ATTACHMENT K - OFFER QUALIFICATIONS

(Attachments May Be Included)

IMPORTANT NOTE: BOTH ITEMS EITHER A OR B MUST BE ANSWERED Contractor (Include Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Offerors must complete the Minimum Qualification Certification (Attachment K) to certify the following qualifications are met.

Offerors must demonstrate their ability to meet <u>one of</u> the following requirements, <u>either</u> "A" or "B" as described below, for network interconnectivity and infrastructure as an Internet Service Provider:

A. Offeror is a Tier 1 provider identified as

- (i) **Relationships**: Must show at least three private peering relationships with other Internet Service Providers that operate with a network infrastructure that is equal to or better than Contractor's. The offeror must provide the company name with whom private peering relationships were entered into with, along with a contact person and telephone number.
- (ii) **National Optical Backbone**: Offeror must have a national optical backbone with at least OC-12 (622 Mbps) between major metropolitan area exchanges (MAEs), and national access points (NAPs) and public Internet switching points with a daily average round-trip latency no greater that 65ms on the backbone. Be sure to list specific details and address each technical criterion listed above.

B. Offeror is a "Tier 2" provider identified as,

- (i) Having 1 Gbps of Internet service from each of two "Tier 1" ISP's.
- (ii) <u>Having a backbone network among the location providing service to the State and the Offeror's upstream "Tier 1" ISP connections of at least 1 GBPS.</u>