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NOTICE OF CONTRACT

COMMODITY: BROADBAND INTERNET CABLE SERVICE PROVISION

CONTRACT #: No statewide contracts are in place for broadband internet cable service

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CONTRACTORS: Numerous vendors offer broadband internet cable service in the State. Coverage differs from region to region. The State has previously obtained services from Comcast, Metrocast, Time Warner Cable, Motorbrain, and others.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice of Contract is to communicate the Department of Administrative Services' process for procuring broadband internet cable service.

SCOPE

Broadband internet connections utilize a cable modem to connect to local cable networks provided by providers such as Comcast, Metrocast, and Time-Warner. Broadband technology can provide acceptable transmission speeds at reasonable cost, depending upon the amount of web traffic carried. It also can provide high quality web connectivity in remote areas of the State where the State's contracted internet providers (G4 and Fairpoint) do not offer coverage.

Statewide contracts are not available for these vendors since, no single vendor can provide for the State's full connectivity requirements, because different vendors provide coverage in each remote region. In addition, technology and prices change as vendors enhance their services or leave a given region. Connections must be reevaluated each year to determine whether the State is receiving the best value.

INSTRUCTIONS

Broadband services shall be processed as a "utility." They are contracted by each agency and paid as an unencumbered payment. Agency personnel shall contact the viable broadband vendor in their local area. The vendor shall provide a quote for the services requested. This service agreement is signed by the agency authority and returned to the vendor. After broadband installation is scheduled and completed, the vendor shall send invoices for broadband service directly to the contracting agency. These invoice amounts are entered into NH FIRST and paid unencumbered.