

Exchange Access IDIQ Holders

This is a list of the companies we have established IDIQ Contracts with to provide Local Exchange Services. Whenever available, we will provide links to a company's homepage, a Point of Contact's phone number, fax number, and email address, and service area information. The information presented below is to provide our customers with accurate information regarding telecommunications; FTS will do their best to keep the list and links updated. **GSA does not endorse any provider over another.**

Current CLEC Providers as of August 2005

Cox Communications, Inc
Everest Connections LLC Fidelity
Communications Services SBC
Global Services Telcove
Operations Inc. Nuvox
Communications

Iowa Communications Network
Qwest Communications

Area-specific Heartland Region GSA Contacts		
St. Louis/Eastern Missouri	Rod Rider	(314) 539-3909
St. Louis Federal Center	Ken Melvin	(314) 263-2670
Kansas City/Western Missouri	Bill Piper	(816) 426-3021
South Kansas City	Randy Meyers	(816) 926-1569
Kansas (All)	Jim Hamerle	(816) 426-3196
Iowa & Nebraska (All)	Barton Boggs	(402) 221-3334
	Angie Champion	(402) 221-3333

Use of contracts:

Organizations that can order from the contracts: This contract is for use by federal agencies in Missouri (**exclusive of the St. Louis, Mo. metropolitan area**), Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. The following organizations can order from contracts resulting from this solicitation.

- All Federal agencies and activities in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
- Government Vendors authorized in writing by a Federal agency pursuant to 48 CFR 51.1.
- Mixed ownership Government corporations (as defined in the Government Corporation Control Act).

- Other activities and organizations authorized by statute or regulation to use GSA as a source of supply.

ORDERING (OCT 1995) (FAR 52.216-18):

- (a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated herein. Such orders may be issued from the date of award until the expiration of the term of this contract.
- (b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(END OF CLAUSE)

ORDER LIMITATIONS (OCT 1995) (FAR 52.216-19):

- (a) *Minimum order.* When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$500, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract.
- (b) *Maximum order.* The Contractor is not obligated to honor—
 - (1) Any order for a single item in excess of \$500,000;
 - (2) Any order for a combination of items in excess of \$500,000; or
 - (3) A series of orders from the same ordering office within 30 days that together call for quantities exceeding the limitation in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section.
- (c) If this is a requirements contract (*i.e.*, includes the Requirements clause at subsection 52.216-21 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)), the Government is not required to order a part of any one requirement from the Contractor if that requirement exceeds the maximum-order limitations in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Contractor shall honor any order exceeding the maximum order limitations in paragraph (b), unless that order (or orders) is returned to the ordering office within 5 days after issuance, with written notice stating the Contractor's intent not to ship the item (or items) called for and the reasons. Upon receiving this notice, the Government may acquire the supplies or services from another source.

(END OF CLAUSE)

FAIR OPPORTUNITY. All eligible awardees will be provided a fair opportunity to be considered for each order in excess of \$3,000, except as noted below. The ordering official need not contact each contract awardee in a particular state before selecting a task order awardee for that state or a specific site within that state if they have information that ensures that each awardee is provided a fair opportunity to compete in accordance with FAR 16.505(b). The ordering official may also issue a Request for Quotes (RFQ). All awardees that have contracts in a specific state will be allowed to propose on the RFQ for that state as well as specific sites within that state. Task order award will be made to the contractor based on the evaluation criteria established in the RFQ (if other than price).

On an exception basis, as authorized in FAR 16.505(b)(2), multiple awardees need not be given an opportunity to be considered for a particular order in excess of \$3,000 when the Designated Ordering Official determines that:

- the need for services is of such urgency that use of the normal fair opportunity procedure would result in unacceptable delays;
- only one such contractor is capable of providing the services at the level of quality required because the services ordered are unique or highly specialized, (i.e. no other Vendor offers that service in the given geographical area);
- the order should be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency as a logical follow-on to a task already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order; or
- it is necessary to place an order to satisfy a minimum revenue guarantee.

If a fair opportunity exception is applicable, the ordering official will document in the order file the rationale for the determination that one of the exceptions to fair opportunity is appropriate.

PLACEMENT OF ORDERS (SEP 1999) (FAR 52.216-72)

- (a) Delivery orders (orders) will be placed by a General Services Administration Contracting Officer, or an individual designated as a DAO under this Agreement.
- (b) Orders may be placed through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or mailed in paper form. EDI orders shall be placed using the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 Standard for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) format.
- (c) If the Contractor agrees, GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) will place all orders by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FSS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other agencies may place orders by EDI.
- (d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each Federal agency placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation. Federal agencies may obtain a sample format to customize as needed from the office specified in paragraph (g) of this clause.
- (e) The Contractor shall be responsible for providing its own hardware and software necessary to transmit and receive data electronically. Additionally, each party to the TPA shall be responsible for the costs associated with its use of third party provider services.
- (f) Nothing in the TPA will invalidate any part of this contract between the Contractor and the General Services Administration. All terms and conditions of this contract that otherwise would be applicable to a mailed order shall apply to the electronic order.

(g) The basic content and format of the TPA will be provided by:

General Services Administration

Acquisition Operations and Electronic Commerce Center (FCS)

Washington, DC 20406

Telephone: *[Contracting Officer insert appropriate telephone numbers]*

FAX:

NOTE: IF YOUR AGENCY ORDERING OFFICIAL WOULD LIKE TO BE A DAO OR NEED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ORDERING CONTACT THE GSA/FTS CONTACTS ON PAGE 1.