

Data Communications

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Commodity Codes

Commodity Code	Description
1009	Computing Services - IT Staff Augmentation
0807	Communications - Wireless Data Equipment & Services
0901	Computing Equipment & Software - Data Center Equipment
1004	Computing Services - Data Center Services
1010	Computing Services - IT Training Services
1019	Computing Services - Quality Assurance Service

Description

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is being issued by the State of Montana (“Lead Entity”) in collaboration with the Procurement Professionals Alliance, RFxPremier cooperative purchasing program. The purpose of this RFP is to establish one or more Master Agreements (MA) for Data Communications.

The resulting Master Agreement(s) will form this new iteration of the Data Communications portfolio. The previous Data Communications portfolios have been a strong and impactful set of contracts that garner significant usage to fulfill the communications needs of many entities throughout the United States.

Want to learn more about RFxP? Find more info here: <https://www.rfxpremier.org/>

For assistance with eMACS functionality, such as Vendor registration, How to respond to a bid (IFB) or Proposal (RFP), How to videos, see the eMACS Vendor Handbook. Additional resources can be found at: <https://spb.mt.gov/eMACS-Resources>

For additional eMACS help not found within the Handbook or website, contact the eMACS Help Desk at 406-444-2575.

Be sure to review and submit your response upon completion.

Prerequisites

- ★ 1. Review and accept the Single Point of Contact information.
- ★ 2. Review and accept the Optional Pre-Proposal Conference.
- ★ 3. Review and accept the Q & A Board information.
- ★ 4. Review and accept the Master Agreement as provided.
- ★ 5. Review and accept the Participating Addendum as provided.
- ★ 6. Required Insurance
Offerors requesting additions or exceptions to the contract terms shall upload them to the Q&A Board.
- ★ 7. Offerors must use Attachment I, Proposed Modifications spreadsheet attached to this prerequisite.
Offerors must detail why the exception is being sought and what specific effect it will have on the offeror's ability to respond to the RFP. Exceptions submitted after deadline will not be considered.
- ★ 8. Review and accept the Debarment information.
- ★ 9. Federal funds are involved in this project. The awarded Contractor is required to have a Unique Entity ID # (UEI #; Register @ SAM.GOV) AND complete the Federal Form NDA889.
- ★ 10. Review and accept the RFP Evaluation Plan.
- ★ 11. Conditional Awards
- ★ 12. Review and accept the Vendor Registration information.
- ★ 13. Review and accept the Montana Time Zone information.
- ★ 14. Review and accept the Registration with the Secretary of State information.
- ★ 15. Review and accept the RFP General Information.
- ★ 16. Please review and accept the eMACS Handbook - Responding to Events. Additional resources are available at <https://spb.mt.gov/eMACS-Resource>
- ★ 17. RFxPremier Administrative Fee
- ★ 18. Marketing Plan

Buyer Attachments

1. [0 - RFP Overview - Data Comm.pdf](#)
2. [A - RFP Terms and Conditions - Data Comm AMENDED.pdf](#)
3. [B - Scope of Work - Data Comm.pdf](#)
4. [C - RFP Evaluation Plan - Data Comm.pdf](#)
5. [D - Sample Master Agreement - Data Comm AMENDED.pdf](#)
6. [E - Sample Montana Participating Addendum - Data Comm \(1\).pdf](#)
7. [F - Participation Information - Data Comm \(1\).pdf](#)
8. [G - Offeror Response Worksheet - Data Comm.docx](#)
9. [H - Cost Proposal - Data Comm_AMD 1.xlsx](#)

Group 1: Acknowledgments and Certifications

Instructions: By certifying below and submitting a response to the RFP, Offeror acknowledges and certifies the following:

- 1.1 Debarment Acknowledgement: Neither Offeror nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency.
- 1.2 Debarment Acknowledgement: Neither Offeror nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency.
- 1.3 This proposal has been developed independently by Offeror and has been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other Offeror or supplier of Deliverables in a manner designed to limit fair and open competition. ★
- 1.4 The contents of this proposal have not been communicated by Offeror or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of Offeror and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to the RFP Close Date. ★
- 1.5 Data Disclosure to Foreign Governments and Prohibited Technology: Offeror is not an entity subject to laws, rules, or policies potentially requiring disclosure of, or provision of access to, customer data to foreign governments or entities controlled by foreign governments, and Offeror's offerings do not contain, include, or utilize components or services supplied by any entity subject to the same. Offeror's offerings also do not contain, include, or utilize covered technology prohibited under Section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.
- 1.6 Conflict of Interest: Offeror represents that none of its officers or employees are officers or employees of the Lead Entity and that none of its officers or employees have a conflict of interest as defined by the laws, rules, or policies of the Lead Entity.
- 1.7 Conflict of Interest: Offeror cannot certify the statement above, and Offeror will affix a written explanation to this attachment for review by the Lead Entity. If after reviewing Offeror's written explanation the Lead Entity determines it is not in the best interest of the Lead Entity, Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to award Offeror a Master Agreement, the Lead Entity may reject Offeror's proposal.
- 1.8 Data Disclosure to Foreign Governments and Prohibited Technology: Offeror cannot certify all statements above, and Offeror will affix a written explanation to this attachment for review by the Lead Entity. If after reviewing Offeror's written explanation the Lead Entity determines it is not in the best interest of the Lead Entity, Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to award Offeror a Master Agreement, the Lead Entity may reject Offeror's proposal.

Group 2: Artificial Intelligence Disclosure

Instructions:

- 2.1 Was artificial intelligence technology used in the development or completion of any portion of this process? ★

Group 3: Business Detail

Instructions:

- 3.1 Provide a URL for your company's website. ★
- 3.2 Upload a brief history of your company, including the year of its founding and any material acquisitions or mergers in which it has been involved. Identify the number of employees working for your company and, the ownership structure. ★
- 3.3 Upload a list all claims of non-performance or breach from customers in excess of \$5,000, including all pending litigation matters (including civil, criminal, or appellate) or criminal convictions in the past 5 years for the company and all principals. If needed, Attach an additional documentation in the Supplier attachment section if necessary. ★

Group 4: Confidential Information

Instructions: The State of Montana is required by both the Montana Constitution and its laws to permit the public to examine documents that are kept or maintained by the public agencies, other than those legitimately meeting the provisions of Montana Constitution, Mont. Code Ann. §§2-6-1001, et seq, Montana Procurement Act §§18-4-401, et seq., and Montana's Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 30-14-401, et seq

Does your proposal contain confidential information? If you select Yes, another question will be generated, requiring an upload of your Trade Secret Affidavit. Offerors MUST also upload a copy of the response with all areas claimed as confidential or proprietary redacted under Supplier Attachments.

- 4.1 If Offeror fails to submit a redacted copy of Offeror's proposal, or fails to claim information as confidential, proprietary, or protected in compliance with this RFP, Offeror releases the Lead Entity, PPA, PPA members, and entities represented on the Multistate Sourcing Team from any obligation to keep the information confidential and waives all claims of liability arising from disclosure of the information. ★

- 4.2 Offerors must upload a completed Trade Secret Affidavit.

Group 5: Equal Pay for MT Women

Instructions:

- 5.1 Equal Pay for Montana Women. Offerors who agree and certify compliance to Executive Order No. 12-2016, Equal Pay for Montana Women, will receive a bonus of 5% of the total points available. Offerors who do not comply will not receive bonus points. ★

Group 6: Proposal Contact

Instructions: The Proposal Contact must be able to respond timely to communications from the Lead Entity. Offeror must, within 24 hours, notify the Lead Entity of any change to Offeror's Proposal Contact.

- 6.1 Provide Proposal Contact Name, Title, Email, and Phone number. ★

Group 7: Verification of Nondiscrimination Against Firearms Entities/Trade Associations

Instructions: Offeror's certification is made in compliance with and in reference to 30-20-301, MCA and the terms defined therein. If Offeror determines the provisions of 30-20-301, MCA do not apply to Offeror or the contract to be awarded under this RFP, Offeror shall submit a statement setting forth in detail the basis for such determination.

- 7.1 Offeror does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of any contract it is awarded under this solicitation; and b. Offeror will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of any contract it is awarded as a result of this solicitation ★

- 7.2 The Contractor determines the provisions of 30-20-301, MCA do not apply to the contract, the Contractor shall submit a statement setting forth in detail the basis for such determination. ★

- 7.3 Please confirm whether you are a governmental entity, are not a "company" that exists to make a profit, or are a company with fewer than 10 full-time employees. ★

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