)			
(Example - \$3,000 was paid to date to the MBE sub-contractor; \$10,000 was paid to date on the TO; the MBE percentage is 30% (3,000 ÷ 10,000 = 0.30))			
 D) Is this consistent with the planned MBE percentage at this stage of the project? Yes No (If no, explain why) 			
E) Has the Master Contractor expressed difficulty with meeting the MBE goal? Yes No			
(If yes, explain the circumstances and any planned corrective actions)			
Section 5 – TO Change Management			
A) Is there a written change management procedure applicable to this TO?			
Yes No (If no, explain why)			
B) Does the change management procedure include the following?			
Yes No Sections for change description, justification, and sign-off			
Yes No Sections for impact on cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality (i.e., the impact of change on satisfying TO requirements)			
Yes No A formal group charged with reviewing / approving / declining changes (e.g., change control board, steering committee, or management team)			
C) Have any change orders been executed?			
Yes No			
(If yes, explain expected or actual impact on TO cost, scope, schedule, risk and quality)			

D) Is the chan	ge management	procedure	being	followed?
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Yes No (If no, explain why)

ATTACHMENT 10 – LIVING WAGE AFFIDAVIT OF AGREEMENT

Contract No		
Name of Contractor		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code

If the Contract is Exempt from the Living Wage Law

The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms that the Contract is exempt from Maryland's Living Wage Law for the following reasons: (check all that apply)

- ____Bidder/Offeror is a nonprofit organization
- ___Bidder/Offeror is a public service company
- ____Bidder/Offeror employs 10 or fewer employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$500,000
- ____Bidder/Offeror employs more than 10 employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$100,000

If the Contract is a Living Wage Contract

A. The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms our commitment to comply with Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and, if required, to submit all payroll reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with regard to the above stated contract. The Bidder/Offeror agrees to pay covered employees who are subject to living wage at least the living wage rate in effect at the time service is provided for hours spent on State contract activities, and to ensure that its Subcontractors who are not exempt also pay the required living wage rate to their covered employees who are subject to the living wage for hours spent on a State contract for services. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and ensure its Subcontractors comply with, the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

B. _____(initial here if applicable) The Bidder/Offeror affirms it has no covered employees for the following reasons (check all that apply):

____ All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will spend less than one-half of the employee's time during every work week on the State contract;

____ All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will be 17 years of age or younger during the duration of the State contract; or

____ All employee(s) proposed to work on the State contract will work less than 13 consecutive weeks on the State contract.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry reserves the right to request payroll records and other data that the Commissioner deems sufficient to confirm these affirmations at any time.

Name of Authorized Representative:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: _____ Title: _____

Witness Name (Typed or Printed):

Witness Signature & Date: _____

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AS SEPARATE DOCUMENTS

- ATTACHMENT 1 FINANCIAL PROPOSAL
- ATTACHMENT 5 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
- ATTACHMENT 11 FOUNDATION INSPECTION SCOPE OF WORK
- ATTACHMENT 12 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
- ATTACHMENT 14 PAYMENT BOND
- ATTACHMENT 15 PERFORMANCE BOND
- ATTACHMENT 16 PROPOSAL BOND
- ATTACHMENT 19 PREVAILING WAGE RATES
- ATTACHMENT 20 STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS REPORT
- ATTACHMENT 21 WBJC STRUCTURAL INSPECTION REPORT
- ATTACHMENT 22 WBJC TOWER MOD DRAWINGS
- ATTACHMENT 23 RADIO TOWER LEADS REPORT
- ATTACHMENT 24 CLOSE OUT PROCESS