



**Amendment #16 to
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Local Telecommunications Services
RFP# 060B3490013
March 28, 2014**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This Amendment is being issued to change, add or delete certain information contained in the above named RFP. Specific parts of the RFP have been amended and the RFP changes are detailed below. The changes are marked with text underlined if it is new and crossed through if it has been deleted. This marking will help you more easily identify what has changed.

1. Change wording in RFP Section 1.13 from

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2. Change wording in RFP Section 1.5.1 from:

1.5.1 Most Favored Customer

To provide ongoing competitive prices to users of this contract, the contractor shall ensure that the State shall receive favorable rates in each LATA during the term of this contract. The rates set forth shall not exceed the contractor's commercial price list, its established tariff, or rates being provided to its largest service customers. If at any time this should occur, the contractor shall immediately notify the contracting office and offer the lower prices for incorporation into this contract.

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Within a month after the end of each contract year, the Contractor will notify the contracting office and confirm that the State's rates that do not exceed the contractor's commercial price list, its established tariff, or rates being provided to its other large similarly sized retail service customers.

Date Issued: March 28, 2014

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