

**CONTRACT 050R6800087**

**STATEWIDE WIRELESS INTEROPERABILITY  
REQUIREMENTS AND PROOF OF CONCEPT**

THIS CONTRACT (the "Contract") is made this 7th day of June, 2006 by and between RCC CONSULTANTS, INC. and the STATE OF MARYLAND, acting through the DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

In consideration of the promises and the covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Definitions**

In this Contract, the following words have the meanings indicated:

- 1.1 "Contractor" means RCC Consultants, Inc. whose principal business address is 100 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 201, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 and whose principal office in Maryland is 28 Yorkview Dr., Timonium, MD 21093-3221.
- 1.2 "Department" means the Maryland Department of Budget and Management.
- 1.3 "Financial Proposal" means the Contractor's Financial Proposal dated December 12, 2005.
- 1.4 "Procurement Officer" means the individual identified in the RFP Information Summary and Section 1.2l or a successor designated by the Department.
- 1.5 "Contract Manager" means the representative described in the RFP Section 1.2d who is designated by the Department or a successor designated by the Department.
- 1.6 "RFP" means the Request for Proposals for Statewide Wireless Interoperability Requirements and Proof of Concept, Project 050R6800087, and any amendments thereto issued in writing by the State.
- 1.7 "State" means the State of Maryland.
- 1.8 "Technical Proposal" means the Contractor's Technical Proposal, dated December 12, 2005.

**2. Scope of Work**

2.1 The Contractor shall provide all deliverables as defined in the RFP Section 2. These services shall be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and the following exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict between this Contract and the Exhibits, the terms of the Contract shall govern. If there is any conflict among the exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision:

- Exhibit A – The RFP
- Exhibit B – The Technical Proposal dated December 12, 2005.
- Exhibit C – The Best and Final Offer (Price) dated April 14, 2006
- Exhibit D – The Contractor's Oral Presentation dated January 27, 2006
- Exhibit E – RCC Letter dated March 22, 2006
- Exhibit F – State Contract Affidavit, executed by the Contractor and dated May 4, 2006

2.2 The Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the Contract or the RFP. No other order, statement or conduct of the Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this section. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, if any change under this section causes an increase or decrease in the 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 Contract price shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. The 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 Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. Nothing in this section shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

### **3. Time for Performance.**

The Contract resulting from this RFP shall be for a period of two years beginning on June 22, 2006 the Contract execution date and ending on June 21, 2008. The Contractor shall provide services upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the Procurement Officer.

### **4. Consideration and Payment**

4.1 In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the work set forth in this Contract, the Department shall pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Contract and at the rates specified in Attachment F, Price Proposal Form for Statewide Wireless Interoperability Requirements and Proof of Concept RFP NO. 050R6800087. Except with the express written consent of the Procurement Officer, payment to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall not exceed \$1,324,827. Contractor shall notify the Contract Manager, in writing, at least 60 days before payments reach the specified amount. After notification by the Contractor, if the State fails to increase the Contract amount, the Contractor shall have no obligation to perform under this Contract after payments reach the stated amount; provided, however, that, prior to the stated amount being reached, the Contractor will: (i) promptly consult with the State and work in good faith to establish a plan of action to assure that every reasonable effort has been undertaken by the Contractor to complete State-defined critical work in progress prior to the date the stated amount will be reached; and (ii) secure data bases, systems, platforms and/or applications which the Contractor is working on so that no damage or vulnerabilities to any of the same will exist due to the existence of any such unfinished work.

4.2 Payments to the Contractor shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after the Department's receipt of a proper invoice for services provided by the Contractor, acceptance by the Department of services provided by the Contractor, and pursuant to the conditions outlined in Section 4 of this Contract. Each invoice for services rendered must include the Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number which is [REDACTED]. 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, are prohibited. Invoices shall be submitted to the Contract Manager. Electronic funds transfer shall be used by the State to pay Contractor pursuant to this Contract and any other State payments due Contractor unless the State Comptroller's Office grants Contractor an exemption.

4.3 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the Contractor to be reduced or

withheld until such time as the Contractor meets performance standards as established by the Procurement Officer.

4.4 Contractor's eMarylandMarketplace vendor ID number is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. Rights to Records

5.1 The Contractor agrees that all documents and materials including but not limited to, software, reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, tests, maps, photographs, designs, graphics, mechanical, artwork, computations and data prepared by the Contractor, for purposes of this Contract shall be the sole property of the State and shall be available to the State at any time. The State shall have the right to use the same without restriction and without compensation to the Contractor other than that specifically provided by this Contract.

5.2 The Contractor agrees that at all times during the term of this Contract and thereafter, works created as a deliverable under this Contract, and services performed under this Contract shall be "works made for hire" as that term is interpreted under U.S. copyright law. To the extent that any products created as a deliverable under this Contract are not works for hire for the State, the Contractor hereby relinquishes, transfers, and assigns to the State all of its rights, title, and interest (including all intellectual property rights) to all such products created under this Contract, and will cooperate reasonably with the State in effectuating and registering any necessary assignments.

5.3 The Contractor shall report to the Contract Manager, promptly and in written detail, each notice or claim of copyright infringement received by the Contractor with respect to all data delivered under this Contract.

5.4 The Contractor shall not affix any restrictive markings upon any data, documentation, or other materials provided to the State hereunder and if such markings are affixed, the State shall have the right at any time to modify, remove, obliterate, or ignore such warnings.

## 6. Exclusive Use

The State shall have the exclusive right to use, duplicate, and disclose any data, information, documents, records, or results, in whole or in part, in any manner for any purpose whatsoever, that may be created or generated by the Contractor in connection with this Contract. If any material, including software, is capable of being copyrighted, the State shall be the copyright owner and Contractor may copyright material connected with this project only with the express written approval of the State.

## 7. Patents, Copyrights, Intellectual Property

7.1 If the Contractor furnishes any design, device, material, process, or other item, which is covered by a patent, trademark or service mark, or copyright or which is proprietary to or a trade secret of another, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary permission or license to permit the State to use such item or items.

7.2 The Contractor will defend or settle, at its own expense, any claim or suit against the State alleging that any such item furnished by the Contractor infringes any patent, trademark, service mark, copyright, or trade secret. If a third party claims that a product infringes that party's patent, trademark, service mark, trade secret, or copyright, the Contractor will defend the State against that claim at Contractor's expense and will pay all damages, costs and attorney fees that a court finally awards, provided the State (i) promptly notifies the Contractor in writing of the claim; and (ii) allows Contractor

to control and cooperates with Contractor in, the defense and any related settlement negotiations. The obligations of this paragraph are in addition to those stated in Section 7.3 below.

**7.3** If any products furnished by the Contractor become, or in the Contractor's opinion are likely to become, the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor will, at its option and expense: a) procure for the State the right to continue using the applicable item, b) replace the product with a non-infringing product substantially complying with the item's specifications, or c) modify the item so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original item.

## **8. Confidentiality**

Subject to the Maryland Public Information Act and any other applicable laws, all confidential or proprietary information and documentation relating to either party (including without limitation, any information or data stored within the Contractor's computer systems) shall be held in absolute confidence by the other party. Each party shall, however, be permitted to disclose relevant confidential information to its officers, agents and employees to the extent that such disclosure is necessary for the performance of their duties under this Contract, provided that the data may be collected, used, disclosed, stored and disseminated only as provided by and consistent with the law. The provisions of this section shall not apply to information that (a) is lawfully in the public domain; (b) has been independently developed by the other party without violation of this Contract; (c) was already in the possession of such party, (d) was supplied to such party by a third party lawfully in possession thereof and legally permitted to further disclose the information or (e) which such party is required to disclose by law.

## **9. Loss of Data**

In the event of loss of any State data or records where such loss is due to the intentional act or omission or negligence of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors or agents, the Contractor shall be responsible for recreating such lost data in the manner and on the schedule set by the Contract Manager. The Contractor shall ensure that all data is backed up and recoverable by the Contractor. Contractor shall use its best efforts to assure that at no time shall any actions undertaken by the Contractor under this Contract (or any failures to act when Contractor has a duty to act) damage or create any vulnerabilities in data bases, systems, platforms and/or applications with which the Contractor is working hereunder. Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any and all losses, damages, claims, suits, actions, liabilities and/or expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements, that arise from, are in connection with, or are attributable to Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of this Section 9.

## **10. Indemnification**

**10.1** The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the State from and against any and all losses, damages, claims, suits, actions, liabilities and/or expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements of any character that arise from, are in connection with or are attributable to the performance of the Contractor or its subcontractors under this Contract.

**10.2** The State has no obligation to provide legal counsel or defense to the Contractor or its subcontractors in the event that a suit, claim or action of any character is brought by any person not party to this Contract against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

**10.3** The State has no obligation for the payment of any judgments or the settlement of any claims against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

**10.4** The Contractor shall immediately notify the Procurement Officer of any claim or suit made or filed against the Contractor or its subcontractors regarding any matter resulting from, or relating to, the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and will cooperate, assist and consult with the State in the defense or investigation of any claim, suit, or action made or filed against the State as a result of, or relating to, the Contractor's performance under this Contract.

## **11. Non-Hiring of Employees**

No official or employee of the State, as defined under State Government Article, § 15-102, Annotated Code of Maryland, whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Contract, shall, during the pendency and term of this Contract and while serving as an official or employee of the State, become or be an employee of the Contractor or any entity that is a subcontractor on this Contract.

## **12. Disputes**

This Contract shall be subject to the provisions of Title 15, Subtitle 2, of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 21.10 (Administrative and Civil Remedies). Pending resolution of a claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Procurement Officer's decision. Unless a lesser period is provided by applicable statute, regulation, or the Contract, the Contractor must file a written notice of claim with the Procurement Officer within 30 days after the basis for the claim is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. Contemporaneously with or within 30 days of the filing of a notice of claim, but no later than the date of final payment under the Contract, the Contractor must submit to the Procurement Officer its written claim containing the information specified in COMAR 21.10.04.02.

## **13. Maryland Law**

**13.1** This Contract shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

**13.2** The Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, Maryland Code Annotated, Commercial Law Article, Title 22, does not apply to this Contract, or to any purchase order, or Notice to Proceed, issued under this Contract.

**13.3** Any and all references to the Annotated Code of Maryland contained in this Contract shall be construed to refer to such Code sections as from time to time amended.

## **14. Nondiscrimination in Employment**

The Contractor agrees: (a) not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or disability of a qualified individual with a disability; (b) to include a provision similar to that contained in subsection (a), above, in any underlying subcontract except a subcontract for standard commercial supplies or raw materials; and (c) to post and to cause subcontractors to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

## **15. Contingent Fee Prohibition**

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

## **16. Non-availability of Funding**

If the General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal period, this Contract shall be canceled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the State's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the State from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The State shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

## **17. Termination for Cause**

If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the State may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the State's option, become the State's property. The State shall pay the Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination and the State can affirmatively collect damages. Termination hereunder, including the termination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.11B.

## **18. Termination for Convenience**

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the State in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State. The State will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination, and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract; provided, however, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.12 (A)(2).

## **19. Delays and Extensions of Time**

The Contractor agrees to perform this Contract continuously and diligently. No charges or claims for damages shall be made by the Contractor for any delays or hindrances, regardless of cause, in the

performance of services under this Contract. Time extensions will be granted only for excusable delays that arise from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the State, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or delays of subcontractors or suppliers arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of either the Contractor or the subcontractors or suppliers.

## **20. Suspension of Work**

The State unilaterally may order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of its performance for such period of time as the Procurement Officer may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the State.

## **21. Pre-Existing Regulations**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11-206 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the regulations set forth in Title 21 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 21) in effect on the date of execution of this Contract are applicable to this Contract.

## **22. Financial Disclosure**

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate, \$100,000 or more, shall within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of these contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of the State certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

## **23. Political Contribution Disclosure**

The Contractor shall comply with Election Law Article, §§14-101 - 14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State, a county, or an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall, file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election. The statement shall be filed with the State Board of Elections: (1) before a purchase or execution of a lease or contract by the State, a county, an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, and shall cover the preceding two calendar years; and (2) if the contribution is made after the execution of a lease or contract, then twice a year, throughout the contract term, on: (a) February 5, to cover the 6-month period ending January 31; and (b) August 5, to cover the 6-month period ending July 31.

## **24. Retention of Records**

The Contractor shall retain and maintain all records and documents in any way relating to this Contract for three years after Contract closeout and final payment by the State under this Contract or any applicable statute of limitations, whichever is longer, and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the State, including the Procurement Officer or the Procurement Officer's designee, at all reasonable times. All records related in any way to the Contract are to be retained for the entire time provided under this section. In the event of any audit, Contractor shall provide

assistance to the State, without additional compensation, to identify, investigate and reconcile any audit discrepancies and/or variances.

## **25. Representations and Warranties**

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- A. It is qualified to do business in the State and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- B. It is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;
- C. It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract; and,
- D. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

## **26. Cost and Price Certification**

By submitting cost or price information, the Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information submitted is accurate, complete, and current as of the date of its bid or offer.

The price under this Contract and any change order or modification hereunder, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant price increases occurring because the Contractor furnished cost or price information which, as of the date of its bid or offer, was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current.

## **27. Subcontracting; Assignment**

The Contractor may not subcontract any portion of the services provided under this Contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the State, nor may the Contractor assign this Contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, without the prior written approval of the State. Any such subcontract or assignment shall include the terms of Sections 11 and 13 through 26 of this Contract and any other terms and conditions that the State deems necessary to protect its interests. The State shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to the subcontractors.

## **28. Retainage**

**28.1** DBM shall retain 5% of the amount of each Contractor invoice by deliverable. When all deliverables have been successfully completed and the State has signed-off on the Project Acceptance Criteria, the full-retained amount for the completed task shall be paid to the Contractor upon receipt of a separate invoice for retainage release. The Contractor shall track any cumulative retainage amount until released by the State and display this amount on the invoices.

**28.2** This process will apply to each Contract task until all tasks are completed. Contract deliverables provided late, incomplete, or not provided at all are subject to a 5% retainage until acceptance by the State is given.



## **29. Liability**

**29.1** For breach of this Contract, negligence, misrepresentation or any other contract or tort claim, Contractor shall be liable as follows:

- A. For infringement of patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks and/or trade secrets, as provided in Section 7 of this Contract;
- B. Without limitation for damages for bodily injury (including death) and damage to real property and tangible personal property;
- C. For all other claims, damages, losses, costs, expenses, suits or actions in any way related to this Contract, regardless of the form, Contractor's liability shall be limited to three (3) times the total dollar amount of the Contract value up to the date of settlement or final award of any such claim. Third party claims arising under Section 10, "Indemnification", of this Contract are included in this limitation of liability only if the State is immune from liability. Contractor's liability for third party claims arising under Section 10 of this Contract shall be unlimited if the State is not immune from liability for claims arising under Section 10.

## **30. Parent Company Guarantee (If Applicable)**

[Corporate name of Parent Company] hereby guarantees absolutely the full, prompt and complete performance by "[Contractor]" of all the terms, conditions and obligations contained in this Contract, as it may be amended from time to time, including any and all exhibits that are now or may become incorporated hereunto, and other obligations of every nature and kind that now or may in the future arise out of or in connection with this Contract, including any and all financial commitments, obligations and liabilities. "[Corporate name of Parent Company]" may not transfer this absolute guaranty to any other person or entity without the prior express written approval of the State, which approval the State may grant, withhold, or qualify in its sole and absolute subjective discretion. "[Corporate name of Parent Company]" further agrees that if the State brings any claim, action, suit or proceeding against "[Contractor]", "[Corporate name of Parent Company]" may be named as a party, in its capacity as Absolute Guarantor.

## **31. Administrative**

**31.1 Procurement Officer.** The work to be accomplished under this Contract shall be performed under the direction of the Procurement Officer. All matters relating to the interpretation of this Contract shall be referred to the Procurement Officer for determination.

**31.2 Notices.** All notices hereunder shall be in writing and either delivered personally or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid as follows:

If to the State: Office of Information Technology  
Maryland Department of Budget & Management  
45 Calvert Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Attention: Contract Manager for Wireless Interoperability Project

If to the Contractor: RCC Consultants, Inc.  
100 Woodbridge Center Dr. - Suite 201  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095-1125  
Attn: Michael W. Hunter

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

CONTRACTOR: RCC CONSULTANTS, INC.

By: [Redacted] Date: May 4, 2006

Title: President and CEO

Witness: [Redacted]

STATE OF MARYLAND

By: DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

By: [Redacted] Date: June 07, 2006

Title: State Chief of Information Technology

Witness: [Redacted]

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this 9th day of June, 2006.

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Assistant Attorney General

APPROVED BY BPW: 6/7/06 7-IT  
(Date) (BPW Item #)