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J.1 Networkx Program Goals

FTS and the Interagency Management Council (IMC) have established the following goals for the Networkx acquisition.

J.1.1 Service Continuity

In structuring the Networkx acquisition, the Government will define and include all services that are currently on the FTS 2001 contract. The realization of this goal will facilitate a smooth transition of all services from FTS 2001 to Networkx.

J.1.2 Highly Competitive Prices

The Government aggregates agency requirements on a single contract to arrive at prices better than those offered through individual agency contracts. Given the volume of services under the Networkx acquisition, the Government expects that prices will continue to be better than prices available elsewhere in the telecommunications marketplace.

J.1.3 High Quality Service

The Government expects that services acquired by Networkx will be provided by high quality telecommunications providers. Therefore, the Networkx acquisition will include enforceable agreements that ensure high quality service is delivered throughout the term of the contracts.

J.1.4 Full Service Vendors

The Government expects that Networkx awardees will provide a broad array of services and will further provide follow-on service where desired to avoid costly duplication of administration and contracting processes and procedures.

J.1.5 Alternative Source

The Government expects continuing competition among a larger number of vendors on new enhanced services and emerging technologies in order to ensure best value throughout the life of Networkx.

J.1.6 Operations Support

The Government expects the provision of fully integrated ordering, billing, and inventory management in order to improve the management and control of costs of Government agency telecommunications programs.

J.1.7 Transition Assistance and Support

The Networkx acquisition will include provisions for effective facilitation of transition coordination and support so that transitions can occur in a timely and efficient manner.

J.1.8 Performance Based Contracts

Networx will consist of performance based contracts and will further provide Service Level Agreements to the extent possible.

J.2 Geographic Coverage

At a minimum, the contractor shall provide either:

- (a) All mandatory Telecommunications, Management and Applications, and Security Services (referred to below as "Wireline Service"); or
- (b) Mandatory Wireless Cellular PCS Service (referred to below as "Wireless Service").

The contractor shall complete all price tables as specified in Section B and the Traffic Model.

This Attachment specifies the geographic coverage requirements. If the contractor is providing Wireline Service, coverage shall be provided as defined in Sections J.2.1, J.2.2, J.2.3, and J.2.4. If the contractor is providing Wireless Service, coverage shall be provided as defined in Section J.2.5.

If non-domestic service is provided, service shall be provided wherever it is commercially available from the contractor. Domestic and non-domestic areas are defined in the Glossary, Attachment J.11.

J.2.1 Domestic Service Coverage

This section describes geographic coverage requirements for domestic areas. OCONUS service coverage is optional for both mandatory and optional services, but if OCONUS service is offered, service shall be offered wherever it is commercially available from the contractor. Services shall be provided at contractor POPs serving the locations indicated. The availability of access is described in Section J.2.3.

At a minimum, the contractor shall provide and price service for the following serving wire centers (SWCs):

- (a) Those which serve one or more Networx Site Codes that are marked as mandatory in the Traffic Model¹
- (b) Those SWCs listed in the Networx Hosting Center as the mandatory Enterprise SWCs.
- (c) Those where service is available commercially from the contractor. At these SWCs, all mandatory Networx Enterprise services available commercially from the contractor shall be provided and priced.
- (d) Those SWCs which serve Network Site Codes beyond those marked as mandatory in the Traffic Model, as requested by the Government.

¹ The Traffic Model specifies a set of Networx Site Codes that form part of the minimum entry requirements and are used for evaluation purposes. Note that there are approximately 300 mandatory Networx Site Codes; other Networx Site Codes in the Traffic Model are not mandatory. Refer to Section L.20 for a description of the Traffic Model.

The following services shall be provided at all POPs which serve the mandatory Enterprise wire centers (see wdm_networkx.ent_mand_bldg_wcs in the NHC) which serve the mandatory Enterprise Network Site Codes (see wdm_networkx.enterprise_locations in the NHC):

- (e) Internet Protocol Service
- (f) Network-Based IP Virtual Private Network Service
- (g) Voice over IP Transport Service
- (h) Managed Trusted internet Protocol Service

Additionally, each contractor's domestic geographic coverage of MTIPS shall meet or exceed the current and future domestic geographic coverage for the contractor's NBIP-VPNS. This geographic coverage requirement does not apply to MTIPS optional CLINS. Also, the MTIPS geographic coverage for the following mandatory CLINS shall meet or exceed CONUS:

- (a) 745347 Dedicated FT1(7xDS0) Routine
- (b) 745396 Dedicated FT1(7xDS0) Critical
- (c) 745348 Dedicated FT1(8xDS0) Routine
- (d) 745397 Dedicated FT1(8xDS0) Critical
- (e) 745363 Dedicated OC192c (10 Gbps)Routine
- (f) 745412 Dedicated OC192c (10 Gbps) Critical

The following Management and Application and Security Services are required at all offered Network Site Codes:

- (g) Managed Network Service
- (h) Customer Specific Design Engineering
- (i) Managed Tiered Security
- (j) Managed Firewall
- (k) Intrusion Detection and Prevention
- (l) Anti-Virus Management

J.2.2 Non-Domestic Service Coverage

Non-domestic service coverage is optional. The Traffic Model contains no non-domestic mandatory Networkx Site Codes. However, the contractor shall serve non-domestic Networkx Site Codes as requested by the Government. If non-domestic service is provided, the contractor shall provide non-domestic coverage where commercially available from the contractor, including but not limited to:

- (a) Countries/Jurisdictions Supporting Inbound Calling Card Access
- (b) Countries/Jurisdictions Supporting Inbound Toll Free Service
- (c) Countries/Jurisdictions Supporting Off-Net Voice Terminations. This table applies to the following services: Voice Service, Voice over IP Transport Service, Internet Telephony Service, and Converged IP Service.

Tables J.2.2-1 through J.2.2-3 provides, for information purposes, lists of those countries where the Government has a particular interest in acquiring service. Tables J.2.2.4 through J.2.2.7 define coverage requirements (where coverage is provided) on a service-by-service basis. The notation (Domestic) in the tables means that coverage requirements are addressed in Attachment J.2.1. The availability of access is described in Attachment J.2.3.

**Table J.2.2-1. Non-Domestic Countries/
Jurisdictions Where the Government has Interest in Inbound Calling Card
Access (Information only)**

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anguilla | Georgia |
| Antigua (includes Barbuda) | Germany |
| Argentina | Ghana |
| Armenia | Greece |
| Aruba | Grenada |
| Australia | Guadeloupe |
| Austria | Guatemala |
| | Guantanamo Bay |
| Bahamas | Guyana |
| Bahrain | Haiti |
| Bangladesh | Honduras |
| Barbados | Hong Kong (Special Administrative District) |
| Belarus | Hungary |
| Belgium | Iceland |
| Belize | India |
| Bermuda | Indonesia |
| Bolivia | |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | |
| Brazil | Iraq |
| British Virgin Islands | Ireland |
| Brunei | Israel |
| Bulgaria | Italy |
| Canada | Cote d'Ivoire |
| Cayman Islands | Jamaica |
| Chile | Japan (includes Okinawa) |
| China (People's Republic of) | Jordan |
| Colombia | Kazakhstan |
| Cook Islands | Kenya |
| Costa Rica | |
| Croatia | Korea (South) |
| Cyprus | Kuwait |
| Czech Republic | Latvia |
| Denmark | Lebanon |
| Dominica | Liberia |
| Dominican Republic | Liechtenstein |
| Ecuador | Lithuania |
| Egypt | Luxembourg |
| El Salvador | Macau (Special Administrative District) |
| | Macedonia |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|---|
| Estonia |
| Fiji Islands |
| Finland |
| |
| France |
| French Antilles |
| French Guiana |
| Gabon |
| Gambia |
| Netherlands |
| Nevis |
| New Zealand |
| Nicaragua |
| Norway (includes Svalbard) |
| Pakistan |
| Palau |
| Panama |
| Paraguay |
| Peru |
| Philippines |
| Poland |
| Portugal (including Azores and Madeira) |
| Qatar |
| Romania |
| Russia |
| San Marino |
| Saudi Arabia |
| Senegal |
| Singapore |
| Slovakia |
| Slovenia |
| South Africa |
| Spain (including Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla) |
| Switzerland |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|--------------------------------|
| Malaysia |
| Malta |
| Marshall Islands |
| Mauritius |
| Martinique |
| Mexico |
| Micronesia |
| Monaco |
| Montserrat |
| Morocco |
| Netherlands Antilles |
| Sri Lanka |
| St Pierre & Miquelon |
| St. Kitts |
| St. Lucia |
| St. Vincent and The Grenadines |
| Sweden |
| Syria |
| Taiwan |
| Thailand |
| Trinidad & Tobago |
| Turkey |
| Turks and Caicos Islands |
| Uganda |
| Ukraine |
| United Arab Emirates |
| United Kingdom |
| Uruguay |
| Uzbekistan |
| Vatican City |
| Venezuela |
| Vietnam |
| |
| Yemen, Republic of |
| Zambia |

**Table J.2.2-2. Non-Domestic Countries/
Jurisdictions Where the Government has Interest in Inbound Toll Free
Service (Information Only)**

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|----------------------------|
| |
| Anguilla |
| Antigua (includes Barbuda) |
| Argentina |
| Armenia |
| Aruba |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|----------------------|
| |
| Georgia |
| Germany |
| Ghana |
| Greece |
| Grenada |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|------------------------------|
| Australia |
| Austria |
| Bahamas |
| Bahrain |
| Bangladesh |
| Barbados |
| Belarus |
| Belgium |
| Belize |
| Bermuda |
| Bolivia |
| Brazil |
| British Virgin Islands |
| Brunei |
| Bulgaria |
| Canada |
| Cayman Islands |
| Chile |
| China (People's Republic of) |
| Colombia |
| Cook Islands |
| Costa Rica |
| Croatia |
| Cyprus |
| Czech Republic |
| Denmark |
| Dominica |
| Dominican Republic |
| Ecuador |
| Egypt |
| El Salvador |
| Estonia |
| Fiji Islands |
| Finland |
| France |
| French Antilles |
| French Guiana |
| Gabon |
| Gambia |
| Netherlands |
| Nevis |
| New Zealand |
| Nicaragua |
| Norway (includes Svalbard) |
| Pakistan |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|---|
| Guadeloupe |
| Guatemala |
| Guyana |
| Haiti |
| Honduras |
| Hong Kong (Special Administrative District) |
| Hungary |
| Iceland |
| India |
| Indonesia |
| |
| Iraq |
| Ireland |
| Israel |
| Italy |
| Cote d'Ivoire |
| Jamaica |
| Japan (includes Okinawa) |
| Jordan |
| Kazakhstan |
| Kenya |
| |
| Korea (South) |
| Kuwait |
| Latvia |
| Lebanon |
| Liberia |
| Liechtenstein |
| Lithuania |
| Luxembourg |
| Macau (Special Administrative District) |
| Malaysia |
| Malta |
| Marshall Islands |
| Martinique |
| Mexico |
| Micronesia |
| Monaco |
| Montserrat |
| Morocco |
| Netherlands Antilles |
| Sri Lanka |
| St Pierre & Miquelon |
| St. Kitts |
| St. Lucia |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|--|
| Palau |
| Panama |
| Paraguay |
| Peru |
| Philippines |
| Poland |
| Portugal (including Azores and Madeira) |
| Qatar |
| Romania |
| Russia |
| San Marino |
| Saudi Arabia |
| Senegal |
| Singapore |
| Slovakia |
| |
| Slovenia |
| South Africa |
| Spain (includes Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla) |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|--------------------------------|
| St. Vincent and The Grenadines |
| Sweden |
| Switzerland |
| Syria |
| Taiwan |
| Thailand |
| Trinidad & Tobago |
| Turkey |
| Turks and Caicos Islands |
| Uganda |
| Ukraine |
| United Arab Emirates |
| United Kingdom |
| Uruguay |
| Uzbekistan |
| Vatican City |
| Venezuela |
| Vietnam |
| |
| Yemen, Republic of |
| Zambia |

Table J.2.2-3 Non-Domestic Countries/Jurisdictions Where the Government has Interest in Off-Net Voice Terminations (Information Only)

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|----------------------------|
| Afghanistan |
| Albania |
| Algeria |
| |
| Andorra |
| Angola |
| Anguilla |
| Antarctica |
| Antigua (includes Barbuda) |
| Argentina |
| Armenia |
| Aruba |
| Ascension Island |
| Austria |
| Australia |
| Azerbaijan |
| Bahamas |
| Bahrain |
| Bangladesh |

| Country/Jurisdiction |
|------------------------------------|
| Chad Republic |
| Chile |
| China (People's Republic of) |
| Christmas Island |
| Cocos Island |
| Colombia |
| Comoros |
| Congo (Republic of the Congo) |
| Congo (Dem. Republic of the Congo) |
| Cook Islands |
| Costa Rica |
| Croatia |
| Cuba |
| Cyprus |
| Czech Republic |
| Denmark |
| Diego Garcia |
| Djibouti |
| Dominica |

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Barbados | Dominican Republic |
| Belarus | Easter Island |
| Belgium | East Timor |
| Belize | Ecuador |
| Benin | Egypt |
| Bermuda | El Salvador |
| Bhutan | Equatorial Guinea |
| Bolivia | Eritrea |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | Estonia |
| Botswana | Ethiopia |
| Brazil | Faeroe Islands |
| British Virgin Islands | Falkland Islands |
| Brunei | Fiji |
| Bulgaria | Finland |
| Burkina Faso | France |
| Burma (Myanmar) | French Antilles |
| Burundi | French Guiana |
| Cambodia | French Polynesia |
| Cameroon | Gabon |
| Canada | Gambia |
| Cape Verde Islands | Germany |
| Cayman Islands | Ghana |

Table J.2.2-3. Non-Domestic Countries/Jurisdictions Where the Government has Interest in Off-Net Voice Terminations (Continued)

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|---|----------------------|
| Central African Republic | Gibraltar |
| Greece | Madagascar |
| Greenland | Malawi |
| Grenada | Malaysia |
| Guadeloupe | Maldives |
| Guantanamo Bay | Mali |
| Guatemala | Malta |
| Guinea | Marshall Islands |
| Guinea Bissau | Martinique |
| Guyana | Mauritania |
| Haiti | Mauritius |
| Honduras | Mayotte Island |
| Hong Kong (Special Administrative District) | |
| Hungary | Mexico |
| Iceland | Micronesia |
| India | Midway Island |
| Indonesia | Moldova |
| Iran | Monaco |
| | Mongolia |

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Iraq | Montserrat |
| Ireland | Morocco |
| Israel | Mozambique |
| Italy | Namibia |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Nauru |
| Jamaica | Nepal |
| Japan (includes Okinawa) | Netherlands |
| Jordan | Netherlands Antilles |
| Kazakhstan | Nevis |
| Kenya | New Caledonia |
| Kiribati | New Zealand |
| | Nicaragua |
| Korea (South) | Niger |
| Kuwait | Nigeria |
| Kyrgyzstan | Niue |
| Laos | Norfolk Island |
| Latvia | Norway (includes Svalbard) |
| Lebanon | Oman |
| Lesotho | Pakistan |
| Liberia | Palau |
| Libya | Palestinian Authority |
| Liechtenstein | Panama |
| Lithuania | Papua New Guinea |
| Luxembourg | Paraguay |

Table J.2.2-3. Non-Domestic Countries/Jurisdictions Where the Government has Interest in Off-Net Voice Terminations (Concluded)

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|---|--------------------------|
| Macau (Special Administrative District) | Peru |
| Macedonia | Sweden |
| Philippines | Switzerland |
| Pitcairn Island | Syria |
| Poland | Taiwan |
| Portugal (includes Madeira) | Tajikistan |
| Qatar | Tanzania |
| Yemen | Thailand |
| Reunion Island | Togo |
| Romania | Tokelau |
| Russia | Tonga Islands |
| Rwanda | Trinidad and Tobago |
| San Marino | Tunisia |
| Sao Tome | Turkey |
| Saudi Arabia | Turkmenistan |
| Senegal | Turks and Caicos Islands |
| Serbia and Montenegro | Tuvalu |

| Country/Jurisdiction | Country/Jurisdiction |
|--|-------------------------|
| Seychelles Islands | Uganda |
| Sierra Leone | Ukraine |
| Singapore | United Arab Emirates |
| Slovakia | United Kingdom |
| Slovenia | Uruguay |
| Solomon Islands | Uzbekistan |
| Somalia | Vanuatu |
| South Africa | Vatican City |
| Spain (includes Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla) | Venezuela |
| Sri Lanka | Vietnam |
| St. Helena | Wake Island |
| St. Kitts | Wallis & Futuna Islands |
| St. Lucia | Western Sahara |
| St. Pierre & Miquelon | Samoa |
| St. Vincent & Grenadines | Yemen |
| Sudan | Zambia |
| Suriname | Zimbabwe |
| Swaziland | |

**Table J.2.2-4 Non-Domestic Coverage Requirements
for Voice Service**

| From/To | Domestic Points-of-Presence* | Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Off-Net |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Domestic Points-of-Presence* | N/A | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor |
| Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor |
| Non-Domestic Off-Net** | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor | Not required |

* Access from domestic POPs to domestic Network Site Codes and domestic PSTN locations is provided according to domestic access coverage requirements.

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**Table J.2.2-5 Non-Domestic Coverage Requirements
for Toll Free Service**

| From/To | Domestic Points-of-Presence* | Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Off-Net |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Domestic Points-of-Presence* | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Where available commercially | N/A | N/A |

| From/To | Domestic Points-of-Presence* | Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Off-Net |
|----------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| | from contractor | | |
| Non-Domestic Off-Net | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor | N/A |

* Access from domestic POPs to domestic Network Site Codes and domestic PSTN locations is provided according to domestic access coverage requirements.

Table J.2.2-6 Non-Domestic Coverage Requirements for Circuit Switched Data Service (Less than or equal to T1 or E1)

| From/To | Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Off-Net |
|---------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Domestic Network Site Codes | N/A | Where available commercially from contractor | Not required |
| Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor | Not required |
| Non-Domestic Off-Net* | Not required | Not required | Not required |

* With Calling Card

Table J.2.2-7 Non-Domestic Coverage Requirements for Services Other Than VS CSDS and TFS*

| From/To | Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Non-Domestic Off-Net |
|---------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Domestic Network Site Codes | N/A | Where available commercially from contractor | N/A |
| Non-Domestic Network Site Codes | Where available commercially from contractor | Where available commercially from contractor | N/A |
| Non-Domestic Off-Net | N/A | N/A | N/A |

*Except as noted elsewhere

J.2.3 Access Arrangement Coverage

This section defines access arrangement coverage requirements for both domestic and non-domestic areas.

J.2.3.1 Domestic Access Arrangement Coverage

This section defines access coverage requirements for domestic areas. If service is offered OCONUS, access arrangements shall be offered wherever the service is commercially available from the contractor.

J.2.3.1.1 Wireline Access Arrangement

At a minimum, the contractor shall provide wireline access arrangement coverage and prices for the following SWCs:

- (a) Those which serve one or more mandatory Network Site Codes as contained in the traffic model
- (b) Those where access is available commercially from the contractor
- (c) Those which serve additional Network Site Codes beyond those marked mandatory in the Traffic Model, as requested by the Government and mutually agreed between the Government and the contractor at award or later

Dedicated wireline access provided at each SWC in the contract shall include at a minimum all access arrangements needed to efficiently serve the mandatory Network Site Codes contained in the traffic model or included at award or later, plus those access arrangements that are commercially available from the contractor.

Switched access shall be provided at all domestic SWCs as necessary to provide purchased end to end service. The price for switched access shall be included in the transport price for VS, TFS, and CSDS (if these are provided) in accordance with Section B.2.2 price tables. Switched access shall include at a minimum Telcordia Feature Group B/D (on-net and off-net) or equivalent.

J.2.3.1.2 Dedicated Broadband, Wireless, and Satellite Access Arrangements

At a minimum, CONUS Broadband DSL Access Arrangements shall provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor. Broadband Ethernet, Cable High Speed, and FTTP Access Arrangements are optional. Wireless and Satellite Access Arrangements are optional. If provided, Wireless and Satellite Access Arrangements shall, at a minimum, provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor.

J.2.3.2 Non-Domestic Access Arrangement Coverage**J.2.3.2.1 Wireline Access Arrangement**

If dedicated access types and switched access types are provided non-domestically, access is required where available commercially from the contractor for locations in countries/jurisdictions that the contractor serves on an end-to-end basis. Access is also required for Network Site Codes as required by the Government and mutually agreed between the Government and the contractor at award or later. The contractor is required to provide on-net or off-net access as appropriate to support the non-domestic service provisioning (if provided). Fixed prices are required where the contractor provides dedicated access (i.e., where access is not provided by a foreign carrier). Where dedicated access is provided by a foreign carrier, the contractor is permitted either

- (a) to provide pricing on a pass through basis of actual costs without markup from the foreign carrier; or,
- (b) to provide prices that are fixed in U.S. currency.

J.2.3.2.2 Dedicated Broadband, Wireless, and Satellite Access Arrangements

These access arrangements are optional non-domestically. If offered non-domestically, these access arrangements shall at a minimum provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor.

J.2.4 Special Service Coverage

Land Mobile Radio Service is optional. If Land Mobile Radio Service is offered, coverage shall be defined ICB.

J.2.5 Wireless Service Coverage

J.2.5.1 Cellular/PCS Coverage

The contractor shall provide and price Cellular/PCS in accordance with the following minimum coverage requirements:

- (a) In at least 90% of Metropolitan Statistical Areas; and
- (b) In at least 90% of Rural Service Areas; and
- (c) Wherever it is commercially available from the contractor, both domestically and non-domestically.

Coverage may be achieved either directly (using the contractor's own service availability) or through roaming arrangements. Coverage within a Metropolitan Statistical Area or Rural Service Area may be full or partial. The contractor shall provide and maintain a description of where its coverage is achieved using its own service availability and where it is achieved through roaming arrangements, for each Metropolitan Statistical Area and each Rural Service Area served.

If Cellular/PCS service is provided as an optional service, i.e., in conjunction with mandatory IP services, coverage shall be provided and priced wherever commercially available from the contractor. The contractor shall provide and maintain a description of where its coverage is provided using its own service availability and where it is provided via roaming arrangements.

J.2.5.2 Multimode Wireless LAN Service Coverage

This service is optional. If Multimode Wireless LAN Service is provided, the service shall at a minimum provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor.

J.2.5.3 Cellular Digital Packet Data Service Coverage

This service is optional. If Cellular Digital Packet Data Service is provided, the service shall at a minimum provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor.

J.2.5.4 Paging Service Coverage

This service is optional. If Paging Service is provided, the service shall at a minimum provide coverage where it is commercially available from the contractor.

J.3 Reserved

J.4 Guidelines for Modifications to Network Program Contracts

In order for the Government to efficiently process modifications to the contract, submissions must be clearly structured and conform to certain requirements.

The following items delineate these requirements. This section also defines requirements for submission of Agency Unique CLIN (AUC) pricing. AUC pricing submissions may only be made on behalf of Agencies who have a Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA) issued by the GSA Contracting Officer to a warranted agency Ordering Contracting Officer (OCO).

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All modifications and their associated cover letters shall be submitted electronically. Initial and interim submissions shall be provided on a CD-ROM or diskette. If the Government requests, a digital signature shall be included as part of the submission. Submissions requiring more than one diskette shall be provided on CD-ROM. The final contract modification files will be provided on a CD-ROM with a digital signature. If the Government so requests, the contractor shall submit contract modifications (initial, interim and final) via the Network Hosting Center rather than CD-ROM or diskette.

In addition to the submission of the digitally signed cover letter, a paper copy of the cover letter shall be provided with an original signature.

All modification submissions shall be numbered in accordance with the "Submission Numbering Scheme" in Appendix A.

The contractor shall resubmit in its entirety the contract file(s) containing the lowest level numbered section(s) of its contract that contain(s) the change. Files shall retain the same names as found in the original contract but shall not include dates within the file name. File names already containing a date shall be changed if and when the file is modified and resubmitted. The change to these file names shall be limited to the removal of the date portion.

Files delivered on CD-ROM or diskette may be compressed. All submissions and documentation shall be compatible with FTS software, and shall not "span"

across multiple media (CD-ROM or diskette). Each individual file in the submission shall be digitally signed, at the Government's request. (Note that each file within a compressed file shall also be digitally signed, at the Government's request.)

The root directory of each CD-ROM or diskette shall contain a text file named 00README.TXT that explains the volume's directory structure, briefly describes each file's contents, and lists the name and telephone number of the contractor's point of contact(s) who can answer questions regarding the submission.

All files containing an item that is affected by the modification shall be included in the submission. This includes files that contain references that need to be changed as a result of the proposed modification including table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, and Attachment J. The following sections are not required to be resubmitted in any modification unless requested by the Government:

- Attachment J.9, Cross-Reference Tables, (Conformance and Compliance Checklists, used for evaluation of offers pre-award and evaluation of new service proposals post-award)
- Executive Summary

A vertical line, adjacent to a change, in the margin shall be used to indicate that a change has been made. Deletions shall be indicated by strike-through. Only those changes pertaining to the modification under consideration shall be marked. Indications of all prior changes must be removed (including any "hidden" changes in Word) by "accepting" all changes (using the "track changes" mode under "Tools" in the menu bar).

For initial and interim submissions, the following header shall appear on the upper right hand side on each page of the entire file:

- Contract Number
- Modification Number – Initial and interim submissions shall insert "To be determined." Once the modification is accepted, the Government will provide the Contractor with the modification number to be inserted.
- Effective Date – Initial and interim submissions shall insert "To be determined." Once the modification is acceptable, the Government and the Contractor will mutually agree upon the effective date to be inserted by the Contractor.

For initial and interim submissions, the following footer shall appear on the lower right hand side of each page of the entire file:

- Submission number
- Electronic file name

Once agreement has been reached, a clean copy (showing only current changes) of all of the files that are being modified shall be resubmitted on CD-ROM with an electronic copy of the Standard Form 30 (SF 30), Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract. The Contractor will insert the modification number and the effective date in the header, as directed by the Government, with the submission. The submission number and electronic file name shall remain in the footer. Three signed paper copies of the SF 30 and one CD-ROM with all of the files digitally, upon Government request, signed shall be submitted by the Contractor at a date and time mutually agreed upon in advance with the contracting officer. The cover letter shall include a brief description of each proposed enhancement in plain, easily understood English for release to user agencies via the Internet to announce the enhancement or modification (see Appendix B Example). All letters (faxes, etc.) relative to submittal of proposed enhancements or modifications shall include the applicable submission number within each letter. The cover letter for an AUC pricing submission shall also include the Agency's Task Order number and a statement that the Agency Contracting Officer has advised the contractor that the submitted pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Upon receipt of a contractor's submission for an initial modification, GSA and the contractor will then negotiate and process the proposed contract modification using an issue list, working through and deleting open issues as part of the negotiation. When all open issues on the list have been closed, the contractor should submit a final submission. Upon receipt of an AUC pricing submission, GSA will check the submission for proper formatting of the pricing tables and will advise the contractor if any corrections are needed. When a correct submission is received, the AUC pricing will be integrated into the Networx Hosting Center and the contractor will be notified.

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GSA will provide the Contractor with an electronic contract overview file. A paper copy example is provided in Appendix C. The file will provide the Contractor and user agencies with a list of current contract files. As modifications are added to a contract, GSA will update the file to reflect the most current information and will include it with the integrated contract. Procedures and examples for updating the pricing tapes and tables are provided in Appendix D.

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Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Submission Numbering Scheme

Networkx contractors are requested to start using the submission numbering scheme presented in this document as soon as possible. The Networkx contractors are responsible for assigning and maintaining submission numbers (contractors shall not have to contact the Government in order to generate a submission number). This scheme allows for a single submission number to be used over several contractor document submissions to the government that lead to a single contractor modification. The format of the complete scheme for coding submission number is as follows:

CCSSSS.VVT, where:

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|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| | | | | Type of Proposed Modification (T) |
| | | | | |
| | | | | Version Number (VV) |
| | | | | |
| | | | | Submission Number (SSSS) |

Contractor Number (CC), as assigned by the Government to indicate contractor and whether Universal or Enterprise contract

Contractor numbers ("CC") are as follows:

CC will be alphanumeric:

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| | | |
| | | Any character between 1-9 and A-Z. Sequence number. |
| | | |
| | | Any character. First character of company's name. |

Example:

A1 is Company AA
 A2 is Company ABC.
 B1 is Company BB.
 B2 is Company BAAA.
 C1 is Company CC
 C2 is Company CCAABB
 D1 is Company DD
 ?? is Reserved
 ?? is Reserved

2ND character will be alphanumeric. It will start with number 1 through number 9 and then it will be from 'A' through 'Z'

Types of proposed modifications ("T") include the following:

- a is an administrative change
- e is an enhancement
- p is a price reduction
- s is a supplemental change
- u is an AUC pricing submission

Letter coding of other types of proposed modifications can be suggested and implemented at any time.

Submission numbers ("SSSS") start with 0101. Submission numbers are assigned in series (0101, 0102, 0103, ...).

The version number ("VV") is a two-digit version control number beginning with the value "01". Using version numbers after the submission number allows for all correspondence generated by a contract for a single proposed contract modification to have the same submission number.

The following examples demonstrate submission numbering scheme's use:

Example one: Company AA submits a proposed enhancement that requires four iterations to become a contract modification. The submission numbers are as follows:

A10101.01e -> initial submission
A10101.02e
A10101.03e
A10101.04e -> final submission that is accepted by the contract modification

Example two: Company BB submits a proposed price reduction that requires four iterations to become a contract modification. The submission numbers are as follows:

B10101.01p -> initial submission
B10101.02p
B10101.03p
B10101.04p -> final submission that is accepted by the contract modification

Example three: Company CC submits a proposed emerging services offer that requires four iterations to become a contract modification. The submission numbers are as follows:

C10101.01-> initial submission
C10101.02 initial submission
C10101.03 initial submission
C10101.04-> final submission that is accepted by the contract
modification

Example four: Reserved
Example five: Reserved
Example six: Reserved

Note: It is the government's intent to keep and maintain logs of contract modification activity using this submission numbering scheme.

MODIFICATION NUMBERING SCHEME

The modification alphanumeric number will start with two alphabetical identifiers followed by three numerical identifiers.

The following is an example:

PA: administrative change (PA001)
PE: enhancement change (PE001)
PO: other (PO001)
PP: price reduction (PP001)
PS: supplemental change (PS001)

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Appendix B

Appendix B

Example

Submission Cover Letter must Provide Summary Information as Applicable.

The following files are included in this submission:

| Submission Number | Technical (Volume I) Change Section | Management (Volume II) Change Section | Business (Volume III) | Price (Volume IV) Change Section | CONTRACT Change Section | Pricing Table |
|-------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Section Name | Internet Access Service Table of Contents | Access to Data and Information Service Ordering Trouble and Complaint Reporting Data Reporting Requirements Table of Contents | Proposal Notes | Pricing Overview Table of Contents | Section H Special Contract Requirement | B.X.X.X B.X.X.X |
| File Name | v1_X-XX.doc v1-Contents.doc | v2_X-X.doc v2_X-X.doc v2_X-XX.doc v2_X-XX.doc v2-Contents.doc | V3-XX.doc | Narrative.doc V4-Contents.doc | Section H.doc | .mdb |

The following is a summary of the changes contained in the submission:

Volume I-Technical-Section X.X.XX.X entitled XXXXXXXX was added on page 23 of the Internet Access Service of the contract.

Volume II-Management-Section X.X.XX.X.X.X was added on pages 25-27 to identify responsibilities of the Service Operations Center, Trouble Reporting and Escalation Procedures. A statement regarding non-issuance of Trouble Status Reports has been added to Table X.SS-S. XXXXXX has identified exceptions to the deliverable reporting data in Section X.SS and has acknowledged that information concerning are not integrated with the existing FTSXXXXX systems.

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Volume III-Business-Section3, XXXXXX Service Terms and Conditions, has been updated to include the specific provisions for XXXXXX services.

Volume IV-P-Table X.XX.X was added to show the feature XXXX Mechanisms and Feature Item Numbers for XXXX services.

Price Table B.X.X-X and B.X.X-X were updated to include 27 CLINs for XXXX services.

Appendix C

Appendix C

Overview of Contractor “AA” Integrated Contract with Mod PA00X (XX-XX-0X)

(The file names, descriptions, file locations and section numbers currently listed in Appendix C; are for exemplary purpose and will not be known until the final contract award)

Below is a list of current files in the Contractor AA Network contract. If you have questions, contact the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR), at (703) xxx-xxx or e-mail the COR at XXXX@gsa.gov. .

List of Network Contract Files contained on this CD ROM

Networx Contractors Name: Government Requirements

| Contract Section | Description | Mod Number | Mod Date | Reason for Change | File Name | File Location (Directory) |
|---|-------------|------------|----------|---|-----------|---------------------------|
| Pricing | Section B | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecB.doc | |
| Description/Specification/Statement of Work | Section C | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecC.doc | |
| Packaging and Marking | Section D | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecD.doc | |
| Inspection and Acceptance | Section E | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecE.doc | |
| Deliveries or Performance | Section F | PA00X | 05/27/0X | Adds CDRL numbers and modifies text. | SecF.doc | |
| Contract Administration Data | Section G | PA00X | 05/27/0X | Deletes (c), DAR, under G., Contract Management and adds COTR's name. | SecG.doc | |
| Special Contract Requirements | Section H | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecH.doc | |
| Contract Clauses | Section I | N/A | N/A | N/A | SecI.doc | |
| List of Attachments | Section J | PA00X | 05/27/0X | Adds reference to DOD Form 254. | SecJ.doc | |

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| Contract Section | Description | Mod Number | Mod Date | Reason for Change | File Name | File Location (Directory) |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Cover Sheet | Cover Page | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_Cover-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Technical Table of Contents | Table of Contents | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_1TOC-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Technical List of Tables | List of Tables | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_1LOT- nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Technical List of Figures | List of Figures | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_LOF- nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Technical Cross Reference Table | Cross References | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_XREF- nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Executive Summary | Executive Summary | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_ES-f.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| A through A.2.5 | Technical Approach to Service Delivery | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_A-1-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| A.2.0 | Figures 2-6 through 11, Xxx's Traffic Capacity by Service | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_A-1-3-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |

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| Contract Section | Description | Mod Number | Mod Date | Reason for Change | File Name | File Location (Directory) |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| A.2.6 through 1.A.3.0 | Approaches to Service Delivery (Continued) & Problems and Proposed Solutions | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_A-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B through B.1.1.2 | Service and Feature Descriptions General Requirements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_01-1-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B1.1.3 through B.1.12.3 | General Requirements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_01-1-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.1.12.3 through 1.16.3.3.2.2 | General Requirements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_01-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.2.0 through B.2.0(d) | Circuit Switched Services (CSDS) | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| Table B.2-3 through B.2.1.1.1 | CSDS (Continued) & SVS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |

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| B.2.2 through B.2.2.4.2 | CSDS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-5-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.2.3 through B.2.3.1.1 | Toll Free Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-6-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.2.3.1.2 through B.2.3.2.2.1.16 | Toll Free Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-7-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.2.3.2.2.1.17 through B.2.3.2.4.1.2 | Toll Free Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_02-2-8-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.3.2 through B.3.2.1.4.1.1 (UNI#20) | Switched Data Services (SDS) - FRS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-2-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.3.2.1.4.1.1 (UNI#21) through B.3.2.2.4.1.3 | Switched Data Services (SDS) – FRS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-2-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.3.3 through B.3.3(k) | Switched Data Services (SDS) - IPS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-3-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.3.3(l) through B.3.3.2.4.1.3 | Switched Data Services (SDS) - IPS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-3-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.3.4 through B.3.4(g) | Switched Data Services (SDS) - ATM | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-4-1-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |

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| B.3.4(h) through B.3.4.2.4.1.3 | Switched Data Services (SDS) - ATM | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_03-4-2-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.9 | NSEP | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_09-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.10 | Service-Specific Monthly Performance Reports | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_10-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| B.11 | Daily Performance Data Requirements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_B_11-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |

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| C | Specific Plans and Descriptions Associated with the Technical Proposal: Coverage Plan | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_C_01-dec9.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| C | Numbering and Addressing Plan | N/A | | N/A | V1_C_02-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| C | Security Plan | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_C_03-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| C | Internet Protocol InterNetworking Service Interoperability Plan | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_C_04-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| C | Switched Data Optimization Plan | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_C_05-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |
| D | Corporate qualifications and References | N/A | N/A | N/A | V1_D-nov30.doc | Volume1\Nov30\V1_1130.zip |

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| Table of Contents | Table of Contents | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_1TOC-nov30.doc | Volume2, Nov30 |
| List of Tables | List of Tables | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_1LOT-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| List of Figures | List of Figures | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_1LOF-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Cross Reference | Cross References | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2-XREF-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Executive Summary | Executive Summary | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_ES.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.1.0 through A.1.3 | Management Response and Xxx's Solution | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_01-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.2.0 | International Arrangements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_02-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.3.0 | Access to Data and Information | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_03-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.4.0 | Liaison and Customer Service | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_04-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.5.0 through A.5.5.3 | Service Ordering | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_05-1-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.5.5.4 through A.5.9 | Service Ordering | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_05-2-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.6.0 | Billing | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_06-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.7.0 | Network Management Information | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_07-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.8.0 | Planning and Engineering | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_08-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.9.0 | Trouble and Complaint Reporting | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_09-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| A.10.0 | Training | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_A_10-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |

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| B through B.1.0 | Service Transition, Migration, and Implementation Response and Introduction | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_B_01_nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| B.2.0 | Transition | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_B_02-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| B.3.0 | Migration | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_B_03-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| B.4.0 | Implementation | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_B_04-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| C.1.0 through C.5.2 | National Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (NSEP) | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_C_1-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| C.5.2.1 through C.11.2 | NSEP | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_C_2-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| D | Corporate Structure, Personnel Qualifications and Subcontractor Identification | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_D-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| E | Corporate Qualification and Past Performance References | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_E-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| F | Corporate Capability | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_F-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |

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| Appendix A | Resumes | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_AppA-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix B | Cover Sheet | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_AppB_Cover-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix B | Letter of Commitment | N/A | N/A | N/A | xxxxx.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix C | Management Plans | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_C-01-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix C | Billing System Validation Test Plan | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_C-03-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |

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| Appendix C | Network Management Information | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_C-04-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix C | Fraud Prevention | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_C-05-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Specific Plans and Descriptions Associated with the Service Transition, Migration and Implementation Response, Transition Plan-Table of Contents, List of Tables, List of Figures | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-1-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Transition Plan – Overview | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-2-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Transition Plan – Xxx Corporate Capabilities | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-4-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Transition Planning and Scheduling | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-5-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Implementation – Provisioning, Installation & Cutover | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-6-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix D | Test and Acceptance | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-7-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |

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| Contract Section | Description | Mod Number | Mod Date | Reason for Change | File Name | File Location (Directory) |
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| Appendix D | Transition, Migration and Implementation Risk Analysis | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_D-1-8-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix E | Sample Invoice | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_E-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix F | Sample GSA Management Services Fee Collection Report | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_F-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix G | Sample Disputes Reports | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_G-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix H | Subcontractors Information | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_H-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix I | List of Acclaims | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_I-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix J | Position Descriptions | N/A | N/A | N/A | V2_App_J-nov30.doc | Volume2\Nov30\V2_1130.zip |
| Appendix K | Training Materials | N/A | N/A | N/A | No electronic document | |

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| Cover page | Cover Sheet | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_Cover-nov30.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| Table of Contents | Table of Contents | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_TOC-nov30.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| Cross Reference Matrix | Cross Reference Table | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_XREF-nov30.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| Executive Summary | Executive Summary | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_ES-f.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| A | Standard Form 33 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Sf33.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| A | Business Proposal | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_A-1-nov30.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| A | Business Proposal | N/A | N/A | N/A | V3_A-2-nov30.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |

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| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_a1-9.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A10.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A11.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A12.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A13.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A14.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A15.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Standard Form 30 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF30_A16.doc | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |
| N/A | Contractor's Qualifications and Financial Information | N/A | N/A | N/A | xxx gsa527-nov30.xls | Volume3\Nov30\V3_1130.zip |

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| Cover Page | Cover sheet | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_Cover-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Pricing TOC | Table of Contents | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_TOC-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Pricing LOT | List of Tables | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_LOT-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Executive Summary | Executive Summary | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_ES.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |

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| Section 2.0 through 5.0 | Introduction, Cross Reference, Overview and Discounted Life Cycle Costs (DLCC) | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_Mandatry_1-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Section 6.0 through 7.3.6 | XXXX, Instructions for Pricing - General Principles, CSS, and SDS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_Mandatory_2-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Section 7.4 through 7.4.4 | Instructions for Pricing DTS | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_Mandatory_2-1-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Section 7.5 through 7.6.12 | Instructions for Pricing VT, and General Pricing Elements | N/A | N/A | N/A | V4_Mandatory_3-dec2.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Pricing | Table L.38.2, Cost Data Summary | N/A | N/A | N/A | L.38-2.xls | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| XXXX Log Files | Error Log | N/A | N/A | N/A | XXX_log.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| XXXX Error Files | Error Report | N/A | N/A | N/A | XXX_error.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Detail of Award prices | Text file of detail of Award prices | N/A | N/A | N/A | XXX_report.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |
| Appendix 5 | B-Tables of prices for C and D conditioning | N/A | N/A | N/A | Condition.doc | Volume4\Nov30\V4_1130.zip |

EXAMPLE**Miscellaneous Files**

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| N/A | Standard Award Form 26 | N/A | N/A | N/A | SF26.doc | Forms\Initial Award Forms |
| N/A | SF30 | PA01 | 01/01/99 | Adding Designated Billing Office Address for Centralized Billing Agencies | PA01.doc | Award Forms\PA01 Award Forms |

EXAMPLE

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Appendix D

APPENDIX D

Instructions for the Submission of Price Modifications

Overview

The Networkx system will have a relational database in order to maintain the up-to-date contract price information. Contractors will need to maintain a reliable relational database of the complete set of **current** prices that shall match with the Networkx system in terms of price and location tables, their formats and contents. However, the vendor shall provide any contract modification in the MS-Access “.mdb” data format, compatible with the version employed by the government. If the Government so requests, the contractor shall submit contract modifications (initial, interim and final) via the Networkx Hosting Center. In this case, a mechanism will be established to receive the initial, interim, and final submissions. The contractor shall maintain its connection to the Networkx Hosting Center for the duration of the contract. The Networkx Hosting Center database will then be maintained by the Government as its definitive repository of the contract prices for the life of the Networkx contract. The complete set of current prices shall include all prices in the contract including price changes due to contract modifications. The complete set of current prices will be used as the base line for the preparation of proposed contract modifications that include potential future price changes to be included in the contract. Rules for proposed prices include:

- Proposed prices shall *exclude* the GSA management services fee (GMS)
- Proposed prices shall already include all appropriate discounts.
- Proposed prices shall already *include* the correct numerical precision (the correct number of digits after the decimal point).

The term **submission** refers to a contractor generated proposal for contract modification. A successful submission will become a contract modification after the contracting officer's approval. The contractor will give all submissions a submission number in accordance with the “Submission Numbering Scheme” document. Submission numbers are generated at the time a submission is received. A submission can not have a scope greater than one service (such as Voice Service or Dedicated Hosting Service). **Submissions that include more than one service will be returned to the contractor unprocessed.** Rate reduction submissions and supplemental (enhancement) submissions must be done separately.

Proposed price table changes shall be provided as MS-Access “.mdb” files and at the government's request be digitally signed. If the Government so requests, the contractor shall submit contract modifications (initial, interim and final) via the Networkx Hosting Center.

Mechanisms

Submissions shall be **incremental**. That is, the submitted price change file will contain only tables that have been added or changed, and only rows within those tables that are added, removed, or changed. Furthermore, any one submission shall contain only the changes for that one submission, **not any combination of the current and previous submissions.**

To **add a new price** to a table, the “price_replaced_date” field is set to NULL. This, in combination with the row’s presence in an incremental table, uniquely marks a row as “added.”

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To **mark a price as “removed,”** the row is included in the submission with the “price_replaced_date” set to valid effective date. Note that this field is used as a deletion flag to mark the price as removed from the given effective date

To **indicate a price change**, the previously submitted price row shall be marked as “removed,” and new price row(s) shall be inserted to replace it. Note that all current and future dates covered by the removed price row shall be covered by the added row(s). That is, contractors shall take care not to create “holes” in price coverage.

New Date Constraints

Price start and end dates are no longer constrained to evaluation year boundaries. However, prices must start on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month. .

Examples

The price table below, Table B.X.X-X, is used in the following examples. The submission number is NOT part of the price table.

Table B.X.X-X Unified Messaging Service

| Service Type ID* | Price | Price Start Date | Price Stop Date | Price Replaced Date |
|------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 510XXX | 1.00 | 10/01/20XX | 09/30/20XX | |
| | | | | |

Deleting a Price Row. A price table row is deleted by the entry of a Price Replaced Date. For example, the value "01/01/2008" in the "price_replaced_date" will remove support of CLIN 510998 effective from January 01 2008 once the submission becomes a contract modification.

| | | | | |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|
| 510998 | 1.00 | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2008 | 01/01/2008 |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|

Notes:

- *The value place in the "price_replaced_date" is an effective date. The GSA must approve this date while awarding the contract modification.*

Adding a Price Row. A price table row is added to the contract by the entry of a new row. For example, a submission includes a new CLIN, 510999, and its associated price, 0.10, effective on the date, 10/01/2007 thus, the insertion of the new row into the price table adds the CLIN and its price (as shown below).

| | | | | |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------|
| 510999 | 0.10 | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2008 | NULL |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------|

Changing a Price Row for entire period. Deleting a row and adding a new row modifies a price table row. In the example below, a submission includes a change for the price of CLIN 510998 from 1.00 to 0.80 for the period 10/01/2007 through 09/30/2008, effective immediately upon the submission becoming a contract modification. The resulting new records are given below:

| | | | | |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|
| 510998 | 1.00 | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2008 | 06/01/2007 |
| 510998 | 0.80 | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2008 | NULL |

The first row in the above example shows the old price (1.00) for the CLIN 510998 starting from the date 10/01/2007 through the date 09/30/2008 with an effective date value 06/01/2007 in the price_replace date column indicating the price deletion for the CLIN 510998. The second row in the above example shows the new price (0.80) for the CLIN 510998 starting from the date 10/01/2007 through the date 09/30/2008 with NULL value in the price_replaced_date column. This shows the price change for the CLIN 510998 from \$1.00 to \$0.80 for the period 10/01/2007 through 09/30/2008.

Changing a Price Row in the middle of the period. Deleting a row and adding two new rows changes a price table row for the middle of the period price change. For example, a submission will change the price for CLIN 510998 from 1.00 to 0.80 as of 1 June 2008, effective immediately upon the submission becoming a contract modification. The resulting new records are given below. Notice that two new price rows are required.

| | | | | |
|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|
| 510998 | 1.00 | 10/01/2007 | 09/30/2008 | 01/01/2008 |
| 510998 | 1.00 | 10/01/2007 | 05/30/2008 | NULL |
| 510998 | 0.80 | 06/01/2008 | 09/30/2008 | NULL |

In this example, the original price period starting from 10/01/2007 through 09/30/2008 is split into two periods. The first period starts from 10/01/2007 through 05/30/2008 and the second period starts from 06/01/2008 through 09/30/2008. The first row in the above example shows the old price (\$1.00) for the CLIN 510998 starting from the date 10/01/2007 through the date 09/30/2008 with an effective date value 01/01/2008 in the price_replace date column indicating the price deletion for the CLIN 510998. The second row in the above example shows the same old price \$1.00 for the CLIN 510998 for the first period starting from the date 10/1/2007 through 05/30/2008 with NULL value in the price_replaced_date. The third row in the above example shows the new price (0.80) for the CLIN 510998 for the second period starting from the date 06/01/2008 through the date 09/30/2008 with NULL value in the price_replaced_date column. This shows the price change for the CLIN 9998 from \$1.00 to \$0.80 for the period 06/01/2008 through 09/30/2008.

Adding a New Price Table. The format of a new price table must be reviewed and approved by the Government prior to the submission of a modification. It should follow the basic guidelines of all current price tables, such as including the CLIN number field, a price field, and start, stop and replace date fields.

Submission Contents

All submissions must be submitted as specified below.

- Incremental Updates
- Tables in pre-approved price table formats
- Tables stored in the following database system format:
 - Microsoft Access XX “.mdb” file or at the Government’s discretion via the Networx Hosting Center
- Digital signature “.sgn” files included for the database file at the government’s request

Further, new offerings require submission of extra information for the Government’s systems. These requirements are given in the paragraphs entitled Recording New Offering Information.

At both the contractor’s and the Government’s discretion, Government resources may be made available, as outlined below, to assist the contractor in the preparation of a submission (particularly when a new price table format is involved). All proposals for contract modification (submissions) that contain pricing data shall comply with these submission requirements; those that do not will be returned to the contractor unprocessed.

Verification Mechanism

The government will publish the general reference information useful for preparing the price submission such as country/jurisdiction codes, services, their

types and categories, price tables formats, valid starting and ending dates, price units, etc. The contractor shall reference this information before preparing their new submission to the GSA. If the contractor needs any information that does not exist in the published material, such as country codes, price units, table and its format then the GSA will provide that information.

The government may also provide pre-submission modification support to the contractors to verify their submission for correctness. This support consists of validating price tables (their names, table_ids, formats), price dates, and verifying new CLINs for its uniqueness, and details.

Recording New Offering Information

Contractors shall provide extra information when new services or CLINs are introduced. This information is necessary for the government's systems to price contractor defined additional offerings. The information to be provided is given in Table 1 below. The acronym **VSC** stands for vendor service code – a vendor (contractor) defined CLIN number. Contractors can define their own VSC numbers as discussed below in the CLIN structure section.

There are three reference tables needed in completing the information specified in Table 1. CLIN type coding data is given in Table 2 (To be provided with CONTRACT). *Contractors must use only pre-defined CLIN types.* CLIN types are predefined in the XXX20XX System. VSC category names are given in Table 3 (To be provided with CONTRACT). The **unit** table is stored in the XXX20XX System in the table named **unit**. New services or CLIN information must be presented in the following database system format:

- Microsoft Access XX “.mdb” file

| Table 1. Extra Information To Be Provided With New Additional Offerings | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | Field Name | Field Type | Reference Information |
| | VSC or CLIN | Number, not null | None, just pick an unused sequence number in the CLIN structure with in the given category. Please refer the CLIN structure given below. |
| | column_name | Up to 30 characters | Column name in the price table |
| | VSC_title | Up to 30 characters, not null | Contractor's short name for the VSC |
| | VSC_name | Up to 255 characters, not null | Contractor's description of the VSC's meaning |
| | rate_unit | Number, not null | See Table wdm.unit in the NHC database, use the default of 3 (each), if unsure or not found |

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|--|--|----------------------|--|
| | Provided only for Access, Transport, and Port VSCs | | |
| | DS0 Equivalent | Number (may be null) | Number of DS0s |
| | Line speed | Number (may be null) | Number in bits per second (given in number of DS0s times 64,000) |

CLIN structure:

The government has defined a CLIN structure in section B, which shall also be followed in the submission of modifications.

Each CLIN is 7 digits (the government reserves the right to increase the number of digits at no additional cost).

The first three digits represent the service description, i.e. 09 for Co-located Hosting Services. See Table B.1.2-1 which defines all the services and their associated 3 digit prefix.

Two examples of a possible supplemental proposal are given in the tables below.

| Example One: Monthly Managed Network Service | |
|--|---|
| VSC | 280999 |
| column name | unit_chrg |
| VSC title | Medium Router |
| VSC name | Medium Router Service. monthly recurring charge |
| Rate unit | 63 (or month) |
| DS0 equivalent | -1 |
| Line speed | -1 |

| Example Two. Monthly Optical VPN Service | |
|--|--|
| VSC | 744472 |
| column name | monthly_chrg |
| CLIN type name | Access |
| Category name | Dedicated Access |
| VSC title | OC-3 VPN |
| VSC name | OC-3 VPN Transport, monthly recurring charge |
| Rate unit | 63 (for month) |
| DS0 equivalent | 2016 (that is 24 times 28 times 3) |
| Line speed | 129024000 |

General Coding Rules

- A unique VSC can appear in only one price table. However, if the same service is available in non-domestic territories or outside CONUS then same VSC can appear in domestic as well as non-domestic price tables.
- New rate_units can be easily obtained by contacting the contracting officer.

- The “not applicable” code is “-1”. For example, the DS0 equivalent and line speed information can be coded as –1 for features, UNIs, etc.
- The format for any new price table requires additional Government review. It is recommended that this review occur before the initial submission of the proposed modification.

J.5 Reserved**J.5.1 Reserved****J.5.2 Reserved****J.6 Reserved****J.7 Reserved****J.8 Reserved****J.9 Reserved****J.10 Abbreviations And Acronyms**

| | |
|--------------|---|
| 2.5G | Two-and-a-half-generation |
| 3DES | Triple Data Encryption Standard |
| 3G | Third Generation |
| 3GPP | 3rd Generation Partnership Project |
| A/R | Accounts Receivable |
| AAL | ATM Adaptation Layer |
| ABR | Available Bit Rate |
| ACD | Automatic Call Distributor |
| ACO | Administrative Contracting Officer |
| ACS | Audio Conferencing Service |
| ACT | Accounting Control Transaction |
| ADR | Alternate Dispute Resolution |
| ADPCM | Adaptive Pulse Code Modulation |
| ADSL | Asymmetric DSL |
| AES | Advanced Encryption Standard |
| AHC | Agency Hierarchy Code |
| AHS | Application Hosting Services |
| AIOD | Automatic Identification of Outward Dialing |
| AIS | Automated Information System |
| ALC | Agency Local Contact |
| ALDS | Application Layer Data Service |
| ALNP | Aggregated Line and Node Protection |

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| AMI | Alternate Mark Inversion |
| AMIS | Audio Message Interface Specification |
| AMPS | Advanced Mobile Phone Service |
| AMSC | American Mobile Satellite Corporation |
| AMSS | Advanced Mobile Satellite Service |
| ANI | Automatic Number Identification |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| APOC | Advanced Paging Operators Code |
| APS | Automatic Protection Switching |
| AQL | Acceptable Quality Level |
| ARS | Automatic Route Selection |
| ASC | Accredited Standards Committee |
| ASCII | American Standard Code for Information Exchange |
| ASON | Automatic Switched Optical Network |
| ASP | Application Services Provider |
| ASRN | Agency Service Request Number |
| ASTN | Automatic Switched Transport Network |
| ASYNC | Asynchronous |
| ATB | All-Trunks-Busy |
| ATIS | Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions |
| ATM | Asynchronous Transfer Mode |
| ATMF | ATM Forum |
| ATMS | Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service |
| AU | Authorized Users |
| AUP | Acceptable Use Policy |
| Av(S) | Availability (Service) |
| AVI | Audio Visual Interleave |
| AVM | Anti-Virus Management |
| AVMS | Anti Virus Management Service |
| B8ZS | Bipolar with 8 zero substitution |
| BBAA | Broad Band Access Arrangement |
| BBAS | Broadband Access Service |
| BBethAS | Broadband Ethernet Access Service |
| BBKUP&R | Backup and Restore |
| BBS | Broadband Switching System |
| BER | Bit Error Ratio |
| BGP | Border Gateway Protocol |
| bit (b) | Binary Digit |
| BLSR | Bidirectional Line Switched Ring |
| BNC | Connector for Coaxial Cable |
| BOC | Bell Operating Company |
| BOD | Bandwidth On Demand |
| BOM | Bill of Materials |
| bps | Bits per second |

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|---------------|--|
| BPSR | Bidirectional Path Switched Ring |
| BRI | Basic Rate Interface |
| BSC | Binary Synchronous Communication |
| BSS | Broadcast Satellite Service |
| BT | Burst Tolerance |
| CA | Communications Assistant (Federal Relay Service) |
| CAP II | Computer Access Protocol Number II |
| CAS | Cost Accounting Standards |
| CBR | Constant Bit Rate |
| CBS | Committed Burst Size |
| CCEP | NSA Commercial ComSec Endorsement Program |
| CCIR | International Radio Consultative Committee |
| CCITT | International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee |
| CCR | Central Contractor Registration (Section L.32) |
| CCS | Call Center/Customer Contact Centers Services |
| CDA | Contract Disputes Act |
| CDD | Custom Design Document |
| CDG | CDMA Development Group |
| CDMA | Code Division Multiple Access |
| CDNS | Content Delivery Network Services |
| CDPD | Cellular Digital Packet Data |
| CDPDS | Cellular Digital Packet Data Service |
| CDR | Call Detail Record |
| CD-ROM | Compact Disk Read Only Memory |
| CDS | Cellular Dispatch Service |
| CDV | Cell Delay Variation |
| CES | Circuit Emulation Services |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CHS | Co-Located Hosting Services |
| CIPS | Converged IP Services |
| CIR | Committed Information Rate |
| CLEC | Competitive Local Exchange Carrier |
| CLIN | Contract Line Item Number |
| CLLI | Common Language Location Identifier |
| CLNS | Connectionless Network Service |
| CLO | Control Link Oscillator |
| CMC | Common Messaging Calls |
| CMMTS | Customer-Monitored Managed Transport Services |
| CNM | Customer Network Management |
| C.O. | Contracting Officer |
| COAX | Coaxial Cable |
| CODEC | Coder-Decoder |
| ComPAS | Comparison of Publicly Available Services |
| CONUS | Contiguous United States |
| COOP | Continuity Of Operations |

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|----------------|--|
| COR | Contracting Officer's Representative |
| COS | Class of Service |
| CoSS | Collaboration Support Services |
| COTR | Contracting Officer's Technical Representative |
| COTS | Commercial Off-the-Shelf |
| CPCS | Cellular/ Personal Communications Service |
| CPDF | Central Personnel Data File |
| CPE | Customer Premises Equipment |
| CPO | Contractor's Program Office |
| CPNI | Customer Proprietary Network Information |
| CPU | Central Processing Unit |
| CRL | Certification Revocation List |
| CRM | Customer Relationship Management |
| CS | Combined Services |
| CSA | Communications Service Authorization |
| CSC | Customer Service Center |
| CSDE | Customer Specific Design and Engineering |
| CSDES | Customer Specific Design & Engineering Services |
| CSDS | Circuit Switched Data Services |
| CSO | Customer Support Office |
| CSS | Circuit Switched Service |
| CSTA | Computer Supported Telephony Applications |
| CSU | Channel Service Unit |
| CSU/DSU | Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit |
| CSV | Comma Separated Values |
| CTF | Convergence Task Force |
| CTI | Computer Telephony Integration |
| CTP | Comprehensive Transition Plan |
| CTS | Comprehensive Telecommunications Service |
| CUG | Closed User Group |
| CV | Code Violation |
| CVS | Cellular Voice Service |
| CWD | Customer Want Date |
| CWDM | Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing |
| | |
| DAR | Designated Agency Representative |
| DARPA | Defense Advanced Research Agency |
| dB | Decibel |
| DBCES | Dynamic Bandwidth Circuit Emulation |
| DCCS | Digital Cross-Connects System |
| DCE-RPC | Distributed Computing Environment-Remote Procedure Calls |
| DDA | Domain Defined Attribute |
| DECNet | Digital Equipment Corporation Protocol |
| DES | Data Encryption Standard |
| DFS | Dark Fiber Services |
| DHCP | Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol |

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|----------------|---|
| DHS | Dedicated Hosting Services |
| DID | Data Item Description |
| DIS | Draft International Standard |
| DISCO | Defense Industrial Service Clearance Office |
| DISN | Defense Information Services Network |
| DITSCAP | DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process |
| DLCI | Data Link Connection Identifier |
| DLS | Data Link Switching |
| DMS | Defense Message System |
| DMZ | Demilitarized Zones |
| DND | Do Not Disturb |
| DNI | Dialed Number Identification |
| DNIS | Dialed Number Identification Service |
| DNRC | Device Non-Recurring Charge |
| DMRC | Device Monthly Recurring Charge |
| DOCSIS | Data Over Cable Service Interface Specifications |
| DoD | Department of Defense |
| DOS | Denial of Service |
| DS | Digital Signal level n |
| DSA | Digital Signature Algorithm |
| DSL | Digital Subscriber Line |
| DSS | Digital Signature Standard |
| DSS1 | Digital Subscriber Signaling System Number 1 |
| DSU | Data Service Unit |
| DTE | Data Terminal Equipment |
| DTMF | Dual Tone Multifrequency |
| DTS | Dedicated Transmission Service |
| DUNS | Data Universal Numbering System |
| DVD ROM | Digital Video Disk Read Only Memory |
| DWDM | Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing |
| E911 | Enhanced 911 |
| ECR | Enhanced Call Routing |
| ECS | Electronic Commerce Service |
| ECTF | Enterprise Computer Telephony Forum |
| EFMA | Ethernet in the First Mile Alliance |
| EFT | Electronic Funds Transfer |
| EGP | Exterior Gateway Protocol |
| EIA | Electronic Industries Association |
| EIGRP | Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol |
| E-LAN | Ethernet Private Local Area Network |
| E-LINE | Ethernet Private Line |
| EM | Element Manager |
| E-Mail | Electronic Mail |
| EMS | Electronic Messaging Service |

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| EN | Event Notification |
| EOS | Elements of Service |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| EPCRA | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 |
| ER | Extended Reach |
| ERP | Enterprise Resource Planning |
| EthS | Ethernet Services |
| ES | Error Second |
| ESCON | Enterprise System Connection |
| ESF | Extended Super Frame |
| ESMR | Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio |
| ETR | External Timing Reference |
| ETSI | European Telecommunications Standard Institute |
| EVC | Ethernet Virtual Connection |
| EVDO | Evolution-Data Optimized (Also EV-DO and 1xEV-DO) |
| FAR | Federal Acquisition Regulation |
| FAX | Facsimile |
| FB | Fixed Bandwidth |
| FC | Fiber Channel |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| FCIA | Fiber Channel Industry Association |
| FDDI | Fiber Distributed Data Interface |
| FDMA | Frequency Division Multiple Access |
| FED-STD | Federal Standard |
| FFP | Firm Fixed Price |
| FICON | Fiber Connectivity |
| FIPS | Federal Information Processing Standards |
| FISMA | Federal Information Security Management Act |
| FOCN | Firm Order Commitment Notice |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FOTS | Fiber Optic Transport System |
| FPMR | Federal Property Management Regulations |
| FR | Frame Relay |
| FRAD | Frame Relay Access Device |
| FRF | Frame Relay Forum |
| FRS | Frame Relay Service |
| FSO | Free Space Optics |
| FSS | Fixed Satellite Service |
| FT1 | Fractional T1 |
| FT3 | Fractional T3 |
| FTP | File Transfer Protocol |
| FTR | Federal Telecommunications Recommendations |
| FTS | Federal Technology Service (Federal Telecommunications Service prior to October 1997) |
| FTS2001 | Federal Telecommunications System 2001 |
| FTTP | Fiber to the Premises |

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| FUSF | Federal Universal Service Fund |
| FWTS | Federal Wireless Telecommunications Service |
| GAM | Global Account Manager |
| GAO | General Accounting Office |
| Gbps | Gigabit per second |
| Gbyte | Gigabyte |
| GCRA | Generic Cell Rate Algorithm |
| GETS | Government Emergency Telecommunications Service |
| GFE | Government Furnished Equipment |
| GFP | Government Furnished Property (formerly Government Furnished Equipment) |
| GigE | Gigabit Ethernet |
| GHz | Gigahertz |
| GIF | Graphics Interchange Format |
| GMS | Government Management Service |
| GOS | Grade of Service (Service) |
| GPMP | General Project Management Plan |
| GPRS | General Packet Radio Services |
| GQ | Generational Qualifier |
| GRE | General Routing Encapsulation Protocol |
| GSA | General Services Administration |
| GSAM | GSA Acquisition Manual |
| GSA FTS | General Services Administration, Federal Technology Service |
| GSAR | GSA Regulation |
| GSII | Government Services Information Infrastructure |
| GVTP | General Verification Test Plan |
| HCO | Hearing Carry Over |
| HF | High Frequency |
| HPC | High Probability of Completion |
| HPPI | High Performance Parallel Interface |
| HR | Human Resources |
| HSDPA | High Speed Download Packet Access |
| HSSI | High Speed Serial Interface |
| HTML | HyperText Markup Language |
| HTTP | HyperText Transfer Protocol |
| HTTPS | HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure |
| Hz | Hertz |
| I.R.C. | Internal Revenue Code |
| I/O | Input/Output |
| IA/RA | Interactive Announcement/Response Arrangement |
| ICB | Individual Case Basis |
| ICC | Implementation Control Center |
| ICI | Inter Carrier Interface |

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| ICMP | Internet Control Message Protocol |
| ID | Identification (User) |
| IDC | Internet Data Center |
| IDPS | Intrusion Detection and Prevention Service |
| IDS | Intrusion Detection Systems |
| ISDL | ISDN DSL |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers |
| IEMS | International Emergency Multimedia Service |
| IETF | Internet Engineering Task Force |
| IFS | Internet Facsimile Service |
| IGMP | Internet Group Management Protocol |
| IGRP | Interior Gateway Routing Protocol |
| IIF | Interworking and Interoperability Function |
| ILEC | Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier |
| IM | Inverse Multiplexing |
| IM (UMS) | Instant Messaging |
| IMA | Inverse Multiplexing over ATM |
| IMAP | Internet Message Access Protocol |
| IMC | Interagency Management Council |
| IMP | Implementation Management Plan |
| IMT | International Mobile Telecommunications |
| INC | International Carrier |
| INCITS | International Committee for Information Technology Standards |
| INMARSAT | International Maritime Satellite Organization |
| INRS | Incident Response Service |
| INT | Integer function |
| IOPS | Input/Output per Second |
| IP | Internet Protocol |
| IPM | Interpersonal Messaging |
| IPS | Internet Protocol Service |
| IPT | Integrated Product Teams |
| IPTeIS | IP Telephony Service |
| IPVPN | Internet Protocol Virtual Private Network |
| IPVTS | Internet Protocol Video Transport Services |
| IPX | Internet Protocol Exchange |
| IR1-SLM | Intermediate Reach – Single – Longitudinal Mode |
| IRS | Internal Revenue Service |
| IRU | Indefeasible Rights of Use |
| IS-41 | North American Standard for Wireless Telecommunications Network Signaling |
| IS | In-Service (ITU M.2101) |
| ISC | Inter System Channel |
| iSCSI | Internet Protocol Small Computer System Interface |
| ISDN | Integrated Services Digital Network |
| ISDNUP | ISDN User Part |

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| IS-IS | Intermediate System to Intermediate System |
| ISM | In-Service Monitoring |
| ISO | International Organization for Standardization |
| ISP | Internationally Standardized Profile; also, Internet Service Provider |
| ITS | Institute for Telecommunication Sciences |
| ITU | International Telecommunications Union |
| ITU-T | International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunications Standardization Sector |
| ITU-TSS | International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunications Service Sector |
| IVR | Interactive Voice Response |
| IXC | Inter-Exchange Carrier |
| JPEG | Joint Photographic Experts Group |
| kbps | Kilobits per second |
| kHz | Kilohertz |
| KPI | Key Performance Indicator |
| L2TP | Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol |
| L2VPNS | Layer 2 Virtual Private Network Services |
| LAN | Local Area Network |
| LAP | Link Access Protocol |
| LAPB | Link Access Protocol Basic for X.25 |
| LAPD | Link Access Protocol for D Channel Signaling (ISDN) |
| LATA | Local Access and Transport Area |
| LCAS | Link Capacity Adjustment Scheme |
| LDAP | Lightweight Directory Access Protocol |
| LEC | Local Exchange Carrier |
| LEO | Low Earth Orbit |
| LERG | Local Exchange Routing Guide |
| LGC | Local Government Contact |
| LH | Long Haul |
| LLDS | Link Layer Data Service |
| LMDS | Local Multipoint Distribution System |
| LMR | Land Mobile Radio |
| LMRAS | Land Mobile Radio Access Service |
| LMRS | Land Mobile Radio Service |
| LND | Last Number Dialed |
| LNP | Local Number Portability |
| LOH | Line Overhead |
| LR | Long Reach |
| LR1-SLM | Long Reach – Single – Longitudinal Mode |
| MAA | Metropolitan Area Acquisition |
| MAC | Mandatory Access Control |

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| MAN | Metropolitan Area Network |
| MAP | Mobile Application Part |
| MAPI | Message Application Program Interface |
| MAS | Multiple Award Schedule |
| MB | Mega Bytes |
| Mbps | Megabit per second |
| MBS | Maximum Burst Size |
| MCC | Migration Control Center |
| MCR | Minimum Cell Rate |
| MEAS | Managed E-Authentication Service |
| MEF | Metro Ethernet Forum |
| MEGACO | Media Gateway Control |
| MEN | Metro Ethernet Network |
| MF | Multifrequency |
| MFI | Multifunction Interpreter |
| MFS | Managed Firewall Service |
| MGCP | Media Gateway Control Protocol |
| MHz | Megahertz |
| MIB | Management Information Base |
| MIME | Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions |
| MIP | Migration Interconnection Plan |
| MMC | Multimedia Commands |
| MMDS | Microwave Multipoint Distribution Service |
| MMP | Migration Management Plan |
| MMRC | Maintenance Monthly Recurring Cost |
| MMS | Multimedia Messaging Service |
| MNS | Managed Network Services |
| MOPS | Management and Operations |
| MOS | Mean Opinion Score |
| MP | Migration Plan |
| MPEG | Moving Picture Experts Group |
| MPIN | Marketing Partner Identification Number |
| MPLS | Multiprotocol Label Switching |
| MPOP | Minimum Point of Penetration |
| MRC | Monthly Recurring Charge |
| MRG | Minimum Revenue Guarantee |
| MS | Microsoft |
| MSA | Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| MSPRing | Multiplex Shared Section Protection Ring |
| MSS | Mobile Satellite Service |
| MTA | Message Transfer Agent |
| MTBF | Mean Time Between Failures |
| MTSP | Multi Tier Security Profiles |
| MTSS | Managed Tiered Security Services |
| MTTR | Mean Time To Repair |
| MTTR (ES) | Meantime To Restore |

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| MUA | Mail User Agent |
| MUX | Multiplexor |
| MWLANS | Multimode/Wireless LAN Service |
| NACSZ | Name, Address, City, State, Zip code |
| NAICS | North American Industry Classification System |
| NANP | North American Numbering Plan |
| NAS | Network Attached Storage |
| NAT | Network Address Translation |
| NBIP-VPNS | Network-based IP-VPN Services |
| NCS | National Communications System |
| NECA | National Exchange Carrier Association |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association |
| NGN | Next Generation Network |
| NHC | Networkx Hosting Center |
| NHCID | Networkx Hosting Center Instruction Document |
| NIACAP | National Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process |
| NIDR | Network Information Discovery and Retrieval |
| NII | National Information Infrastructure |
| NISPOM | National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual |
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology |
| NIUF | National ISDN Users Forum |
| NLDS | Network Layer Data Service |
| NLSP | Netware Link Services Protocol |
| NM | Network Management |
| NMLI | Native Mode LAN Interconnection |
| MMM | Network Monitoring and Management |
| NNI | Network to Network Interface |
| NNTP | Network News Transfer Protocol |
| NPA | Numbering Plan Area |
| NPR | National Performance Review |
| NPV | Net Present Value |
| NRC | Non-recurring Charge |
| NRIC | Network Reliability and Interoperability Council |
| NS/EP | National Security and Emergency Preparedness |
| NSA | National Security Agency |
| NSP | Not Separately Priced |
| NT | Network Termination |
| NTIA | National Telecommunications and Information Administration |
| NTMS | National Telecommunications Management Structure |
| NTP | Network Time Protocol |
| NTSC | National Television Standards Committee |
| NUI | Network User Identification |
| NXX | Office Code where N=2-9 and X=0-9 |

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| OADM | Optical Add-Drop Multiplexer |
| OAM | Operations, Administration and Management |
| OAM&P | Operations, Administration, Maintenance and Provisioning |
| OASIS | Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards |
| OCD | Operational Capability Demonstration |
| OCN | Operating Company Number |
| OC-N | Optical Carrier level-N |
| OCONUS | Outside Contiguous United States |
| OGP | Office of Government-wide Policy |
| OIF | Optical Internetworking Forum |
| OOS | Out-of-Service (ITU M.2101) |
| OOSM | Out-of-Service Monitoring |
| OMB | Office of Management and Budget |
| OPM | Office of Personnel Management |
| OPS | One-Way Paging Service |
| OS | Operating System |
| OSE | Open System Environment |
| OSF | Open Software Foundation |
| OSI | Open Systems Interconnect |
| OSNR | Optical Signal to Noise Ratio |
| OSPF | Open Shortest Path First |
| OSS | Operational Support System |
| OTAR | Over-the-air-rekeying |
| OTGR | Optical Transport Generic Requirements |
| OTM | Office of Transition Management |
| OTM (SONET) | Optical Terminal Multiplexer |
| OTN | Optical Transport Network |
| OVPN | Optical Virtual Private Network |
| OWS | Optical Wavelength Service |
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| P&P | Policies & Procedures |
| PagS | Paging Service |
| PAL | Phase Alternation by Line |
| PAR | Personnel Action Request |
| PARTIES | Protected Area Run Time Interface Extension Services |
| PAV | Percentage Allocation Value |
| PBIP-VPNS | Premises-based IP-VPN Services |
| PBX | Private Branch Exchange |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| PC(O) | Permanent Connection (Optical) |
| PCM | Pulse Code Modulation |
| PCMCIA | Personal Computer Memory Card International Association |
| PCO | Procuring Contracting Officer |
| PCR | Peak Cell Rate |
| PCS | Personal Communications Service |
| PDA | Personal Digital Assistant |

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| PDF | Portable Document Format |
| PDU | Protocol Data Unit |
| PDU (DHS) | Power Distribution Unit |
| PED | Price Engine Documentation |
| PEP | Performance Enhancement Proxy |
| PFL | Performance Factor Level |
| PIC | Primary Interexchange Carrier |
| PICC | Pre-Subscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge |
| PIN | Personal Identification Number |
| PIR | Peak Information Rate |
| PKCS | Public Key Cryptography Standards |
| PLS | Private Line Service |
| PMD | Polarization Mode Dispersion |
| PMM | Price Management Mechanism |
| PMO | Program Management Office |
| PMP | Program Management Plan |
| POC | Point of Contact |
| POCSAG | Post Office Code Standardization Advisory Group |
| POH | Path Overhead |
| PON | Passive Optical Network |
| POP | Point of Presence |
| POP3 | Post Office Protocol Version 3 |
| POS | Packet over SONET |
| POSAG | Post Office Standardization Advisory Group |
| POTS | Plain Old Telephone Service |
| PPA | Pollution Prevention Act |
| PIIRS | Past Performance Information Retrieval System |
| PPP | Point-to-Point Protocol |
| PPSN | Public Packet Switched Network |
| PPSNGR | Public Packet Switched Network Generic Requirement |
| PPTP | Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol |
| PRI | Primary Rate Interface |
| PSAP | Public Safety Answering Point |
| PSMP | Project-Specific Management Plan |
| PSN | Public Switched Network |
| PSS | Packet Switched Service |
| PSTN | Public Switched Telephone Network |
| PTMP | Preliminary Transition Management Plan |
| PTT | Postal Telephone and Telegraph |
| PVC | Permanent Virtual Circuit |
| PWE | Pseudo Wire Emulation |
| QA | Quality Assurance |
| QoS | Quality of Service |
| RADIUS | Remote Authentication Dial In User Service |

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| RAID | Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks |
| RAMP | Radio Access Mail Protocol |
| RCS | Routing Control System |
| RD-LAP | Radio Data-Link Access Protocol |
| RDR-A | Remote Data Replication for Archiving |
| RDR-M | Remote Data Replication for Mirroring |
| RESP ORG | Responsible Organization |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RFC | Request for Comment |
| RFP | Request for Proposal |
| RIP | Routing Information Protocol |
| RPR | Resilient Packet Ring. |
| RSA | Rural Service Area |
| RSVP | Resource Reservation Setup Protocol |
| RT | Response Time |
| RTP | Real-Time Transport Protocol |
| RTT | Radio Transmission Technology |
| S/N | Signal-to-Noise Ratio |
| SAC | Service Access Code |
| SALT | Speech Application Language Tags |
| SAM | SCSI-3 Architecture Model |
| SAN | Storage Area Network |
| SANS/FBI | SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security Institute/Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| SatAA | Satellite Access Arrangement |
| SatAS | Satellite Access Service |
| SBU | Sensitive but Unclassified |
| SC | Service Coordinator |
| SC (O) | Switched Connection (Optical) |
| SCCP | Skinny Client Control Protocol |
| SCI | Sensitive Compartmented Information |
| SCR | Sustained Cell Rate |
| SCSI | Small Computer System Interface |
| SDH | Synchronous Digital Hierarchy |
| SDLC | Synchronous Data Link Control |
| SDP | Service Delivery Point |
| SDPP | Service Delivery Project Plan |
| SDS | Switched Data Service |
| SDSL | Symmetric DSL |
| SECAM | Système Electronique Couleur Avec Memoire |
| SED | Service Enabling Device |
| SES | SCSI Enclosure Services |
| SES (OWS) | Severe Error Seconds |
| SF | Standard Form |
| SF (SONET) | Super Frame Format |

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| SF-52 | Standard Form 52, Request for Personnel Action (a U.S. Government form) |
| SFTP | Secure File Transfer Protocol |
| SHA | Secure Hash Algorithm |
| SIC | Service Initiation Charge |
| SIMPLE | Session Initiation Protocol and Presence for Instant Messaging Leveraging Extensions |
| SIOP-ESI | Single Integrated Operational Plan-Extremely Sensitive Information |
| SIP | Session Initiation Protocol |
| SLA | Service Level Agreement |
| SMC | SCSI-3 Medium Changer Commands |
| SMEMS | Secure Managed E-Mail Service |
| SMS | Short Messaging Service |
| SMSC | Short Messaging Service Center |
| SMTP | Simple Mail Transfer Protocol |
| SNA | System Network Architecture |
| SNI | SNA Network Interconnect |
| SNIA | Storage Networking Industry Association |
| SNMP | Simple Network Management Protocol |
| SO | Service Order |
| SOAP | Simple Object Access Protocol |
| SOC | Service Order Confirmation |
| SOCN | Service Order Completion Notice |
| SOH | Section Overhead |
| SONET | Synchronous Optical Network |
| SONETS | Synchronous Optical Network Services |
| SOW | Statement of Work |
| SPC | Soft Permanent Connection |
| SPC (SS) | Storage Performance Council |
| SPC-1 | SPC Benchmark-1 |
| SPE | SONET Payload Envelope |
| SPX/IPX | Sequenced Packet Exchange/Internet Packet Exchange |
| SQRT | Square root function |
| SR | Short Reach |
| SR-MLM | Short Reach Multi-Longitudinal Mode |
| SS | Storage Services |
| SS7 | Signaling System 7 |
| SSA | Source Selection Authority |
| SSH | Secure Shell |
| SSL | Secure Sockets Layer |
| ST | Scheduled Transfer |
| STA | SCSI Trade Association |
| STM-N | Synchronous Transport Module Level N |
| STP | Shielded Twisted Pair |
| STS-N | Synchronous Transport Signal Level-N |
| STU-III | Secure Telephone Unit III |

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| SVC | Switched Virtual Circuit |
| SVS | Switched Voice Service |
| SWC | Serving Wire Center |
| TA | Terminal Adaptor |
| TACACS | Terminal Access Controller Access Control System |
| TALS | TDM Access Line Service |
| TAP | Telocator Alphanumeric Protocol |
| TAPI | Telephony Application Program Interface |
| TCC | Transition Control Center |
| TCIF | Telecommunications Industry Forum |
| TCOS | Travel Class of Service (Generally 'TCM' is used for Traveling Classmark) |
| TCP/IP | Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol |
| TD | Transport Demultiplexing |
| TDD | Telecommunications Device for the Deaf |
| TDD/TTY | Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Teletypewriter |
| TDM | Time Division Multiplexing |
| TDMA | Time Division Multiple Access |
| TE | Terminal Equipment |
| TELNET | Terminal-remote Host Protocol Program |
| TESP | Telecommunications Electric Service Priority |
| TFS | Toll Free Service |
| TIA | Telecommunications Industry Association |
| TIFF | Tag Image File Format |
| TIN | Taxpayer Identification Number |
| TLS | Transport Layer Security |
| TMF | TeleManagement Forum |
| TMN | Total Management Network |
| TMP | Transition Management Plan |
| TMS | Technical and Management Support |
| Tn | Trunk level n |
| TNPP | Telocator Network Paging Protocol |
| TO | Task Order |
| TOD | Time of the Day |
| TOH | Transport Overhead |
| TOPS | Telecommunications Ordering and Pricing System |
| TP | Transition Plan |
| TP (Billing) | FTS Non-Itemized Purchase Order |
| TPA | Transition Plan Agreement |
| TPSP | Transition Project Specific Plan |
| TPS | Two-Way Paging Service |
| TS | Telecommunications Services |
| TSAPI | Telephony Services Application Program Interface |
| TSP | Telecommunications Service Priority |
| TTR | Time to Restore |

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| TWS | Teleworking Services |
| U.S. | United States |
| UBI | Unique Billing Identifier |
| UBR | Unspecified Bit Rate |
| UBS | Unclassified But Sensitive |
| UDP | User Datagram Protocol |
| UI | User Interface |
| UIFN | Universal International Free Phone Number |
| UITN | Universal International Toll Free Number |
| UM | Unified Messaging |
| UMS | Unified Messaging Services |
| UMTS | Universal Mobile Telecommunications System |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNI | User-to-Network Interface |
| UPS | Uninterruptible Power Supply |
| UPSR | Unidirectional Path Switched Ring |
| URL | Uniform Resource Locator |
| USC | United States Code |
| USF | Universal Service Fund |
| UTP | Unshielded Twisted Pair |
| V&H | Vertical and Horizontal Coordinates |
| VAS | Value Added Service |
| VBR | Variable Bit Rate |
| VBR-NRT | Variable Bit Rate-Near Real-Time (also: nrt-VBR) |
| VBR-rt | Variable Bit Rate-Real Time |
| VC | Virtual Circuit |
| VC (SONET) | Virtual Container |
| VCAT | Virtual Concatenation |
| VCO | Voice Carry Over |
| VESDA | Very Early Smoke Detection Apparatus |
| VINES | Virtual Integrated Network Service |
| VLAN | Virtual Local Area Network |
| VOATM | Voice over Asynchronous Transfer Mode |
| VOFR | Voice over Frame Relay |
| VOIP | Voice over Internet Protocol |
| VOIPTS | Voice over Internet Protocol Transport Services |
| VP/VC | Virtual Path/Virtual Channel |
| VPIM | Voice Profile for Internet Mail |
| VPN | Virtual Private Network |
| VS | Voice Services |
| VSAT | Very Small Aperture Terminal |
| VSR | Very Short Reach |
| VSS | Vulnerability Scanning Service |
| VT | Virtual Tributary |

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| VTs | Video Teleconferencing Services |
| VXML | Voice Extensible Markup Language |
| WACFO | Where Available Commercially From Offeror |
| WAN | Wide Area Network |
| WAP | Wireless Application Protocol |
| WCS | Web Conferencing Services |
| WDM | Wavelength Division Multiplexing |
| WDPDS | Wireless Digital Packet Data Service |
| WEP | Wireless Encryption Protocol |
| WEP (TWS) | Wired Equivalency Privacy |
| WFM | Workforce Management |
| WGI | Within Grade Increase |
| WIFI | Wireless Fidelity |
| WLAN | Wireless Local Area Network |
| WLNAA | Wireline Access Arrangement |
| WLNAS | Wireline Access Service |
| WLSAA | Wireless Access Arrangement |
| WLSAS | Wireless Access Service |
| WORM | Write Once, Read Many |
| WPS | Wireless Priority Service |
| WWW | World Wide Web |
| WZ1 | World Zone 1 |
| XML | Extensible Markup Language |

J.11 Glossary of Terms

24x7 - Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, without exception (e.g., national holidays are not excluded)

3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) – An agreement formed in December 1998 by several telecommunications standard bodies to create technical specifications for the International Telecommunication Union's third-generation standards; represented in the group are companies from China, Europe, Japan, Korea, and the United States.

Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) – The performance level for each KPI associated with a Network service that is guaranteed by the contractor.

Access - The facility-based service arrangements that provide net locations and their associated points of connection with the transport service providers (such points of connection with the transport service providers are called Points of Presence (POPs)).

Access Circuit - A dedicated facility, varying by type (e.g., analog, digital signal, or synchronous optical network) and by bandwidth, which is used to carry service(s) between an SDP and its POP.

Access Control - The process of limiting access to the resources of a system only to authorized personnel, programs, processes, or other systems (in a network). Synonymous with controlled access and limited access.

Access Type - The categorization of facilities used to provide access.

Accessories - Accessories are separately-priced additional SEDs-related components that enhance the use of a stand alone or packaged device, but are not needed to implement the essential function(s) of the device, e.g., a spare battery or carrying case for a cellular or mobile satellite handset or an additional copy of a user manual.

Accounting Control Transaction Number - A specific number assigned to each contract award winner authorizing the invoicing of services.

Ad Hoc Reporting - The generation of reports at sporadic intervals with varying contents and purposes.

Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) - In FAR definition, "Administrative contracting officer" refers to a contracting officer who administers contracts.

Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS) - An analog cellular communications system that uses frequency-division multiple Access (FDMA) for control and frequency division duplex (FDD) for two transmission.

Advanced Paging Operators Code (APOC) - Advanced Paging Operators Code (APOC) is a high-speed standard paging coded system.

Agency - An organizational entity of the United States Federal Government. Also used in this document to refer to a Government entity that is authorized to purchase Network services.

Agency Hierarchy Code - The Agency Hierarchy Code designates the Agency to which services are to be invoiced and the level within the Agency where these costs are grouped. Except for the first 4 characters, the AHC is a 28 character string that belongs solely to the Agency; it is not to be tampered

with by any other outside organization. The AHC is determined by the Agency and should follow that Agency's rules concerning the setup of their [A] - Own budgetary accounting codes (I.E., should ultimately identify the office that will actually pay for the service being provided), and/or [B] - Reporting Requirements. The AHC may also be identified with whoever is actually receiving the service being provided.

Agency Locations – In this contract, the physical address of Agencies, sub-Agencies, or other authorized users of Networx services.

Agency Service Request Number (ASRN) - Agency provided service request order number.

Aggregated Line and Node Protection (ALNP) - Provides protection against local link and nodal failure by using local path detour mechanisms.

Alarm Indication Signal (AIS) – A signal transmitted in lieu of the normal signal to maintain continuity, and to indicate to the receiving terminal that there is a transmission fault which is located at, or upstream of, the transmitting terminal.

Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) - A North American organization, formerly called ECSA, was established to develop standards and guidelines for the methods and procedures needed in the telecommunications industry. ATIS has four committees, T1, SONET, Internet Work Interoperability Test Coordination, and Order and Billing Form.

Alphanumeric - Consist of any of the 26 upper case alphabetic letters (A through Z) and 10 numerals only (0 through 9).

Alternate Government Contact – An individual who has been identified by an Agency to interface with the contractor at a specific location in the event the local government contact (LGC) is unavailable.

Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) - A line coding method used in T-1 and other digital wire transmission systems.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) - The US organization that sets the rules and procedures for, and also authorizes specific standards setting organizations. ATIS and EIA/TIA are two ANSI authorized standards setting organizations in the US in the subject area of telecommunications.

American Sign Language (ASL) - A visual language based on hand shape, position, movement and orientation of the hands in relation to each other and the body.

American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) - The standard code used for information interchange among data processing systems, data communications systems, and associated equipment in the United States.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Public Law 101-336. (Public Law 336 of the 101st Congress), enacted July 26, 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation. It also

mandates the establishment of TDD/telephone relay telecommunications services.

Analog Data - Data represented by a physical quantity that is considered to be continuously variable and whose magnitude is made directly proportional to the data or to a suitable function of the data

Anti-Virus Management (AVM) - AVM enables the detection and removal of computer viruses. Anti-virus software scans executable files, boot blocks and incoming traffic for malicious code.

Application Hosting Services (AHS) - Application Hosting Services take advantage of the Internet and economies of scale for the delivery of enterprise software applications. A contractor acting as an Applications Services Provider (ASP) installs and maintains mission-critical applications at one or more of its Internet Data Centers.

Application Programming Interface (API) - A software program that has defined information entry and exit points in that allows other programs or devices to communicate with the software program.

Application Service Provider (ASP) - A company that provides an end user with an information service. An ASP owns or leases computer hardware and software system that allows one or more users to access information services on or through that computer systems.

Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) – A modem technology that provides greater bandwidth via an ordinary telephone line or unbundled loop; asymmetrical implies a higher capacity incoming and a lower capacity outgoing

Asynchronous (ASYNCR) - A signal which does not have synchronization with some other reference signal. The communications on an asynchronous channel is not sequential and may appear random in nature.

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) - A packet data and switching technique that transfers information by using fixed length 53 byte cells. The ATM system uses high-speed transmission and is a connection-based system.

ATM Adaptation Layer (AAL) - A process that disassembles Class A, B, C and/or D traffic into the format of an asynchronous transfer mode cell on the originating side and reassemble the data on the terminating side

Audio Message Interface Specification (AMIS) – A set of standards for connecting separate voice messaging systems.

Audio Video Interleave (AVI) - A standard file format (known as "filename.avi"). It is a MS Windows multimedia video format that interleaves waveform audio and digital video.

Audit Trail - A record of system activities that is sufficient to enable the reconstruction, reviewing, and examination of the sequence of environments and activities surrounding or leading to an operation, a procedure, or an event in a transaction from its inception to final results.

Authentication - Verification of the identity of a user, device, or other entity in a computer system, often as a prerequisite to allowing access to resources in a system.

- Authorization Code** - An assigned code that is dialed or verbally given by the user or passed to an operator to gain access to presubscribed Networkx contractor provided services and features.
- Authorized User** - An organization that is authorized to use the Networkx contract and/or associated systems, including all Federal Agencies, authorized Federal contractors, Agency-sponsored universities and laboratories, and when authorized by law or regulation, state, local, and tribal Governments, and other organizations. All organizations listed in General Services Administration (GSA) Order ADM 4800.2E (as updated) are also eligible.
- Automatic Call Distributor (ACD)** – The device used by many offices to distribute incoming calls among employees; answers calls, determines how to handle the call, alerts the caller to remain on the line and then transfers the call to the first available employee
- Automatic Identification of Outward Dialing** - The automatic identification of the calling station number based on EIA RS464/464-1 standard. (See Automatic Number Identification.)
- Automatic Identification of Outward Dialing (AIOD)** - The capability of some PBX or Centrex switches to provide an itemized breakdown of calls and charges, including individual charges for toll calls, for calls made from each telephone extension station. *See also ANI.*
- Automatic Message Accounting (AMA)** - An automatic system for recording data describing the origination time of day, dialed number and time duration of a call for purposes of billing.
- Automatic Number Identification (ANI)** - A service feature in which the directory number or equipment number of a calling station is automatically obtained.
- Automatic Protection Switch (APS)** – A device which monitors a channel and automatically switches the channel to another facility whenever the channel fails or when specified parameters go beyond a specified threshold.
- Automatic Protection Switching (APS)** - Switching architecture designed for SONET to perform error protection and network management from any point on the signal path.
- Automatic Switched Optical Network (ASON)** - The ASON is a multi-client versatile intelligent platform that enables the introduction of optical network functionality and facilitates efficient and future proof network architecture.
- Automatic Switched Transport Network (ASTN)** – A technology that uses the Generalized MPLS signaling protocol to set up and monitor edge-to-edge transport connections. ASTN is a type of optical transport network that uses Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) signaling to specify both the Network-to-Network (NNI) interface and the User-to-Network (UNI) interfaces and manages optical paths to enable Agencies to contract multi-point-to-multi-point connections in different configurations and class-of-service options.

Availability - Availability is the ratio of the time during which a service is available to the user (e.g., to originate and terminate calls) to the total amount of time in the calendar month. Availability is expressed as a decimal between 0 and 1 and is normally calculated for one calendar month of service.

Availability (Service) = Av(S) - is measured end-to-end for each service and calculated as a percentage of the total reporting interval time that a service is operationally available to the customer. Availability is computed by the standard formula:

$$Av(S) = \frac{RI(HR) - COT(HR)}{RI(HR)} \times 100$$

Available Bit Rate (ABR) - A class of ATM service, normally used for applications that do not require real-time delivery of data, e.g., local area network (LAN) interconnection, distributed file services, and Frame Relay to ATM Service Interworking (FRASI).

B Channel - The International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) designation for a clear channel, 64 kb/s service capability provided to a subscriber under the Integrated Services Digital Network offering. (See Integrated Services Digital Network)

Backup and Restore (BBKUP&R) - The combination of manual and machine procedures that can restore lost data in the event of hardware or software failure. Routine backup of databases and logs of computer activity are part of a backup & recovery program.

Bandwidth - The difference, in hertz (Hz), between the highest and lowest frequencies of a transmission channel. Also used to identify the maximum amount of data that can be sent through a given transmission channel per second.

Bandwidth On Demand (BOD) - A system that allows different data transmission rates based on requests from the customer, their application (e.g. voice or video), and the data transmission capability of the system.

Baseband - The original band of frequencies produced by a transducer, such as a microphone, telegraph key, or other signal-initiating device, prior to initial modulation

Basic Rate Interface (BRI) - An Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) multipurpose user's interface standard that denotes the capability of simultaneous voice and data services provided over 2B+D channels, two clear 64 kb/s channels and one clear 16 kb/s channel access arrangement to each subscriber's location as defined by International Telecommunications Union/Telecommunications Service Sector (ITU-TSS) I.412. (See B Channel and D Channel)

Basic Service - A set of technical capabilities that are defined in Section C. They are inherent within the base prices and may not be unbundled from these base prices.

Batch Service Request - Multiple requests for service in which individual service requests have been aggregated into a composite file that is forwarded via electronic file transfer to the contractor.

Best Commercial Practice - That method(s), process(es), procedure(s), system(s), and/or usage that is commonly implemented in the business world and that is generally agreed to have produced the most satisfactory or desirable result(s) on a consistent basis.

Bidirectional Line Switched Ring (BLSR) - A form of synchronous optical network (SONET) transmission that uses 2 rings for communication. The data flow on these two rings is opposite: clockwise on one and counterclockwise on the other. The use of BLSR transmission allows half of the data communication devices to be served by one ring and half to be served by the other.

Bidirectional Path Switched Ring (BPSR) - SONET transport network configuration in which network nodes are connected in a ring and traffic can be instantly re-routed in the other direction around the ring in the event of a cable cut or degradation of optical signal, thereby routing around the point of failure.

Bill of Materials (BOM) - A list of parts (components and other assemblies) that are the materials that are used to produce a product, quantity of product, or an assembly. In Networx, the listing of parts in a BOM is often assigned a cost (CLIN) to estimate the construction cost of the product or assembly.

Billable Agency Hierarchy Code - This represents an Agency Hierarchy Code (see also Agency Hierarchy Code) that is designated by an Agency to be assigned by the contractor to charges for a specific service or services under the contract. The corresponding charges should be billed to the Agency using this Agency Hierarchy Code.

Billed Eligible Revenue - This represents revenue billed by the contractor that is included in the calculation of the GSA Management Service (GMS) fee.

Billed Price – Includes the actual price of equipment and/or services, GMS fees, and any billed charges that are defined in the Networx contract(s).

Billing Codes - These are specific alpha and/or numeric identifiers that are used in the contractor's commercial billing systems to represent various billing elements (e.g., feature charge type, transmission type, etc.).

Billing Dispute – A government notification to the contractor noting a difference between an actual invoiced amount and the correct amount, based on the contract.

Billing Inquiry – A question or issue in the area of billing which may lead to a billing dispute.

Billing Output files - This represents contractor output files related to contractual billing deliverables that are required by the government.

Bit – The smallest unit of data transmission, representing either a binary 1 or a 0.

Bit Error – An error in the transmission of a single bit.

Bit Error Rate Test (BERT) – A test in which a known digital test pattern is transmitted on a data circuit and is compared to the pattern actually

received. The comparison yields an average count of bit errors per second over the period of the test.

Bit Error Ratio (BER) - The number of bits errors divided by the total number of bits transmitted, received, or processed over some stipulated period.

Bulk Order - A single order submitted by authorized persons, directing a contractor to provide multiple instances of the same service from a single ordering Agency.

Burst Size – The number of 56 byte ATM cells that can be transmitted from an ATM port in a contiguous stream.

Business Day - Any Monday through Friday that is not a US Federal holiday.

Busy Hour Grade of Service (GOS) – Busy hour GOS is a KPI for VS and is defined as the proportion of calls that cannot be completed during the customer's busy hour because of limits in the call handling capacity of one or more network elements (e.g., all trunks busy). For example, P.01 GOS indicates that one percent of the calls attempted are not being completed during the busy hour.

Byte – A set of bits that represent a single unit. A byte is usually defined to contain eight bits.

Calendar Month – The period beginning at 12:00 midnight on the first day of a month and ending at 11:59 PM on the last day of that month. Normally the Networx billing month is a calendar month.

Call - Any demand to set up a connection. A unit of traffic measurement.

Call Detail Records (CDR) – Network record (voice, data, or other) that includes call or event details, such as type, time, duration, originator, and destination; CDR can be used for network monitoring, traffic accounting, and billing.

Cancellation Order - An order submitted by authorized persons, directing a contractor to cancel a pending order.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) – A web-based registration system used by the contractors to register for the first time or to update their information profile to indicate a past performance Point of Contact. In CCR, contractors assign themselves a Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN), which they will use to gain access to PPIRS (Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS)). In order to access their own information in PPIRS, contractors must first gain access through the CCR online process and register. CCR can be accessed at: <http://www.ccr.gov> . See “Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS)”

Central Remit -See *Centralized Billed Invoice*

Centralized Billed Invoice - This represents summarized invoice data for multiple Agencies or sub-Agencies that has been combined into a single invoice and delivered to GSA. It may not be an actual request for payment.

Centralized Billing - The process by which the contractor combines the invoice data for multiple Agencies or sub-Agencies into a single invoice delivered to GSA. Agencies are invoiced directly by GSA and pay the invoice

directly to GSA. GSA is responsible for the collection of charges directly from the centralized-billed Agencies or sub-Agencies. The contractor invoiced consolidated billing charges directly to GSA. *See Direct Billing.*

Centralized Payment - This represents payment made to the contractor by the GSA Office of Finance for the amount of the invoice less the GSA Management Service (GMS) fee, non-compliance amounts, and any amounts withheld by GSA.

Change Control – The introduction of changes in the Network OSS, services, processes, and documentation in a controlled fashion so as to minimize the impact on quality or availability of service.

Change Order – An order submitted by authorized persons, directing a contractor to make a change to a previously completed order and existing service.

Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit (CSU/DSU) - Devices that combine the functionality of data service units (DSU) and channel service units (CSU) to adapt data from user communication systems to communication lines with multiple channels. The DSU portion is an interface between a customer's data terminal equipment and a data communication network. DSU are the digital equivalent of the analog modem and are translation codecs (CCode and DECode) coupled with a network termination interface (NTI). The CSU portion is used to coordinate communication from one or more data terminal equipment (DTE) devices to logical channels on a multi-channel communication circuit.

Circuit - The complete transmission path between two terminals over which one-way or two-way communication may be provided. A circuit may provide one or more channels.

Circuit Emulation Services (CES) - A service that transports TDM-based traffic over a Metro Ethernet Network.

Circuit Grooming - The practice of efficiently using both incoming and outgoing facilities by cross-connection and multiplexing of lower rate signals (or channels) into higher rate aggregated signals, and vice versa. Consolidation and segregation of voice and data or service types, as appropriate, are included in this practice. The objective is to minimize the cost to the Government of both access and transport.

Class A Expedited Implementation – Expedited service implementation when the ordering Agency requires priority provisioning for NS/EP circumstances or other circumstances in which the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) system is invoked.

Class B Expedited Implementation – Expedited service implementation when the ordering Agency requires priority provisioning due to potential hardship to the Agency, however, not due to circumstances covered by TSP.

Class of Service (COS) – A grade of service that is defined by specific service KPIs. For example, for Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service (ATMS), the class of service is defined by the constancy of the cell delivery rate and the amount of bandwidth available for use. ATMS classes of service include Constant Bit Rate and Variable Bit Rate.

- Classmark** - A designator used to describe the service feature privileges, restrictions, and circuit characteristics for lines or trunks that access a switch. *Note:* Examples of classmarks include precedence level, conference privilege, security level, and zone restriction. *Synonym:* *class-of-service mark.*
- Clear Channel** - In networking, a signal path that provides its full bandwidth for a user's service. *Note:* No control or signaling is performed on this path. (e.g., 64 kb/s clear channel.)
- Closed User Group (CUG)** - (1- access restriction) A group of directory numbers sharing an access restriction such that any directory number can reach others in the group but cannot access outside numbers. (2- cellular system) Advanced features such as 4-digit dialing authorized for a closed group of users of the service. (3 - X25 protocol) In the X.25 packet-switching protocol, a facility indicating a virtual grouping of terminals that can communicate only with other members of that group. The feature can be extended to a closed user group with outgoing access, or a closed user group with incoming access.
- Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing (CWDM)** - Combines up to 16 wavelengths onto a single fiber. CWDM technology uses an ITU standard 20nm spacing between the wavelengths, from 1310nm to 1610nm.
- Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)** - A system that allows multiple users to share one or more radio channels for service by adding a unique codes to each data signal that is being sent to and from each of the radio transceivers. These codes are used to spread the data signal to a bandwidth much wider than is necessary to transmit the data signal without the code.
- Code Violations (CV)** - A transmission error detected by the difference between the transmitted and the locally calculated bit-interleaved parity.
- Coder-Decoder (CODEC)** - An assembly consisting of an encoder and a decoder in the same equipment.
- Commercial Best Practice** - Synonymous with "Best Commercial Practice"
- Commercially Available** - As applied to a telecommunications service in a geographic area, the service or service related feature that is currently legally provided by a service provider to one or more other entities, independent from the service provider, for their own legal commercial business purposes.
- Commercially Interoperable Services** - A commercially available telecommunications service offering is considered to be commercially interoperable when any subscriber on that commercially available telecommunication service can establish connectivity with a majority of subscribers on similar, but independent, commercially available telecommunication services within the same country.
- Committed Burst Size (CBS)** - Committed burst size defines the number of bits that a router can transmit over a specified time interval when congestion is occurring.

Committed Information Rate (CIR) - Committed information rate (CIR) is a guaranteed minimum data transmission rate of service that will be available to the user through a network. Applications that use CIR services include voice and real time data applications. CIR can be measured in bits per second, burst size, and burst interval. Some service providers allow users to transmit data above the CIR level. However, when data is transmitted above the CIR level, some of the data may be selectively discarded if the network becomes congested.

Common Language Location Identification Code (CLLI) – An eleven character location identification code that complies with American National Standard Institute (ANSI) standard T1.201-1987. The eleven character mnemonic code is used to uniquely identify a location in the United States, Canada or other countries. These codes are known as CLLI or “Location Codes” and may be used in either a manual or mechanized record keeping system.

Communications Assistant (CA) - The Federal Relay Service operator who acts as an intermediary between the hearing/speech impaired Federal Relay Service user (who uses a TDD/TTY or personal computer) and a hearing Federal Relay Service user (who uses a standard telephone device).

Compatibility - A property of systems that allows the exchange of necessary information directly and in usable form. *Note:* This implies use of identical or compatible protocols.

Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) - A telephone service company that provides local telephone service that competes with the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Complaint Report – A verbal or written notice submitted by a customer Agency to notify the contractor and formally document dissatisfaction with the responsiveness or customer service of the contractor.

Complex Price Quote - Involves complex service solutions requiring coordinated effort between the Government and the contractor to develop technical, scheduling, and costing alternatives. The contractor provides the Government a service price quote describing the technical details, price, and proposed schedule information regarding implementation of the proposed service solution.

Compliance Appraisal - As used in the Request for Proposal (RFP), the process of determining the offeror's level of compliance with the requirements of the RFP.

Computer Supported Telephony Applications (CSTA) - An interface created by ECMA to support computer telephony integration (CTI). ECMA is an industry association dedicated to the standardization of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Systems.

Computer Telephony Integration (CTI) - CTI is the integration of computer processing systems with telephone technology. Computer telephony provides PBX functions along with advanced call processing and information access services. These services include, pre-paid telephony

access control, interactive voice response (IVR), call center management, and private branch exchanges (PBX).

Confidentiality - The concept of holding sensitive data in confidence, limited to an appropriate set of individuals or organizations.

Configuration – Identification, arrangement, and setup of parts, elements or components of a Network service or OSS.

Configuration Control – Assembly and release of parts, elements, and components of a Network service or OSS in a controlled fashion so as to ensure the consistency of the released parts, elements and components, and to communicate the characteristics of the released configuration.

Conformance Appraisal - As used in the RFP, the process of verifying that the offeror's proposal conforms to the proposal preparation instructions in the RFP.

Connection - A call, session, or virtual communications link provided via switched service types or the use of the fixed transmission media of dedicated facility-based service types.

Connection-Oriented – A protocol for exchanging data in which a logical connection is established between the end points (e.g., virtual circuit)

Consolidated Invoice - An invoice containing charges for multiple services (e.g., voice, data, cellular, paging). The contractor invoices all services having the same billing period on a consolidated invoice.

Constant Bit Rate (CBR) - A class of ATM service that supports the transport and delivery of services that require a constant, unvarying rate of information delivery, e.g., high quality video, high quality voice, and emulated circuit switching. The cell rate is constant with time.

Consultative Committee for International Telephony And Telegraphy (CCITT) - Original French language name "Comité Consultatif International Télégraphique et Téléphonique" abbreviated CCITT. A part of the United Nations Economic Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), based in Geneva, develops worldwide telecommunications standards. In 1993, after a reorganization, the organization's name was changed to International Telecommunication Union-Telecommunications Sector (ITU-T or just ITU)

Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) - A unique number used to identify billable items; a term used to describe an item that can have a single unit price; a contract line item must be identified separately from any other items or services on the contract.

Contracting Officer (CO) – In FAR definition, means a person with the authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings. The Contracting Officer signs contracts on behalf of the Government and bears the legal responsibility for each contract. They alone can enter into, terminate, or change a contractual commitment on behalf of the Government.

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) – (formerly called COTR) COR is a person designated in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, and authorized in writing by the contracting

officer, to perform specific technical or administrative functions. COR has specific authority to act on behalf of the contracting officer. The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or changes that will affect price, quality, quantity, delivery, or any other term or condition of the contract. The COR performs essential responsibilities during the various stages of the contracting process:

- Pre-solicitation phase - the COR has the lead and the Contracting Officer operates in an advisory capacity.
- Award phase - the lead responsibility shifts to the Contracting Officer, with the COR acting largely as an advisor.
- Post-award administration - the COR assumes lead responsibility for some functions, and the Contracting Officer for others.
- While the contract is in force, CORs monitor compliance with all contract terms and conditions, and must report any deviation to the Contracting Officer.

Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) – In Networx, the COR replaces the title for a COTR. *See also Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)*

Contractor Billing Period - This represents the time frame during which the contractor's billing system completes its processing cycle (e.g., billing records may be captured by a contractor's billing system for a period running from the 1st to the 31st of a calendar month. However, the "contractor billing period" represents the applicable date that has been established as a monthly recurring billing platform cycle end date).

Contractor's Program Organization (CPO) - An organization which will be established by the contractor to be the direct interface with the Networx PMO.

CONUS - The 48 contiguous United States plus the District of Columbia.

Corrected Order - An order submitted by authorized persons directing a contractor to make a correction to an previously submitted order prior to delivery of the SOCN.

Credit — An arrangement to reduce the amount owed by the customer in a future invoice by an agreed amount for failure to meet an SLA performance objective.

Creditable Outage or Impairment – A condition in which the service is not capable of supporting the customer's intended application and the contractor is responsible.

Critical Service Level – A level of service defined for Government applications that specify higher levels of availability and performance than is assured by Routine Service.

Critical Users - Critical users of NS/EP telecommunications are key Government officials whose position requires special access and network treatment to assure telecommunications services during emergencies. During an emergency, critical users at Federal agencies generally interact with the management of critical industries, other Federal agencies, and state, local,

and tribal Governments, on both an individual and regional basis, for developing emergency response options.

Cumulative Outage Time (Hours) = COT (HR) – The total sum of Outage Time(Hours) over the complete Reporting Interval(Hours) time period for a specific service.

Custom Call Record (CCR) – CCR's are ASCII coded records that contain information about each individual call answered by a network based Interactive Voice Response (IVR) platform. CCR data provides the ability to create custom reports on call statistics, CCR reports capture DTMF (or speech recognition entries) that the caller selected while using the IVR menu feature (i.e. menu option selections).

Customer - The Agency, including GSA, sub-Agency, or other Government entity that purchases a Networkx service.

Customer Network Management (CNM) - A data integration system that takes data from a service provider's fault, performance, and order management and provisioning systems, and integrates the data into a near real-time view for the enterprise customer.

Customer Network Management (CNM) Function - Provides an interface between users and the contractor's administrative and operational data, allowing users on-line access to "read" and download user's data while ensuring the service providers maintain information security and control.

Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) - All telecommunications terminal equipment located on the customer's premises, including telephone sets, private branch exchanges (PBXs), data terminals, and customer-owned coin-operated telephones.

Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) – Information which is available to a telecommunications service provider by virtue of the provider's basic service customer relationship. May include service description, billing information, customer address, etc. Provision of this information to the Government may be prohibited by law or regulation.

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) - A process or system that coordinates information that is sent and received between contractors and customers. CRM systems are used to order, bill, to schedule activities, allocate resources, and help control the sales activities within a company.

Customer Service Authorization Circuit Number - A reference number designated by GSA which in many cases corresponds to the commercial circuit number. All customer service authorization circuits are unique, eliminating confusion and duplication in circuit numbering. These numbers are used for circuit identification and circuit payment processes.

Customer Service Unit (CSU) - A device that provides an accessing arrangement at a user location to either switched or dedicated data-conditioned circuits at a specifically established data signaling rate. A CSU typically provides local loop equalization, transient protection, isolation, and central office loop-back testing capability. A CSU is commonly integrated with a DSU to form a CSU/DSU package.

- Customer Support Office (CSO)** - An organization which will be established by the contractor to provide direct, day-to-day customer service to the Government. Also referred to as Customer Service Center (CSC).
- Customer Want Date (CWD)** - This represents the data by which the Agency/Customer desires to have service installed.
- Cutover** - The physical changing of circuits or lines at a telecommunications location after completion of service installations by a contractor.
- D Channel** - In ISDN, the 16 kb/s segment of a 144 kb/s, full-duplex subscriber service channel that is subdivided into 2B+D channels, i.e., into two 64 kb/s clear channels (B Channel) and one 16 kb/s channel (D Channel) for the ISDN basic rate. The D channel is usually used for out-of-band signaling. (See Integrated Services Digital Network.)
- DAR Administrator** - An Agency DAR Administrator is an employee of an Agency who compiles, tracks and maintains a listing of all DARs specific to that Agency. The Agency DAR Administrator provides to the contractor a current list of DARs who are authorized to initiate service requests. (See Designated Agency Representative (DAR)).
- Dark Fiber** - An Optical Fiber through which no light is transmitted as no electronics or lasers are attached to any of its ends. Usually, optical fiber strands traveling in the same conduit or multiple conduits providing secure and reliable infrastructure to build single point-to-point connections or more complex network topologies.
- Data** - Representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automatic means.
- Data Block** - A set of consecutive bits associated with a signal path. A block typically contains an error correction code (e.g., a cyclic redundancy check code) for in service performance monitoring. Block size may vary with the data application being used.
- Data Circuit Terminating Equipment** - In a data station, the equipment that provides signal conversion, coding, and other functions at the network end of the line between the data terminal equipment and the line, and that may be a separate or an integral part of the data terminal equipment or of the intermediate equipment.
- Data Delivery Rate (DDR)** - A measure of the success rate with which FRS data packets are transmitted and received over the Network core network. A DDR of 1.00 would mean that 100% of packets transmitted were successfully received over a one month period.
- Data Dictionary** - This represents a specific file record layout for data files that will be presented by the contractor to the Government.
- Data Encryption Standard (DES)** - A cryptographic algorithm for the protection of unclassified computer data, issued as Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 46-1. *Note:* The Data Encryption Standard, which was promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, is intended for public and Government use.

- Data Integrity** - The property that data meets a predefined level of quality or acceptability.
- Data Link Connection Identifier (DLCI)** - A temporary channel identifier used in a communication system to identify a specific circuit along with its required communication parameters (such as peak data rates). The DLCI in a frame relay system is 10 bits. (It is pronounced "dill-see").
- Data Over Cable Service Interface Specifications (DOCSIS)** – An interface specification for cable modems and related equipment; the former name of CableLabs certified cable modem project, which resulted in high-speed modems being certified for retail sale.
- Data Service Unit (DSU)** - DSU is equipment that acts as an interface between a customer's data terminal equipment and a data communication network. DSU are the digital equivalent of the analog modem and are translation codecs (COde and DECode) coupled with a network termination interface (NTI). The DSU formats the data for transmission on the data network and ensures that the data network operators required data formats are provided. A DSU is commonly integrated with a CSU to form a CSU/DSU package.
- Data Terminal Equipment (DTE)** - Equipment that converts user information into data signals for transmission, or reconverts the received data signals into user information.
- Decibel (dB)** - A measurement that expresses the ratio of two amounts of power by use of the logarithm.
- Dedicated Access** - A type of access in which a communications channel is assigned to specific users for an extended period of time. Dedicated access service is generally billed on a monthly basis.
- Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS)** - Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS) provide federal Agencies the alternative of outsourcing Web hosting operations. DHS are fully managed by the service provider. The various equipment and facilities comprising the Web hosting environment are operated and administered by the service provider.
- Dedicated Service Types** - The access and transport service types generally based on the use of fixed transmission media and generally billed on a monthly recurring basis.
- Dedicated Transmission Service (DTS)** – *See Private Line Service*
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)** – Also known as the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA). DARPA is the central research and development Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense.
- Delay** - The interval of time between transmission and reception of a signal.
- Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM)** – A fiber-optic transmission technique that employs light wavelengths to transmit data parallel-by-bit or serial-by-character.
- Department of Defense Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria** - A document published by the National Computer Security Center containing a uniform set of basic requirements and evaluation classes for assessing degrees of assurance in the effectiveness of hardware and software

security controls built into systems. These criteria are intended for use in the design and evaluation of systems that will process and/or store sensitive or classified data. This document is Government Standard Department of Defense (DOD) 5200.28-Standard and is frequently referred to as The Criteria or *The Orange Book*.

Designated Agency Representative (DAR) - A DAR is an employee of a Government Agency who has been authorized by the Agency to initiate and track the Agency's Network orders. Through the Agency DAR Administrator, an Agency designates and authorizes one or more individuals to perform DAR functions to the contractor.

Detail Billing File - This represents the billing support data portion of the charges delivered and the amounts due and payable by the government, and made available in a processible exchange medium.

Dial Back-Up Connections - An alternate method of connection to a service provider's system using dialed digits over a switched network to establish the connection.

Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS) - A call identification service typically provided by a toll free (800 number) network. The DNIS information can be used by the PBX or automatic call delivery (ACD) system to select the menu choices, call routing, and customer service representative information display based on the incoming telephone number.

Digital Data - Data represented by discrete values or conditions, as opposed to analog data.

Digital Signal 0 (DS0) - Digital signal level zero. The base unit of digital transmission capacity (Digital signal level zero) for the North American digital hierarchy. It represents 1 communication channel = 1 simultaneous voice grade equivalent with a communication capacity of 64 thousand bits per second (64Kbps)

Digital Signal 1 (DS1) - Digital Signal level one. In the North American Digital hierarchy it is the equivalent of 24 multiplexed voice grade channels (DS-0s). 1.544 million bits per second (1.5Mbps). Also commonly referred to as a T-1. **Digital Signal 3 (DS3)** - Digital Signal level 3. In the North American digital hierarchy a DS3 signal has a transmission rate of 44.736 Megabits per second and represents a total of 28 DS-1 circuit. Also commonly referred to as a T-3.

Digital Signature - A quantity associated with a message or file, e.g., a message digest encrypted with a private key, which only someone with access to a person's private key could have generated, but that can be verified through access and use of the associated public key.

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) - The transmission of digital information, usually on a copper wire pair. Although the transmitted information is in digital form, the transmission medium is usually an analog carrier signal (or the combination of many analog carrier signals) that is modulated by the digital information signal.

- Direct Billing** - Agencies are invoiced directly by the contractor and pay the invoice directly to the contractor. The contractor is responsible for the collection of charges directly from the billed Agencies or sub-Agencies. GSA will not be responsible for any charges directly invoiced to any Agency or sub-Agency. (See Centralized Billing)
- Direct Inward Dialing (DID)** - Direct Inward Dialing (DID) connections are trunk-side (network side) end office connections. The network signaling on these 2-wire circuits is primarily limited to 1-way, incoming service. DID connections employ different supervision and address pulsing signals than dial lines. Typically, DID connections use a form of loop supervision called reverse battery, which is common for 1-way, trunk-side connections. Until recently, most DID trunks were equipped with either Dial Pulse (DP) or Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) addresses pulsing.
- Direct Ordering** – A process in which Agencies place Orders directly with the contractor by using the contractor's online electronic ordering system.
- Direct-Billed Agency** - A government Agency or sub-Agency that has elected to receive its billing directly from the contractor. Additionally, this represents a government Agency or sub-Agency that pays the contractor directly for services provided by the contractor.
- Direct-Billed Invoice** - This represents a summarized request for payment consisting of total charges delivered and the amounts due and payable by an Agency/sub-Agency that has selected direct-billing.
- Discard Eligibility (DE)** – A tag which is applied to low priority frames to indicate that they may be discarded prior to delivery if network congestion is high. All frames which are part of an Excess Burst Size (Ec) transmission are automatically marked with a DE tag.
- Discovery Meeting** – A meeting between the contractor and Agency to gather requirements for an Agency-specific application, to discuss scope of work, proposed solution, roles and responsibilities, project plan and schedule, deliverables, cost estimate, and project risk assessment.
- Discovery Session** – A meeting between the contractor and Agency to gather requirements and identify the scope of work, schedule, and deliverables required to meet the Agency's needs for Call Center/Customer Contact Center Services.
- Dispute Receipt Acknowledgement** – A notice sent by the contractor to acknowledge receipt of a dispute.
- Dispute Resolution Confirmation** – A notice sent by the contractor to the Agency describing the resolution of a dispute submitted by the Agency.
- Distributed Computing Environment-Remote Procedure Calls (DCE-RPC)** – A process that allows application at distant servers to be used. Procedures can be called from one application to another, regardless of hardware, operating system, or available network transports between systems.
- Do Not Disturb (DND)** -- A term to describe telephony feature that enables a user to temporarily block all calls to their telephone extension. DND provides the ability to temporarily block calls to a station number. The

feature can be activated and de-activated by the subscriber. Outgoing calling capability is allowed when the DND state is activated. This capability can be administered on a station basis according to the subscribing Agencies needs.

Document Change Control – The introduction of changes to Networx documentation in a controlled fashion so as to ensure that: a) changes to Networx documentation are adequately tracked, b) documentation distributed as part of a Networx service or OSS release/change corresponds with the particular release/change, and c) users have the latest updates to the documentation.

Domestic - Within the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa.

Dual-Tone Multifrequency Signaling - A telephone signaling method employing standard set combinations of two specific voice band frequencies, one from a group of four low frequencies and the other from a group of four relatively high frequencies.

Dynamic Allocation - A method for allocating charges among Agencies in a shared tenant arrangement which applies to situations where the ANI is known for the Agencies. *See Shared Tenant.*

E&M Signaling - In telephony, an arrangement that uses separate leads, called respectively the "E" lead and "M" lead, for signaling and supervisory purposes.

E-Carrier ES1 (European Standard E1) - A CCITT standard for a trunk of 30 DS0 channels, similar to US T1 trunk of 24 DS0 channels.

Effective Billing Date (EBD) – This represents the billing start date and may not precede the Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN) "complete date." Likewise, the billing end date must be the actual disconnect date indicated on the SOCN.

Elapsed Time – Calculate as follows:

Elapsed Time = 24 Hours x 60 Minutes x Days in Month x Number of Sites.

Electronic Access - The capability to access information via on-line access (dedicated or dial-up), electronic mail, and facsimile.

Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) - The meaning is the same as "information technology" except EIT also includes any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the creation.

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) - Any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by cash, check, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, computer, or magnetic tape, for the purpose of ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit an account. The term includes Automated Clearing House transfers, Fedwire transfers, and transfers made at automatic teller

machines and point-of-sale terminals. For purposes of compliance with 31 U.S.C. 3332 and implementing regulations at 31 CFR part 208, the term "electronic funds transfer" includes a Government-wide commercial purchase card transaction.

Electronic Mail (e-Mail) - A process of sending messages in electronic form.

These messages are usually in text form. However, they can also include images and video clips

Electronic Stapling – The process of combining individual invoices created by separate billing systems into a single invoice. The contractor invoices all services having the same billing period using electronic stapling. *Also see Consolidated Invoice*

Embedded Access – a pricing methodology in which the underlying cost of the access facility(s) used to connect a user to a service's transport arrangement is included in (i.e., embedded within) the service's transport pricing. Examples of embedded access pricing included (1) the pricing for Voice Service (VS) in which originating switched access costs are included in the "VS Transport Usage Price – Switched access origination" prices and (2) the pricing for IPS and NBIP-VPNS in which the originating access costs are included in certain of the services' port prices.

Emergency Change - Represents a change to an invoice's content or format that is required to occur prior to the minimum 60-day frequency.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) -

In October 1986, the President signed into law the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This act amended the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), commonly known as "Superfund". Included under Title III of SARA, was a free standing law, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), commonly known as SARA Title III.

Its purpose is to encourage and support emergency planning efforts at the State and local levels and provide the public and local governments with information concerning potential chemical hazards present in their communities. EPCRA does not place limits on which chemicals can be stored, used, released, disposed, or transferred at a facility. It only requires a facility to document, notify, and report information. Each section of the law, however, applies different requirements, has different deadlines and covers a different group of chemicals. These specific requirements are contained in the sections of EPCRA:

- Emergency Planning
- Emergency Release Notification
- Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements
- Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting

Emergency Routing Request – A request from the Agency to the contractor to re-route (or re-direct) call traffic for a specific toll-free number to an Agency designated termination. This can include an alternate terminating telephone number or announcement.

- Emerging Services (ES)** - Telecommunication services currently not commercially available in many locations but which are expected to become widely commercially available as the commercial infrastructure supporting them evolves and their technical standards become generally acknowledged and accepted by industry.
- Enclave** – In this contract, refers to Security Enclaves. A set of information and processing capabilities that are protected as a group. The information processing capabilities may include networks, hosts, or applications.
- Encrypt** - To convert plain text into an unintelligible form by means of a crypto system.
- End of Unacceptable Service Performance** – The time following the start of a period of unacceptable service performance at which time all KPIs once again meet or exceed their associated AQLs.
- Enhanced 911 (E911)** - An emergency telephone calling system that provides an emergency dispatcher with the address and number of the telephone when a user initiates a call for help. The E911 system has the capability of indicating the contact information for the local police, fire, and ambulance services that are within a customers calling area.
- Envelope** - In the context of message handling systems, as used in this document, envelope is an object that carries addressing information, and attributes (e.g., date, time, priority and subject) required for transporting the message.
- Equipment** – Anything that is instrumental in accomplishing some end needed for an undertaking or to perform a service (e.g., hardware, software, firmware)
- Error Free Second (EFS)** – A one second interval of digital signal transmission in which no transmission error occurs.
- Errored Block** – A data block in which one or more bits are in error.
- Errored Second (ES)** – A one second interval of digital signal transmission in which at least one transmission error occurs.
- Ethernet Private LAN (E-LAN)** – A multi-point to multi-point service where disparate LAN segments are connected to form a single virtual LAN. Appropriate applications are inter and intra-city LAN connectivity, router interconnect and server consolidation. E-LAN can be offered over either a Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) or a Wide Area Network (WAN).
- Ethernet Private Line (E-LINE)** – A point-to-point service where bandwidth is reserved. E-LINE ES is useful for mission critical traffic. E-LINE resembles traditional Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) private line service. Appropriate applications are router interconnect, business continuity, and disaster recovery.
- Excess Burst Size (Ec)** – The amount of additional data above the Committed Burst Size” which the contractor agrees to attempt to deliver if network congestion is not too high.
- Expedited Order** – An order the Agency specifically designates to meet reduced contractual service implementation intervals.

- Expedited Service Class A** - The ordering Agency requires priority provisioning for National Security / Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) circumstances, or under circumstances in which the National Communications System (NCS) invokes the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) system.
See also Class A Expedited Implementation
- Expedited Service Class B** - The ordering Agency requires priority provisioning due to potential hardship to the Agency, however not due to urgent, compelling, emergency, NS/EP, or TSP circumstances. *See also Class B Expedited Implementation*
- External Timing Reference (ETR)** - Facilitates the synchronization of time-of-day (TOD) clocks to ensure consistent time stamp data in an installation with multiple, coupled systems.
- Fail-Over Time** – The time interval between the loss of a restorable network data link and its automatic restoration by imbedded management protocols.
- Fault** - A problem with the contract services that the contractor detects through its fault management function. Recorded as a Trouble Report.
- Feature** - An additional capability beyond basic service that is to be selected at the option of the user. Features are normally separately priced, although some features have been defined to be not separately priced.
- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)** - The primary regulation for use by all Federal Executive Agencies in their acquisition of supplies and services with appropriated funds. It became effective April 1, 1984 and is issued within applicable laws under the joint authorities of the Administrator of General Services, the Secretary of Defense, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under the broad policy guidelines of the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget.
- Federal Agency** – In FAR definition, means any executive Agency or any independent establishment in the legislative or judicial branch of the Government (except the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Architect of the Capitol, and any activities under the Architect's direction).
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** – Federal Agency established by the Communication Act of 1934 that oversees commercial spectrum usage, interstate telecommunications, and all international services originating and terminating in the United States.
- Federal Relay Service** - A Federal Government-provided service that acts as an intermediary between hearing individuals and individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities.
- Federal Technology Service (FTS)** - The Government organization responsible for planning, developing, establishing and managing the FTS program to meet Federal requirements for common-user local and long-distance telecommunications services government-wide (Federal Telecommunications Service prior to October 1997).
- Federal Telecommunications Recommendations (FTR)** – A set of telecommunications recommendations for the design and procurement of telecommunications equipment/services for the National Communications

System (NCS). The FTR are issued by the NCS technology and program division, after approval by the FTR standards committee and deputy manager, NCS, pursuant to Executive Order 12472, Public Law 104-113 and NCS directive 4-1. {Source: NCS web page}

- Fiber Channel Industry Association (FCIA)** - A nonprofit international organization of manufacturers, systems integrators, developers, systems vendors, industry professionals and end users.
- Fiber Connectivity (FICON)** - An I/O protocol used between IBM (and compatible) mainframes and storage. It takes the higher layer ESCON protocol, analogous to SCSI, and maps into onto a Fiber Channel transport.
- Fiber Optic Transmission System (FOTS)** - A term sometimes used by carriers to describe the generic application of SONET and SDH optical networks.
- File Transfer Protocol (FTP)** - A Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) service that supports bidirectional transfer of binary and ASCII files without loss of data between local and remote computers on the Internet. The FTP command set allows a user to log onto a remote server over the network, list file directories and copy files.
- Firewall** - A system that manages a boundary between two networks to control access between the networks. A firewall as a single point of entry to an organization's intranet from the Internet provides a method for the security official to limit public access to data on an organization's intranet while allowing users on the intranet to access the WWW.
- Firm Order Commitment Date** – The date that the contractor commits to provide the service in a state ready for the customer to use and the date that the Government expects to accept the service and billing to become effective. It is the date specified on the Firm Order Commitment Notice in accordance with Section C.3.5 (Ordering). The Firm order commitment date may not be adjusted for any reason. The contractor may record delays in service delivery due to the customer delaying the customer want date or the customer not being ready to accept the service on the firm order commitment date, but the contractor shall not change the firm order commitment date from what was delivered on the Firm Order Commitment Notice.
- Fixed Allocation** - A method of allocating charges among Agencies in a shared tenant arrangement where the ANI is not known for the Agencies. See *Shared Tenant*.
- Fixed Bandwidth (FB)** - The standard bandwidth amount listed for a given circuit (i.e., a T1 circuit, which has a standard bandwidth of 1.54 Mbps, would have 1.54 Mbps of "fixed bandwidth"). FB is different from BOD (bandwidth on demand) where bandwidth can vary from the standard amount of a given circuit.
- Fractional T-Carrier DS1 (FT-1)** - A digital transmission service that provides a customer with multiple 64 kbps channels but less than the full 24 channels offered by a T-1 channel.

Fractional T-Carrier DS3 (FT3) - Fractional T3 supports n times DS1s over a T3 carrier, where n is less than 28.

Frame Relay Assembler/Disassembler (FRAD) - A communications access device that converts data from a user's network into the format that is required by a frame relay network.

Frame Relay Service (FRS) - A metropolitan and wide area networking solution that implements data link switching techniques.

Fraudulent Use of Services - Any use of Networx services for any functions or activities not authorized by the Government.

Free Space Optics (FSO) - A line-of-sight technology that uses lasers to provide optical bandwidth connections that can send and receive voice, video, and data information on invisible beams of light.

FTP Media - Distribution media by which electronic documents, reports, or files are distributed via a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server over the Internet.

Full-Duplex - A mode of operation in which simultaneous communication in both directions may occur between two terminals. Contrast with half duplex or simplex operation in which communications occur in only one direction at a time.

General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) - A portion of the GSM specification that allows packet radio service on the GSM system. The GPRS system adds (defines) new packet control channels and gateways to the GSM system.

Gigabit Ethernet (GigE) - Gigabit Ethernet (GE) is a data communication system that combines Ethernet technology with fiber optic cable transmission to provide data communication transmission at a Gigabit rate.

Gigahertz (GHz) - A measure of frequency equal to one billion cycles per second. Signals operating above 1 GHz are commonly known as microwaves.

Global - Of, relating to, or involving the entire world; worldwide.

Global Account Manager (GAM) - The FTS manager assigned to an Agency account that provides customer support required for implementation and maintenance of Networx services. Also, called Customer Service Representative.

GMS Fee Structure - The structure for calculating the GMS fee presented by GSA to the contractor (e.g., The GMS fee structure may be a fixed percentage of the billed eligible revenue).

Government Data Elements - Data elements related to billing that are required by the government, and allows the government to:

- Verify information back to an order,
- Validate all charges,
- Verify adjustments at the lowest level (e.g., service period of original charge type/description),
- Enable the Government to re-bill its own customers,
- Assist with the management of inventory.

- Government Furnished Equipment (GFE)** – Property in the possession of, or directly acquired by the government and subsequently made available to the contractor. *See Government Furnished Property (GFP)*
- Government Furnished Property (GFP)** - Property in the possession of, or directly acquired by the government and subsequently made available to the contractor.
- Grade of Service (GOS)** - A term associated with telecommunications service indicating the probability of a call being blocked during a call attempt during the busy hour, expressed as a decimal fraction.
- Ground Start** - A supervisory signal from a terminal to a switch in which one side of the line is temporarily grounded.
- GSA Management Service** – Direct or indirect services, primarily in contract administration, performed by GSA to support the management of FTS contracts.
- GSA Management Service (GMS) Fees** - Charges levied by GSA to each Agency or sub-Agency for their utilization of Networx services.
- Half-Duplex** - That mode of operation in which communication between two terminals occurs in either direction but in only one direction at a time. Contrast with duplex or simplex operation. *Note:* Half-duplex operation may occur on half-duplex circuits or on duplex circuits, but it may not occur on simplex circuits.
- Hardcopy** - Used in this document in reference to paper copies of an contractor's proposal, etc.; also, anything printed on paper.
- Hearing Carry Over (HCO)** - A feature offered in a relay service that allows a person who is speech impaired and has hearing capabilities to listen to the other end user and in reply utilize the relay operator/CA who speaks the text as typed by the person with the speech impairment. The relay operator/CA does not type any conversation.
- Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)** - Authoring software language used on the Internet and for creating WWW pages. HTML is essentially text with embedded HTML commands identified by angle brackets and known as HTML tags.
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)** - The communications protocol used by a Web Browser to connect to Web servers on the Internet.
- Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)** - The protocol for accessing a secure Web server. The use of HTTPS in the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) directs the message to a secure port address instead of the default Web port address of 80.
- Identification (User ID)** - The process that enables recognition of an entity by a system, generally by the use of unique machine-readable user names.
- Inbound** - A switched connection made from a non-domestic location to a domestic location.
- Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRU)** - In telecommunications, Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) is the effective long-term lease (temporary ownership) of a portion of the capacity of an international cable. This term is used in Dark Fiber Services.

Individual Case Basis (ICB) – Applies to a situation with special end-user requirements, for which special arrangements are made with the contractor where fixed pricing could not have been determined or could not apply.

Infrastructure Security Services - services that include both the intrinsic services necessary to ensure satisfactory availability and connectivity of the specified communications services and solutions; and the National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) and other Agency-specific services necessary to ensure that the underlying services and networks are maintained in a state of readiness for national emergencies. *Also see "Service Types"*

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) - An organization formed in 1963 that represents of electrical and electronics scientists and engineers.

Integer Function (INT) – Mathematical function that replaces a fractional number with an integer according to standard rules of rounding.

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - A service that provides end-to-end digital connectivity to support a wide range of services, including voice and non-voice services, to which users have access by a limited set of standard multi-purpose user network interfaces, as defined in the ITU-TSS I series. (See basic rate interface and primary rate interface.)

Integration Group - Access channel or group of access channels carried within a single access circuit that is providing Access Service Integration.

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) - IVR is a process of automatically interacting with a caller through providing audio prompts to request information and store responses from the caller. The responses can be in the form of touch-tone(tm) key presses or voice responses. Voice responses are converted to digital information by voice recognition signal processing. IVR systems are commonly used for automatic call distribution or service activation or changes.

Interagency Management Council (IMC) - The Interagency Management Council (IMC) for Federal Telecommunications is a group of senior Federal executives, representing 14 Cabinet-level departments and several other Agencies. The Council serves as an advisory body for the development, coordination, and customer-driven oversight of the telecommunications programs of the Federal Government and related activities and organizations. The Council advises the Administrator of the General Services Administration on telecommunications matters.

Interconnection - The linking together of interoperable systems.

Inter-exchange Carrier (IXC) - Also known as long distance carriers, inter-exchange carriers (IXCs) interconnect local systems with each other. For inter-exchange connection, networks as a rule connect to long distance networks through a separate toll center (tandem switch). In the United States, this toll center is called a point of presence (POP) connection.

Intermediate Reach – Single – Longitudinal Mode (IR1-SLM) - Intermediate Reach (IR) optical interfaces refer to optical sections with system loss

budgets from 0 dB to 11 or 12 dB. Typically, low power SLM or MLM laser transmitters are used at the lower bit-rates, while high-power SLM lasers are used at the higher bit-rates.

International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) -

The forum of choice for information technology developers, producers and users for the creation and maintenance of formal de jure IT standards. INCITS is accredited by, and operates under rules approved by, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

International Telecommunications Union (ITU) – see “Consultative Committee for International Telephony And Telegraphy (CCITT)”

Internetworking - The process of interconnecting a number of individual networks to provide a path from a terminal or a host on one network to a terminal or a host on another network. The networks involved may be of the same type, or they may be of different types. However, each network is distinct, with its own addresses, internal protocols, access methods, and administration.

Interoperability - The ability of systems to provide services to and accept services from other systems and to cause services from different systems to operate effectively together so as to achieve the throughput and service quality (i.e., required grade-of-service, transmission quality, and feature capability) that is agreed to be acceptable. The condition achieved among telecommunication systems when information or services can be exchanged directly and satisfactorily between them and/or their users. Interface devices or gateways may be placed between equipments or systems in order to achieve interoperability.

Invoice - A request for payment consisting of (1) total charges for services delivered and the amounts due and payable, and (2) billing support data.

Invoice Billing Data File Out-of-Balance Report - An email notification provided by the GSA to the contractor intended to alert the contractor of an out-of-balance situation between the contractor's invoice files and detail billing files.

Invoice Change Notice - A report provided by the contractor to the Government indicating changes to the invoice content or format.

Invoice file - This represents summarized invoice data that is delivered by the contractor to the Government in a processible format (e.g., Electronic file, such as a spreadsheet, ASCII file; or a file made available through the internet).

Invoicing - The process of preparing and forwarding a list of charges to the Government for services rendered by the contractor.

IP-Security (IPsec) – A group of IP security measures which together comprise a highly secure tunneling protocol for IP communications. “Frame” – A packet, or coherent logical unit of data. FRS frames can vary greatly in length, thus facilitating the “protocol independent” nature of FRS.

Javits Wagner O'Day Act (JWOD) - The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act appears in Title 41 of the United States Code, Sections 46 through 48c.

The program's mission is to create employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Jitter - Jitter, also known as cell delay variation or packet delay variation, is a measure of the variance of cell transfer delay. High variation implies the need for larger buffering for delay-sensitive traffic such as voice and video. Jitter is caused by several factors that combine to cause packet delay variation, including variations in the propagation delay, queuing delays at various intermediate switches, and service times at switching points.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) - A measurable service attribute that is critical to the proper functioning and delivery of a telecommunications service. Each Networx service is associated with KPIs that are specified in Section C.2 (Technical Requirements).

Kilohertz (kHz) - A unit of measure of frequency equal to one thousand hertz.

Land Mobile Radio (LMR) – Traditionally, these are private systems that allow communication between a base and several mobile radios. LMR systems can share a single frequency or use dual frequencies. LMR in the United States is regulated by the FCC in part 90, Private Land Mobile Radio Services, includes various types of private radio services including police, taxi, fire and other types of two-way and dispatch services.

Last Number Dialed (LND) – A term to describe a telephony feature that enables a telephone device to dial the most recently dialed telephone number.

Latency – Also known as cell latency, cell transfer delay, or packet transfer delay, it is the round-trip delay between transmission and receipt of a packet measured between network access points. Normally latency is expressed in milliseconds and the rate of delay is sampled over a brief period, typically one minute or less, to arrive at an average latency figure. Latency includes propagation delays, queuing delays at various intermediate components such as routers and switches, and service times at switching and routing points.

Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP) - A protocol that is used to allow a secure communication path, a virtual private network link, between computers. It is an evolution of earlier point-to-point tunneling protocol (PTPP) as it offers more reliable operation and enhanced security. L2TP enables private communication lines through a public network. L2TP was developed via the Internet engineering task for (IETF).

Layer 3 – The network layer in the Open Standards Interconnection Model (OSI). Layer 3 protocols handle routing within and between networks.

Line Overhead (LOH) – Comprises 18 Bytes Total. Originated And Terminated By All Line Terminating Devices (Multiplexers, ADMs, CPE, etc) to provide Automatic Switching, Synchronization, Error Detection, Pointer and Order wire Functions.

Link Capacity Adjustment Scheme (LCAS) - Provides a control mechanism for the "hitless" increasing or decreasing of the capacity in a Virtual Concatenation Group (VCG) link to meet the bandwidth needs of the application. It also provides the capability to temporarily remove member

links that have experienced a failure. The LCAS assumes that, in cases of capacity initiation, increase, or decrease, the modification of the end-to-end path of each individual VCG member is the responsibility of the network and element management systems. That is, LCAS provides a mechanism for bandwidth re-provisioning, but it is not the controlling mechanism that decides when or why the operation is made.

Local Area Network (LAN) - A data communications system that (a) lies within a limited spatial area, (b) has a specific user group, (c) has a specific topology, and (d) is not a public switched telecommunications network, but may be connected to one. .

Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) – A Telcordia publication that relates Numbering Plan Area (NPA)/NXX to the Vertical and Horizontal (V&H) and CLLI Code of the associated wire center.

Local Government Contact (LGC) – An individual designated by a DAR on a service request to interface with the contractor at a specific Agency location on his behalf. LGC participates in service transition planning and implementation activities for a location, however, the decision to change or modify an order placed by the DAR, remains with the DAR unless otherwise specified in writing by the DAR on the service request of record.

Local Number Portability (LNP) - LNP is the process that allows a subscriber to keep their telephone number when they change service provider in their same geographic area. Local number portability requires that carriers release their control of one of their assigned telephone numbers so customers can transfer to a competitive provider without having to change their telephone number. LNP also involves providing access to databases of telephone numbers to competing companies that allow them to determine the destination of telephone calls delivered to a local service area.

Local Technical Contact - An individual who has been identified by an Agency to interface with the contractor's technical staff at a specific location.

Location – In this document, is a physical place where (1) a user of Network services resides or (2) telecommunications services are available or (3) Network services are delivered. Also construed to include wireless terminals. (*See Agency locations, SDP locations, PSTN locations*)

Locator Service Numbers - Numbers for Government or tribal locations where direct information for Government or tribal Agencies is available.

Long Haul (LH) – A communication system which includes a number of drop/add points, repeaters locations, over long distances that extend outside the local service area; a microwave system that the longest radio circuit of tandem radio paths exceeds 402 km (250 miles).

Loop Start - A supervisory signal given by a telephone or other telecommunications device after the loop path to the central office or other switching system is completed.

Loss - The amount of electrical attenuation in a circuit, or the power consumed in a circuit component.

- Low Earth Orbit (LEO)** - A satellite system where the satellites are located approximately 500-1,000 miles above the Earth. LEO systems typically provide mobile satellite services (MSS) to handheld or mobile satellite telephones.
- Mail User Agent (MUA)** - Program enabling the sending and receiving of email messages
- Management Information Base (MIB)** - A collection of management information.
- Mandatory** – These are services, features, or equipment which the offeror must propose. Any mandatory service, feature or equipment proposed must be priced.
- Mandatory Feature** - A feature to be provided by the contractor at least in limited areas and extended to other geographic areas at the same time that the contractor makes them commercially available in those areas.
- Mapping** - In EDI mapping refers to a defined process to translate a company's proprietary data layout to an interoperable EDI format.
- Mean Opinion Score (MOS)** - In voice communications, particularly Internet telephony, the mean opinion score (MOS) provides a numerical measure of the quality of human speech at the destination end of the circuit. The scheme uses subjective tests (opinionated scores) that are mathematically averaged to obtain a quantitative indicator of the system performance.
- Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)** - A measurement of performance for storage systems availability.
- Mean Time to Repair (MTTR)** - The average time required to return a failed service or equipment to full operational status.
- Mean Time to Restore (MTTR)** – *See Mean Time to Repair.*
- Meet-Me Conference** - Allows stations to be connected in a conference by dialing one access code at a particular time.
- Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** – Sometimes known as SMSA. MSAs are areas based on population as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. MSAs include cities and surrounding areas with population of 50,000 or more.
- Minimum Point of Penetration (MPOP)** - An FCC defined location in a building/premises where an SDP is located normally.
- Mobile Application Part (MAP)** - A set of call processing messages, originally defined for use with GSM, for setup and control of wireless calls via the public switched telephone network. It is normally implemented in conjunction with SS7 call processing messages. The North American standard IS-41 is similar in principle but different in details.
- Mobile Satellite Service (MSS)** - A form of wireless service that employs satellites as part of the wireless infrastructure and is capable of serving very large geographic areas. The use of MSS may be appropriate for areas that are economically not viable for land based radio towers or to provide wide area group call (dispatch type) services.
- Monthly Billing Informational Memorandum** - A report provided by the contractor to the Government which includes, but is not limited to, items

that will explain changes in billing, changes to data formats, new services added to the billing, and issues pertaining to balancing charges.

Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC) - A fixed charge paid monthly

Multifrequency Signaling (MF) - Multifrequency (MF) signaling is a type of in-band address signaling method that represents decimal digits and auxiliary signals by pairs of frequencies from the following group: 700, 900, 1100, 1300, 1500 and 1700 Hz. These audio frequencies are used to indicate telephone address digits, precedence, control signals, such as line-busy or trunk-busy signals, and other required signals.

Multi-Line Key Telephone Systems - Telephone station equipment conforming to the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) standard RS-478, first published in July 1981.

Multimedia - Pertaining to the processing and integrated presentation of information in more than one form, e.g., video, voice, music, data.

Multi-Mode Fiber (MMF) – Optical fiber that is designed to carry multiple light rays or modes of light concurrently, each at a slightly different reflection angle within the optical fiber core, that is used for relatively short distances.

Multimode/Wireless LAN Service (MWLANS) - A wireless transmission service for mobile terminals. MWLANS provides Agency users with wireless access points, i.e., Wi-Fi hotspots with connections to the Internet and/or to the contractor's IP network. These wireless access points are at locations such as hotels, airports, convention/conference centers, or other public establishments. MWLANS supports IP packet-mode transmission.

Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) - A network routing protocol that is based on switching through the use of tag labels. The MPLS standard is being developed by the IETF.

National Agency Check - The computerized search of the National Crime Information Center computer network of various Government (state, local, Federal, and tribal) Agencies.

National Capital Region - The National Capital Region comprises of the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, and Alexandria City and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William in Virginia.

National Communications System (NCS) – The mission of the NCS is to assist the President, the National Security Council, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in (1) the exercise of the telecommunications functions and responsibilities, and (2) the coordination of the planning for and provision of national security and emergency preparedness communications for the Federal government under all circumstances, including crisis or emergency, attack & recovery and reconstitution. (source www.NCS.gov website)

National Security and Emergency Preparedness Requirements (NS/EP) - Requirements for capabilities that maintain a state of readiness or respond to and manage an event or crisis (local, national, or international), which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage to or loss of property, or degrade or threaten the national security and emergency

preparedness posture of the U.S. Network NS/EP requirements are consistent with guidance from the NCS. See *National Communications System (NCS)*

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) - A policy unit of the Department of Commerce which assigns frequencies in the spectrum used by the federal government. The NTIA also advises the President and Congress on telecommunications issues.

National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS) - NTMS is a principal Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) supported functions for providing network management during national emergency.

National Television Standards Committee (NTSC) Standard - The North American standard (525-line interlaced raster-scanned video) for the generation, transmission, and reception of television signals.

Network Audio Conference - A feature that allows a call to be established among three or more stations in such a manner that each of the stations are able to carry on a communication with all the other stations.

Network Entry Point - A system that receives ANSI X12 Electronic Data Interchange transactions and transfers them to Value Added Networks. A Network Entry Point can provide services such as archival, date and time stamp, file transfer, and access to other networks such as the Internet.

Network Fault - A total failure or partial performance degradation of any network element such that it causes a loss or degradation of Network service quality or performance.

Network Management Contact - An Agency representative with whom contractors coordinate change notification of network problems and who has access to the contractor's configuration information.

Network Site Code - A unique code used to represent buildings, structures, enclosures or other locations. The code is defined by eight alphanumeric characters, where the first four characters are the Geographical representation of the city, the next two are the Geopolitical representation of the state or country, and the final two represent the building associated with that Geographical/Geopolitical pair.

Network Hosting Center (NHC)-A secure web site containing software and data to be used by offerors to enter Network prices and compute costs.

Network Hosting Center Instruction Document (NHCID)-A document containing instructions for accessing and using the NHC. The NHCID is available on the Network website <http://www.gsa.gov/network>

Network Inventory Code- A code used for billing, ordering, inventory and service management. Identified by eleven alphanumeric characters. The first eight characters are the Network Site Code, and the last three represent the contract and the service ordered by the agency at the Network Site Code.

Network Services - Services provided by the contractor to the Government under the Network contract acquisition(s).

- New or Improved Service** - An addition or enhancement that adds a new service or feature, or improves a service or feature under this contract. The Government intends that new or improved services will be implemented in this contract as the Government's requirements evolve and/or as such services or features become available.
- Node** - Center for the interconnection of two or more branches of a telecommunications network.
- Non-Domestic** - The worldwide countries and locations other than those defined herein as domestic.
- Non-Mandatory** - Those service, features, or equipment which offerors may propose but are not required to propose. Any service feature or equipment proposed must be priced. Also referred as optional service.
- Non-Mandatory Feature** - A feature that is not mandatory but may be offered at the option of the offeror.
- Non-recurring Charge (NRC)** - A cost for a facility, service, or product that only occurs one time or is not periodically charged.
- Normal Traffic Load** - The offered load to the network during the normal business day busy hour.
- North American Numbering Plan (NANP)** - The numbering system that creates unique phone numbers for network dialing in the US, Canada, and some Caribbean islands; a numbering plan which allows all stations conforming to the 10-digit dialing pattern of the Public Switched Network (PSN) to be accessed. The pattern is of the form NPA-NXX-XXXX where NPA= (Area Code); N = 2-9; P = 0-9; A = 0-9; and X = 0-9. The NANP is a subset of and consistent in format with the ITU/TSS ISDN E.164 Uniform numbering and addressing plan used worldwide.
- North American Standard for Wireless Telecommunications Network Signaling (IS-41)** - See "Intersystem Signaling 41 (IS-41)"
- Not Separately Priced (NSP)** - A capability or feature that is included in the price of the basic service.
- Notification of Data File Loading Problems** - An email notification provided by the GSA to the contractor intended to alert the contractor of system file loading problems associated with the media or data the contractor provided.
- Number Administrator** - A third-party entity designated by the Government responsible for managing the information related to the contractor's number assignments to ensure that the same number is not assigned to any other user or contractor's network. The contractor coordinates with the Number Administrator for the exchange of information related to the assignment of: On-net numbers including NANP, non-commercial Agency-specific private numbers, non-domestic, and other individual network contractor assigned numbers that are utilized for specific network functions such as security, customer assistance, and other situations where assignment of an NANP or non-domestic number is not appropriate.

Numbering Plan Area (NPA) – The first three digits of a North American telephone number, often called an area code, in which the first digit cannot be a 1 or a 0 and that the remaining numbers can be 2 through 9.

OCONUS - U.S. territories and possessions outside of the contiguous 48 states. It includes Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas Islands.

Official Manufacturer's List Price – The manufacture's list price for a SED as found on an up-to-date document containing undiscounted list price information that is provided to a lessor or reseller of the SED by the manufacturer, and that can be confirmed by similar documents provided by the manufacturer to other equipment or service providers or is available on its website.

Off-Net Call - A call between two or more stations, at least one of which is a presubscribed user or service delivery point (usually a PBX or Centrex) and at least one of which is not.

Off-Net Location – For a specific service (such as Voice Service), a location that is not presubscribed to the service if provided by the Networkx contractor, i.e., a location "off" of the network that is used to provide the contractor's Networkx service. Certain Networkx services can transmit and receive communications with locations not "on" the contractor's Networkx network, such as commercial telephone lines on the PSTN and personal computers connected to the Internet.

On-Net Call - A call between two or more on-net locations.

On-Net Location - For a specific service (such as Voice Service), a location that is presubscribed to the service if provided by the Networkx contractor, i.e., a location "on" the network that is used to provide the contractor's Networkx service. On-net locations may be implemented using either dedicated access or a presubscribed switched access arrangement. On-net locations shall be construed to include presubscribed terrestrial and satellite service-based wireless handsets or terminals.

Operating Company Number (OCN) - A four-digit number supplied by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

Operational Support System (OSS) - A system that is used to allow a network operator to perform the administrative portions of the business. These functions include billing, service ordering, customer support, service management, inventory management, and program management. For purposes of this contract, the definition includes all systems required to support the communications company including billing, service ordering, customer support, service management, inventory management, and program management.

Optical Add-Drop Multiplexer (OADM) - An optical amplifier-like network element that allows the extraction/insertion of one or more wavelengths from/to the multi-wavelength signal as it is passed through the amplifier.

Optical Carrier Hierarchy Level-N (OC-n) – Optical carrier (OC-n) transmission is a hierarchy of optical communication channels and lines that range from

51 Mbps to tens of Gbps (and continues to increase). The "n" is an integer (typically 1, 3, 12, 48, 192, or 768) representing the data rate.

Optical Transport Network (OTN) – A type of high-capacity backbone network that carries data over equipment where several wavelengths are multiplexed into a composite signal that is transported over a single fiber. The composite signal is then de-multiplexed at the receiver end, and each wavelength is recovered.

Optical Wavelength Service (OWS) - Provides connectivity to data centers, carrier hotels, and enterprise businesses and tremendous bandwidth capacity of a dedicated wavelength connection, without the significant upfront capital costs or the management and maintenance issues associated with a dark fiber network.

Optional – *See Non-Mandatory*

Optronics – The combination of optical and electronic functions in one piece of telecommunications equipment that provide an interface between electrical and optical telecommunications modes.

Order Receipt Acknowledgement - The acknowledgement provided by a service provider (contractor) that an order has been received from the ordering Agency.

Order Tracking Number – The identification assigned by the contractor for a corrected order.

Outage - A telecommunication service condition wherein a user is deprived of service due to a malfunction of the contractor's communication system.

Outage Time – The duration of a service outage. Outage time starts when the contractor creates a trouble report, whether from a customer report of trouble or contractor-detected fault, and ends when the service is restored.

Outbound - A switched connection made from a domestic location to a non-domestic location.

Packet Delivery Rate (PDR) – A measure of the success rate with which data packets are transmitted and received over the core network.

Packet Loss Ratio (PLR) - Packet loss ratio is the percentage of packets not delivered to their destination because they were lost in the network due to congestion and buffer overflow. Also known as cell loss ratio (CLR).

Packet Switched Network - A network designed to carry data in the form of packets. The packet format, internal to the network, may require conversion at a gateway.

Password - A word, character, or combination of characters that permits access to otherwise inaccessible data, information, or facilities. Also referred to in this document as an authorization code.

Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) - A database retrieval system utilized by the Contracting Officer in assessing past performance of contractors. In conformance with the Government's need to record and maintain information on contractor performance during the life of this contract, the Government periodically evaluates the manner in which the contractor performed in accordance with contract requirements such as: quality of service; cost efficiencies; timeliness; business

relations; history of reasonable and cooperative behavior; commitment to customer satisfaction; and key personnel. In order to access their own information in PPIRS, contractors must first gain access through the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) process. *Also see Central Contractor Registration (CCR)*

Path Overhead (POH) - Overhead assigned to and transported with the payload until the payload is de-multiplexed. It is used for functions that are necessary to transport the payload.

Payload - In a set of data, such as a data field, block, or stream, being processed or transported, the part that represents user information and user overhead information, and may include user-requested additional information, such as network management and accounting information. Note: The payload does not include system overhead information for the processing or transportation system.

Pending Order - An order for service that the Agency has not yet accepted.

Percentage Allocation Value (PAV) - The percentage allocation for each Agency Hierarchy Code as provided by the government, which is used to calculate charges for Agencies in a shared tenant arrangement. See *Shared Tenant*.

Performance-based Contracting – In FAR definition, means structuring all aspects of an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed with the contract requirements set forth in clear, specific, and objective terms with measurable outcomes as opposed to either the manner by which the work is to be performed or broad and imprecise statements of work.

Period of Unacceptable Service Performance - Period of time during which the service provided is incapable of supporting one or more of the customer's uses or applications that normally would be supported by the service. The start and end of a period of unacceptable service performance may be reported either by the contractor or by the customer. See *Unacceptable Service Performance*.

Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC) – A PVC is a virtual data circuit created for a continuous communication connection. After a permanent communications circuit is established, a data path (logical connection) is maintained until the PVC is disconnected. Multiple PVCs may be constructed from a single customer data port.

PMM Demand Set - A statistically significant traffic set extracted from the contractor's Networkx usage for each of the services subject to the PMM process and for the contract period under review by the PMM process.

Point of Presence (POP) – A contractor-owned or controlled physical location (1) at which contractor-owned or controlled network facilities used to provide Networkx services are located and (2) at which access to and/or from on-net user Agency locations is connected to network services.

Post Dial Delay (PDD) – Post dial delay is the interval of time the end of dialing a number and receipt of ring-back tone.

Post Office Protocol Version 3 (POP3) –Post Office Protocol version 3. A protocol used to retrieve e-mail from an e-mail server. POP3 is described in detail in IETF RFC 1939 (*source: www.ietf.org web site*)

Post Telephone and Telegraph (PTT) - A term used for a government Agency in many countries that supplies and maintains the infrastructure and provides basic telecommunication services.

Post-Dial Delay (PDD) – Post-dial delay is the interval of time from the end of dialing a number to receipt of ring-back tone.

Post-Dialing Delay - The interval between the end of dialing and the receipt of acknowledgment of the call setup/establishment (e.g., ring back signal for voice services).

Preset Conference - A feature that allows designated users to establish a conference by dialing a single number.

Pre-Subscribed Inter-exchange Carrier Charge (PICC) - A fee that long distance companies pay to incumbent local telephone companies to recover part of the costs of providing the "local loop."

Price Engine - A software system developed and provided to support the preparation and evaluation of cost proposals.

Price Management Mechanism (PMM) - A special contract requirement establishing a process to ensure that Networx service prices remain competitive with prices paid by other large users of telecommunications services. The competitiveness of Networx service prices is examined by comparing the cost when Networx prices are applied to demand sets with the cost when pricing from comparison commercial and other government contracts, price schedules, and tariffs are applied to the same demand set. Reductions in Networx contractor prices will be required if a lower comparison cost is found through the PMM process.

Price Reduction – The lowering by a contractor of specific prices below current contract prices. Price reductions may be implemented under the PMM clause or Price Re-determination clause of this contract. Price reductions may also be implemented by the contractor according to Section H.8 (Price Reductions).

Primary Inter-exchange Carrier (PIC) - Refers to the company that is selected by the subscriber to be its main long distance company. It is the carrier chosen by a subscriber to be accessible via simplified dialing pattern.

Primary Rate Interface (PRI) - An ISDN interface standard that is designated in North America as having a 23B+D channels. (See Integrated Services Digital Network)

Prime Contract - A contract or contractual action entered into by the U.S. for the purpose of obtaining supplies, materials, equipment, or services of any kind.

Prime Contractor - A corporation partnership, business association of any kind, trust, joint-stock company, or and individual who has entered into a prime contract with the U.S.

Private Branch Exchange (PBX) - Telephone switching equipment conforming to the EIA standards RS-464 and RS-464-1, published in December 1977

and August 1982, and meeting Federal Communications Commission (FCC) registration requirements for interconnection to the public switched network.

Private Line Service (PLS) - The service category covering provision of private-line transmission of voice or data using end-to-end transmission media. *See Dedicated Transmission Service.*

Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) - The Contracting Officer for a specific acquisition (e.g. Networx). *See Contracting Officer.*

Program Management Office (PMO) - An office within the GSA/FTS organization responsible for management and contract administration of a telecommunications program. Within the context of this document, it refers to the specific PMO responsible for the Networx program.

Project - A project requires special treatment by the contractor due to the size, complexity, or importance of the services ordered as a project. The customer may request that the order be implemented as a project. In such cases, the contractor shall develop a Service Delivery Project Plan or Transition Project Specific Plan with FOC dates for each individual service, whose provisioning intervals will be as agreed to between the contractor and the ordering Agency.

Project Identifier - A Project Identifier is a code or number assigned by the contractor or Government and shown by the contractor on a series of orders to identify each order that is part of a larger group in progress.

Project Service Request - Multiple requests for service that are associated with a particular project and are related in such a manner that they should be implemented in a coordinated fashion.

Prompt Payment Clock - This represents the date and time, or the period of time, from which the Government has received all monthly billing deliverables as required by the contract until the payment has been made by the Government to the contractor.

Protected Area Run Time Interface Extension Services (PARTIES) - A standard from the ANSI/ATAPI committee, also known as HPA (Hidden Protected Area). PARTIES serves as the new method for service partition.

PSTN location - A location where PSTN circuit switched voice service is available to general customers in the country/jurisdiction in question. PSTN locations include wireless handsets and terminals as well as traditional wireline telecommunications customer addresses.

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) - A physical location where 911 emergency telephone calls are received and then routed to the proper emergency service.

Public Switched Network (PSN) - Any common carrier network that provides circuit switching among public users, including foreign Postal Telephone and Telegraphs. Note: The term is usually applied to the public switched telephone network, but it could be applied more generally to other switched networks that are available to the public, e.g., packet-switched public data networks.

Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) – Common domestic telecommunications network that is accessed by private branch exchange trunks, telephones, Centrex systems, and wireless terminals and handsets.

PVC Availability – PVC availability is defined as the ratio of the time during the month that a PVC connection is available to the user to carry traffic to the total amount of time in the calendar month. It is expressed as a fraction between 0 and 1 and is calculated for one calendar month of service.

Quality of Service (QoS) – A defined set of measurable engineering values for a service that is guaranteed by the contractor and that will support different classes of service. For example, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Constant Bit Rate (CBR) service class QoS is equivalent to a digital private line. Variable Bit Rate Real Time (VBRrt) service class QoS can support applications such as videoconferencing. Available Bit Rate (ABR) service class QoS can support applications such as e-mail and file transfer.

R Reference Point - Reference point located at the physical interface between TE2 and TA, as it is defined in ITU-TSS I.411 for ISDN.

Radio Frequency (RF) - Those frequencies of the electromagnetic spectrum normally associated with radio wave propagation. RF sometimes is defined as transmission at any frequency at which coherent electromagnetic energy radiation is possible, usually above 150kHz.

Receipt Date – The date when the contractor receives the order. The Receipt Date is a field of the Order Receipt Acknowledgement.

Receipt of Acceptably Balanced Centralized Billing Data Files

Acknowledgement - An email notification provided by the GSA to the contractor acknowledging [1] the receipt of all invoice copies and all billing data files required by the contract; [2] the files have been loaded; [3] that invoice and detail billing charges have been balanced; and [4] that GSA has authorized payment to the contractor.

Redact – To make a document correct for publication. In this contract, redactions are an Contractor's proposed deletions from its contract of sensitive or corporate proprietary information. The burden of proof is on the Contractor to show that its proposed redactions are protected from public disclosure by law or regulation or that otherwise, the disclosure is not necessary and/or would cause harm to the Contractor.

Relay Service – *See Federal Relay Service*

Reporting Interval (Days) – The number of calendar days that have elapsed from the start date until the completion date of a given service reporting period.

Reporting Interval (Hours) = RI(HR) – Reporting Interval(Days) times 24.

Re-route Time – The time taken to reroute the traffic over a redundant path before a failure is repaired.

Routine Order – An order for which the contractor's standard provisioning interval applies.

Routine Service Level – A level of service that applies for most Government applications and is expected to reflect commercial best practices for service availability and performance.

Rural Service Area – An area not included in either an MSA or a New England County Metropolitan Area for which a common telecommunications carrier may have a license to provide cellular service.

Sawtooth Effect – In this contract, the effect observed when using declining unit prices in a set of increasing dollar ranges to determine a cost associated with a particular range. The cost is determined such that the last cost within a lower dollar range is higher than the first cost within the next higher dollar range, and the first cost within the next dollar range is lower than the last cost within the previous dollar range.

Scorecard Format - A summary view of performance data intended to quickly portray whether performance meets the targets and the trend since last report.

SDP Locations – See *Service Delivery Point (SDP)*

Secured E-Mail - Process by which electronic documents, reports, or files are provided or delivered to the Government via E-Mail in a secured manner (e.g., E-Mail over a private network, encrypted E-Mail, encrypted attachment in an E-Mail).

Secured FTP Media - Distribution media by which electronic documents, reports, or files are provided or delivered to the Government via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server in a secured manner (e.g., SFTP, FTP over a Virtual Private Network, and FTP over a private network).

Secured Web-based Media - Distribution media by which electronic documents, reports, or files are provided or delivered to the Government via a HTTP server in a secured manner (e.g., HTTPS, HTTP over a Virtual Private Network, and HTTP over a private network).

Security Violation - Any unauthorized action taken by any domestic or international party (contractor employee or non-employee) that: a) violates contractor's security policies, b) bypasses contractor's security mechanisms, C) gains unauthorized access to contractor's facilities, information, information systems, or management systems, d) intentionally affects the quality, integrity, or availability of services offered to the Government, e) alters or destroys any Networkx services information held by the contractor and/or provided to the Government, f) discloses confidential or secret information, and/or g) compromises national security.

Service - The term "Service" refers to the primary unit of Networkx technical and pricing requirements. It includes all components and functions provided by the contractor to deliver a specific service, including the contractor's network, contractor-provided access arrangements and service enabling devices. Specific Networkx services are identified in Section C.2.1.

Service Access Code (SAC) - The 3-digit codes in the NPA (N 0/1 X) format which are used as the first three digits of a 10-digit address in a North American Numbering Plan dialing sequence. Although NPA codes are

normally used for the purpose of identifying specific geographical areas, certain of these NPA codes have been allocated to identifying generic services or to provide access capability, and these are known as SACs. The common trait, which is in contrast to an NPA code, is that SACs are non-geographic.

Service Coordinator (SC) – An individual designated by the Government on a service request to provide liaison and coordination for the services being requested. The SC is normally an Agency project or network manager responsible for the coordinated installation of multiple services, service trials, demonstrations, orders, and/or projects. An SC is appointed by the DAR of record for specific services being ordered. Unless specified in writing by the DAR of record, an SC may not change or modify an order. The SC is provided to the contractor for convenience, however, the contractor is not required to maintain a directory of SCs.

Service Delivery – A process which begins at the time an order is accepted by the contractor and ends at the time service is accepted by the customer. Service delivery includes service provisioning and service acceptance sub-processes.

Service Delivery Point (SDP) - The interface point at which a service is delivered by the contractor to the Government or its designated agent. The SDP is the interface point for the physical or logical delivery of a service, the point at which performance parameters are measured to determine compliance with the contract, and the point used by the contractor to identify the pricing for services rendered. SDPs may be located on or off Agency premises. Possible SDP locations include but are not limited to:

- a) Network side of a Private Branch Exchange (PBX), Central Office, Centrex system, or other communications system or network.
- b) User side of contractor-provided access facilities (e.g., gateway router).
- c) Standard carrier/user demarcation point.
- d) Minimum Point of Penetration (MPOP) [FCC defined demarcation point].
- e) Desktop (e.g., telephone set, personal computer [PC]).
- f) Contractor's POP.
- g) Wireless phones and satellite earth stations.

Service Enabling Device (SED) - Services may or may not have a physical SDP, depending on the characteristics of the individual services. A unit of, or separately priced component within or directly associated with, contractor-provided and owned equipment used to meet the User to Network Interface (UNI) requirements for an individual service and/or to implement access aggregation and integration to provide a lower service delivery cost to the Government. A SED is also a unit of, or separately priced component, within or directly associated with, contractor-provided and owned equipment or software used to enable the requirements associated with the Management and Applications Services and Security

Services. Generally located at the customer's premises, a SED will be offered only as needed to provide delivery of a service which is acquired under a Networx contract.

Service Impairment – A service or network fault for which there is partial degradation of Networx service quality or performance.

Service Level Agreement (SLA) - An agreement between the Government and the contractor that the contractor delivers a specified service at a performance level that meets or exceeds the agreed performance objectives for the service. The SLA also specifies the measurement approach and the type and amount of credits that the Government is entitled to receive.

Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN) - The notice that contains data elements notifying the Agency that the service for a given order has been fully installed and is ready for acceptance.

Service Order Confirmation - The notice a contractor provides the Agency that contains the data elements that a service for a given order is accepted as a valid service with all the information needed to start service provisioning.

Service Outage – Either a complete loss of service or degradation of service that is so severe that it is not able to support customer use.

Service Restoration – The point in time at which the contractor returns service to a condition in which all KPIs meet or exceed their associated AQLs following the opening of a trouble ticket for either unacceptable service performance or for a service outage.

Service Trial - The use of proposed future enhancements by an Agency that takes place for an agreed upon period of time, at agreed upon locations.

Service Type – Describe a group of individual services that are similar and are grouped to simplify specification, offering and evaluation processes. Within each Service Type, individual services are specified. In Networx, there are six (6) Service Types as follows:

1. *Telecommunications Services*. These include services which are basic transport level (OSI level 1, 2, and 3) services.
2. *Management and Applications Services*. These include services which address the Agency's need for management services and applications that are directly associated with, and add value to, the delivery of telecommunications services and solutions.
3. *Security Services*. These include services which provide additional end-to-end security solutions and management.
4. *Special Services*. These include services which are based on satellite and land mobile radio transmission systems.
5. *Wireless Services*. These include services which are based on terrestrial wireless transmission systems.
6. *Access Services*. These include services which can be used to connect to Agency designated networks. [Note: Not applicable in Universal. Applies to Enterprise only]

Service-Affecting Fault - An outage, limitation, or degradation of service that impedes the customer's ability to use the service for its intended function

or a failure of a supporting element (such as failure of the network management system or a hazard in a facility) or feature (such as a protected path) that is integral to the operation of the service.

Serving Wire Center – The physical location of the Local Exchange Carrier's central office. It is identified by the first eight characters of Telcordia's CLLI Code and is stored in the Local Exchange Routing Guide.

Severely Errored Second (SES) – A one second interval of digital signal transmission in which 30% or more of the data stream contains errors. The occurrence of 10 or more contiguous severely errored seconds on a Private Line Service data circuit causes service unavailability.

Shared Tenant - Use by multiple government Agencies of the same channel on an access circuit or other facilities to a building or complex. This occurs most frequently in conjunction with GSA owned voice switches. *See Fixed Allocation, Dynamic Allocation, and Percentage Allocation value.*

Shared Tenant Allocation - This represents the percent allocation of charges assigned to an Agency or Agencies in a shared-tenant arrangement.

Signaling System 7 (SS7) - The signaling system #7 (SS7) is an international standard network signaling protocol that allows common channel (independent) signaling for call-establishment, billing, routing, and information-exchange between nodes in the public switched telephone network (PSTN). SS7 system protocols are optimized for telephone system control connections and they are only directly accessible to telephone network operators.

Simple Price Quote - Involves standard services, including features, which the Government can order directly from the contract. The contractor provides the Government a quote of the current contract pricing including all recurring and non-recurring charges, expedite charges, if applicable, and service availability.

Simplex Operation - That mode of operation in which communication between two points occurs in only one direction at a time. Contrast with half duplex or duplex operation.

Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) – Optical fiber that is designed for the transmission of a single ray or mode of light as a carrier and is used for long-distance signal transmission.

Site-Specific Special Construction - The installation or removal of wiring (e.g., wire, cable, coax, fiber) at a specific location for the purpose of establishing or supporting an SDP.

Specification - A document that clearly and accurately describes the essential technical requirements for items, materials, or services, including performance requirements.

Standard Form 52 (SF-52) - Request for Personnel Action; a U.S. Government form.

Start of Unacceptable Service Performance – The time at which any of the KPIs for the service begins to fail to meet its associated AQL. This may be documented from the contractor's monthly performance report or from a trouble ticket initiated by the customer or the contractor.

- Sub-Agency** - A subsidiary billing entity as defined by the parent Agency and identified by an Agency Hierarchy Code.
- Switched Access** - A type of access in which a communications channel is provided to users on a demand basis, via circuit switching and is generally billed on a per call, or per session basis.
- Switched Virtual Circuit (SVC)** - A switched virtual circuit is an automatically and temporarily created virtual connection that is used for a communication session.
- Tariff** – Document filed by a regulated telephone company with a state public utility commission or the Federal Communications Commission. The tariff is a public document that details services, equipment and pricing offered by the telephone company to all potential customers.
- Task Order**- The document that contains all information required to provision all services related to a project or complex order.
- Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Teletypewriter (TDD/TTY)** - A device that permits individuals with speech and/or hearing impairments to make and receive telephone calls without assistance from others. A TDD or TDD-compatible device will be used by the speech/hearing-impaired user community to access the Federal Relay Service. A TDD generally consists of a keyboard, display screen, and a means (via modem or direct connection) to access a telecommunications network. It is recognized that this function can be performed by a computer with software enhancements. The term TTY may also be used in referring to this type of device.
- Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP)** - The TSP System (National Communications System [NCS]-3-1-2 and NCS-3-1-3) provides a framework for telecommunications services vendors to initiate, restore, or otherwise act on a priority basis to ensure effective NS/EP telecommunications services during national emergency. The TSP System applies to common carriers, to Government, and to private systems that interconnect with commercially provided services or facilities.
- Telecommunications Services** - The services and solutions that deliver or augment communications between users up to and including interstate and international communications. It refers to a communications service or solution specified as a discrete offering or set of capabilities. *Also see "Service Types"*
- The Internet** - A worldwide interconnection of individual networks operated by Government, industry, academia, and private parties. *Note:* The Internet originally served to interconnect laboratories engaged in Government research, and has now been expanded to serve millions of users and a multitude of purposes.
- Time to Restore (TTR)** - The elapsed time of a service outage (outage time) minus any (1) time due to scheduled network configuration change or planned maintenance or (2) time, as agreed to by the Government, that the restoration of the service cannot be worked due to Government caused delays. Examples of Government caused delays include: 1) the

customer was not available for required testing or to allow the contractor to access the Service Delivery Point or other customer-controlled space or interface at the scheduled time; 2) the customer gave the contractor an incorrect address for the SDP; 3) the customer failed to inform the contractor that a security clearance was required to access the SDP or customer-controlled space; 4) or the Government required service at a remote site and agreed that a longer transit time is required.

TP Document Number - GSA assigned "TP - FTS Non-Itemized Purchase Order" Number is the purchase order document used in the GSA finance system.

Traffic Model - A representation of traffic. In this contract, a model of 10-year traffic to be used in preparation and evaluation of the Networx cost proposals.

Transition - is the process for the coordinated transfer of service from a specified GSA FTS incumbent contract, such as FTS2001, Crossover, and FTS satellite and wireless contracts, to a Networx contract.

Transition Project Specific Plan (TPSP) - This plan identifies the project management process, procedures, and tools for a Transition Project.

Transport - The facility-based service arrangements that provide service specific connections between the contractor's POPs.

Trouble - A problem with the contract services that the customer detects and reports to the contractor. Recorded as a Trouble Report.

Trouble Report – The record in the contractor's Trouble Management System that records a service fault or trouble and all information leading to the resolution thereof.

Unacceptable Service Performance – A period during which the service provided is not capable of properly supporting the customer's intended application or use. Unacceptable service performance is caused by the failure of any combination of the key performance indicators (KPIs) to meet their specified acceptable quality levels (AQLs). Unacceptable service performance may or may not result in a service outage depending on the severity of service degradation; i.e., the amount by which the KPIs fail to meet their AQLs.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) - An Uninterruptible Power Supply is a device that sits between a power supply (e.g. a wall outlet) and a device (e.g. a computer) to prevent undesired features of the power source (outages, sags, surges, bad harmonics, etc.) from adversely affecting the performance of the device.

Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) – The purpose of a UBI is to uniquely identify a single service and all components of that service separately from all other services being provided from within that same category of Networx services. The contractor must provide a Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) to identify each billed record. The Government requires the contractor to assign a unique identifier for each component of the billed service that maps to the UBI. The contractor may use existing fields in its systems to provide the UBI. The contractor is allowed to determine the form of the UBI for each service (especially those with multiple components).

User - An individual or Agency that utilizes Network services. *Also see Authorized User.*

User Registration- The process for a user that orders NETWORK Services to establish access to the contractor provided ordering system.

User-to-Network Interface (UNI) – The specification of the physical, electrical, and signaling/protocol interface at the SDP for a specific information payload bandwidth or data transfer rate for interconnection of user equipment to an access segment.

Variable Bit Rate/non-real time (VBRnrt) – A class of ATM service used mainly for time-critical transaction processing, data transfer, and frame relay-to-ATM internetworking (FRASI) in which bandwidth is made available only as needed but with somewhat less control of latency and jitter than with VBRt.

Variable Bit Rate/real time (VBRrt) - A class of ATM service, used primarily for voice, lower quality video, and media, in which bandwidth is made available only as needed but with a enough control of latency and jitter to deliver acceptable application quality.

Vertical and Horizontal (V&H) - Vertical and Horizontal coordinates result from a complex algorithm that projects the curvature of the earth onto a flat plane. These coordinates have been used in telephony since the late 1950's as a means to determine "airline" distance between two points via a simple formula. The projection algorithm uses latitude and longitude as well as various other factors in deriving V&H values. V&H's are used to identify locations and hence relative distances between network elements (e.g. switch locations), and between "rate centers" (e.g. the "center" of a rate exchange area). Such computations are necessary in cases where rates and costs for services are based on distance sensitive factors.

Very Early Smoke Detection Apparatus (VESDA) - A highly sensitive aspirating smoke detector installed in a data center is linked to the building management system which is monitored continually from a network operations centre, providing very early detection to help avoid fire, loss and business disruption. This is coupled with a gas based fire retardant that is environmentally friendly to put out fires instantly without damaging equipment.

Virtual Private Network (VPN) - Secure private communication path(s) through one or more data network that is dedicated between two or more points. VPN connections allow data to safely and privately pass over public networks (such as the Internet). The data traveling between two points is encrypted for privacy.

Voice over Frame Relay (VoFR) – Real time voice communications using Frame Relay Service as the transmission medium.

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) - A combination of technology and Internet protocols that allow the transmission of real-time voice communications across a data network.

Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) - A process of transmitting several distinct communication channels through a single optical fiber via the use

of a distinct separate infrared wavelength (optical frequency or "color") for each communication channel. Each such channel may be further subdivided into several logical channels via time division multiplexing or other methods.

Web Browser - Client software for connecting to and viewing documents on the WWW. A browser interprets HTML documents and displays them.

Web Browser/Server (WBS) - A Web Browser, a Web Server and their intended interaction. Web Browsers and Servers may communicate over the Internet and/or intranets.

Web Server - A Web site including hardware and software that includes the operating system, Web software, other software and data, or the software that manages Web functions at a Web site.

Web Site - A computer on the Internet or an intranet running a Web Server that responds to HTTP and HTTPS request from Web Browsers.

Web-based - See *Web-based Media*.

Web-based Media - Distribution media by which electronic documents, reports, or files are provided or delivered to the Government via a Hyper-Text Transmission Protocol (HTTP) server over the Internet.

Wide Area Network (WAN) - A communications network serving geographically separate areas. A WAN can be established by linking together two or more metropolitan area networks, which enables data terminals in one city to access data resources in another city or country.

Wire Center - The location of one or more local switching systems; a point at which customer loops converge.

Wire Center Serving Area - The area of an authorized telephone company's Local Exchange Service local calling area served by a single wire center.

Wireless - A categorization of switched and non-switched service types that generally use radio (e.g., mobile, cellular, or satellite radio) as their primary transmission medium. Generally excludes point-to-point terrestrial microwave.

Wireless Priority Service (WPS) - Wireless Priority Service (WP) allows authorized National Security and Emergency Preparedness personnel to gain access to the next available wireless radio channel in order to initiate calls during an emergency when channels may be congested. WPS is invoked by dialing *272 prior to the destination number on wireless terminals that have subscribed to the WPS feature. Refer to <http://wps.ncs.gov/>

Wireline - A categorization of switched and non-switched service types that generally use metallic cable, optical fiber cable, and point-to-point terrestrial microwave radio as their primary transmission media.

World Wide Web (WWW) - An Internet function for sharing of documents with text and graphic content that links documents locally and remotely.

World Zone 1 (WZ1) - That area of the world composed of 18 members (U.S., Canada, Bermuda, and 15 Caribbean countries) that use the NANP portion of ITU E.164.

J.12 Ordering and Billing Data Elements

The contractor shall provide, at a minimum but not limited to, the data elements in the tables contained herein for ordering and billing activities as defined in Sections C.3.5 and C.3.6.

J.12.1 Ordering Data Elements

Table J.12.1-1 Ordering Data Elements

| Field Name | Description |
|---|--|
| Unit 1: Order Heading | |
| Contract Number | For Networx, assigned by GSA |
| Contractor Name | Contractor Name |
| Contractor Customer Account Number | Contractor's selection of account numbers or other identifier(s) |
| Order sent date | The date the order was sent to the contractor |
| ASRN (Agency Service Request Number) | Service Request Number assigned by Agency at time Service Order is placed. |
| AHC (s) | Agency Hierarchy Code(s) (identifies agency billing/budget organization responsible for the service being reported on) |
| ICB Case Number | Used in conjunction with CLIN |
| Billing Agency Name | Name of the agency to be billed for this order |
| Billing Address 1 | First line of Address where invoice is to be sent |
| Billing Address 2 | Second line of Address where invoice is to be sent |
| Billing City | City where invoice is to be sent |
| Billing State | State where invoice is to be sent |
| Billing ZIP Code | Zip Code where invoice is to be sent |
| Billing Phone Nr. and Email address | Phone number and Email address for agency billing office contact |
| DAR Name | Name of authorized individual who prepared the order |
| CWD (Customer Want Date) | Agency/Customer Want Date to have service installed by |
| Early Installation | Is it okay for the contractor to install this service early? (Y/N) |
| Order Type | Identifies whether order is for New services, a Change order, Cancellation, or a Disconnect order |
| Transition Order | Y/N |
| Shared Tenant Order | Y/N |
| Unit 2: Service Location Information | |
| Networx Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating code(s) for services as defined in Section C.3.2 |
| O-Address1 | First line of new originating address for this order |
| O-Address2 | Second line of new originating address for this order |
| O-City | Originating City for this order |
| O-St | Originating State for this order |
| O-ZIP | Originating Zip Code for this order |
| O-Country | Originating Country for this order |
| O- Local Government Contact (LGC) | Local Government Contact or Agency Technical Point of Contact (POC) also Agency person accepting service at Originating site |

| Field Name | Description |
|---|--|
| O-LGC Phone and Email address | Agency LGC's phone number and Email address at Originating site |
| T-Address1 | First line of new terminating address for this order. (Some services may have multiple terminating addresses) |
| T-Address2 | Second line of new terminating address for this order |
| T-City | New terminating City for this order |
| T-St | New terminating State for this order |
| T-ZIP | New terminating Zip Code for this order |
| T-Country | New terminating Country for this order |
| T- Local Government Contact (LGC) | Local Government Contact (LGC) or Agency Technical Point of Contact (POC) also Agency person accepting service at Terminating site |
| T-LGC Phone and Email address | Agency LGC's phone number and Email address at Terminating site |
| Unit 3: Service Specific Data | |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5 Service Ordering, and See C.3.6 Billing and Section J.11, Glossary of Terms) |
| Service | Contract service being provided. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements |
| Bandwidth | Data Rate selection. |
| Feature Type(s) | Feature description(s) (e.g. Call-Forwarding). |
| CLIN(s) | Contract Line Identification Number(s) |
| Quantity(ies) | Numerical count of quantity identified with this CLIN record. |
| Jurisdiction ID(s) | Originating and Terminating, as required See Table B.6.6-1 – Country/Jurisdiction Identifications |
| Access Type(s) | Identifies the type(s) of access required and adequately covers access location (on-net or off-net access, inbound, outbound, etc) and access characteristics (dedicated or switched). |
| Access provisioning | Contractor or Agency provided? (C/A) |
| Routine or Critical Service levels | Certain services require the Agency to select whether Critical or Routine service levels apply when placing an order. |
| Service Enabling Devices (SEDs) Description | Model number, manufacturer, etc. associated with the CLIN(s). |
| Phone Number/Range | Phone number or range of phone numbers to be ordered. |
| Card Name | Name to be printed on Calling Card |
| Directed to number | The number toll free service is to be directed to |
| Originating Serving Wire Center | Originating Serving Wire Center (8 character CLLI code) |
| Terminating Serving Wire Center | Terminating Serving Wire Center (8 character CLLI code) |
| Expedite | Expedite charges assigned |
| Telecommunication Service Priority | TSP provisioning, TSP restoral, TSP design change, (indicate all that apply) OR not applicable. |
| Unit 4: Additional Instructions | |
| Additional Instructions | Additional instructions for this order. (Contractor Account number, Incumbent contractor, etc.) Other items associated with the order, that are required in special circumstances. Elements required to verify the price and elements that may be generally independent of the service type. |

J.12.2 Acknowledgement Data Elements

J.12.2.1 Unit 1: Order Receipt Acknowledgement

Table J.12.2-1 Unit 1: Order Receipt Acknowledgement

| Field Name | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Contract number | For Networx assigned to GSA |
| Contractor name | Contractor Name |
| ASRN (Agency Service Request Number) | Agency provided service request order number |
| Receipt Date | Date contractor was in receipt of Agency's order |

J.12.2.2 Unit 2: Service Order Confirmation

Table J.12.2-2 Unit 2: Service Order Confirmation

| Field Name | Description |
|---|---|
| Contract number | For Networx, assigned by GSA. |
| Contractor name | Contractor name. |
| Agency Service Request Number (ASRN) | Service request number assigned by agency at time service order is placed. |
| Receipt Date | Date Contractor was in receipt of Agency's order |
| Agency Hierarchy Code (AHC) | Agency Hierarchy Code (identifies agency billing organization responsible for the service being reported on). |
| Customer Want Date (CWD) | Agency/Customer Want Date to have service installed by |
| Order Type | Identifies whether order is for New Services, a Change order, Cancellation, or a Disconnect order |
| Transition Order | (Y/N) |
| Shared Tenant Order | (Y/N) |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5 Service Ordering, C.3.6 Billing and Attachment, J.11 Glossary of Terms) |
| Networx Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating code(s) for service, as defined in Section C.3.2. |
| Jurisdiction ID(s) | Originating and terminating, as required. See Table B.6.6-1 Country/Jurisdiction Identifications |
| Service | Contract service being provided. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements. |
| Access Type(s) | Identifies type(s) of access required and adequately covers access location (on-net or off-net access, inbound, outbound, etc.) and access characteristics (dedicated or switched). |
| Access provisioning | Contractor or Agency provided? (C/A) |
| Service Enabling Devices (SEDs) Description | Model number, manufacturer, etc. associated with the CLIN |
| Bandwidth | Data Rate selection. |

| Field Name | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Feature Type(s) | Feature description(s) (e.g., call forwarding). |
| CLIN (s) | Contract Line Identification Number(s) |
| Quantity(ies) | Numerical count or quantity(ies) of CLINs |
| Routine or Critical Service Level(s) | Certain services require the Agency to select whether Critical or Routine service levels apply when placing an order. |
| Service Order Number | Contractor's tracking number for this order |
| Service Order Confirmation Date | Date Contractor has confirmed the order is valid. |
| Additional Instructions | Additional instructions for this order. (Contractor Account number, Incumbent contractor, etc.) Other items, associated with the order, that are required in special circumstances. Elements required to verify the price and elements that may be generally independent of the service type. |

J.12.2.3 Unit 3: Firm Order Rejection Notice**Table J.12.2-3 Unit 3: Firm Order Rejection Notice**

| Field Name | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Contract number | For Networx, assigned by GSA |
| Contractor name | Contractor name |
| ASRN (Agency Service Request Number) | Service Request Number assigned by Agency at time service order is placed |
| Receipt Date | Date contractor was in receipt of Agency's order |
| Order Rejection | Comment field explaining all the reasons the order is rejected. |

J.12.2.4 Unit 4: Firm Order Commitment Notice**Table J.12.2-4 Unit 4: Firm Order Commitment Notice**

| Field Name | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Contract number | For Networx, assigned by GSA. |
| Contractor name | Contractor Name. |
| Agency Service Request Number (ASRN) | Service request number assigned by agency at time service order is placed. |
| Receipt Date | Date contractor was in receipt of Agency's order |
| Agency Hierarchy Code (AHC) | Agency Hierarchy Code identifies agency billing organization responsible for the service being reported on. |
| Customer Want Date (CWD) | Agency/Customer Want Date to have service installed by |

| Field Name | Description |
|---|---|
| Order Type | Identifies whether order is for New services, a Change order, Cancellation, or a Disconnect order |
| Transition Order | (Y/N) |
| Shared Tenant Order | (Y/N) |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5 Service Ordering, C.3.6 Billing, and Attachment J.11 Glossary of Terms) |
| Networx Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating code(s) for service as defined in Section C.3.2. |
| Service | Contract service being provided. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements. |
| Access Type(s) | Identifies type(s) of access required and adequately covers access location (on-net or off-net access, inbound, outbound, etc.) and access characteristics (dedicated or switched). |
| Access Provisioning | Contractor or Agency provided? (C/A) |
| Service Enabling Devices (SEDs) Description | Model number, manufacturer, etc. associated with the CLIN. |
| Bandwidth | Data Rate selection. |
| Feature Type(s) | Feature description(s) (e.g., call forwarding). |
| CLIN(s) | Contract Line Item Number(s) |
| Quantity(ies) | Numerical count or quantity of CLINs. |
| Routine or Critical Service Level | Certain services require the Agency to select whether Critical or Routine service levels apply when placing an order. |
| Service Order Number | Contractor's tracking number for this order |
| Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm order commitment date for this order |
| Additional Instructions | Additional instructions for this order. (Contractor Account number, Incumbent contractor, etc. Other items, associated with the order that are required in special circumstances. Elements required to verify the price and elements that may be generally independent of the service type. |
| Unit Price | Price of Ordered component |
| Description(s) | Description(s) of each ordered CLIN other than Feature Type or SED |

J.12.2.5 Unit 5: Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN)

Table J.12.2-5 Unit 5: Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN)

| Field Name | Description |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Contract Number | For Networx, assigned by GSA. |

| Field Name | Description |
|---|---|
| Contractor Name | Contractor Name |
| DAR name | Name of authorized individual who prepared the order. |
| Networx Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating code(s) for service, as defined in Section C.3.2. |
| ASRN (Agency Service Request Number) | Service request number assigned by agency at time service order is placed. |
| Jurisdiction ID(s) | Originating and Terminating, as required. See Table B.6.6-1 Country/Jurisdiction Identifications. |
| Receipt Date | Date contractor was in receipt of Agency's order |
| Agency Hierarchy Code(s) (AHC) | Agency Hierarchy Code(s) (identifies agency billing/budget organization responsible for the service being reported on). |
| CWD (Customer Want Date) | Agency/Customer Want Date to have service installed by |
| Order Type | Identifies whether order is for New services, a Change order, Cancellation, or a Disconnect order |
| Transition Order | (Y/N) |
| Shared Tenant Order | (Y/N) |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5 Ordering, C.3.6 Billing, and Attachment J.11 Glossary of Terms) |
| Circuit ID | Contractor specific internal Circuit Identifier |
| Phone Number Range | Phone number or range of phone numbers to be ordered. |
| Service | Contract service being provided. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements. |
| Access Type(s) | Identifies type(s) of access required and adequately covers access location (on-net or off-net access, inbound, outbound, etc.) and access characteristics (dedicated or switched). |
| Access provisioning | Contractor or Agency provided? (C/A) |
| Service Enabling Devices (SEDs) Description | Model number, manufacturer, etc. associated with the CLIN(s). |
| Bandwidth | Data Rate selection. |
| Feature Type(s) | Feature description(s) (e.g. call forwarding). |
| CLIN(s) | Contract Line Identification Number(s) |

| Field Name | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Quantity(ies) | Numerical count or quantity identified with this CLIN record. |
| Routine or Critical Service Level | Certain services require the Agency to select whether Critical or Routine service levels apply when placing an order. |
| Service Order Number | Contractor's service order number associated with the service being ordered. |
| Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm order commitment date for this order |
| Additional Instructions | Additional instructions for this order (Contractor account number, incumbent contractor, etc.) Other items, associated with the order, that are required in special circumstances. Elements required to verify the price and elements that may be generally independent of the service type. |
| Unit Price | Price of Ordered component |
| Description(s) | Description(s) of each ordered CLIN other than Feature Type or SED |
| Directed to number | The number toll free service is to be directed to |
| Originating -Serving Wire Center | Originating Serving Wire Center (8-character CLLI code) |
| Terminating -Serving Wire Center | Terminating Serving Wire Center (8-character CLLI code) |
| Completion Date | Date service installation was completed. This also represents the Effective Billing Date of the service |
| Contractor Customer Account Number | Contractor's selection of account numbers or other identifier(s) |
| Expedite (Y/N) | Expedite charges assigned (Y/N) |
| Telecommunication Service Priority | TSP provisioning, TSP restoral, TSP design change (indicate all that apply) OR not applicable. |

J.12.3 Service Provisioning Intervals

For routine orders and Class B expedited orders, the contractor shall complete the order within the provisioning intervals defined in Table J.12.3-1 below. The provisioning interval for routine and Class B expedited orders shall be measured in calendar days from the service order confirmation date in the Service Order Confirmation to the completion date in the Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN) in accordance with Section C.3.5, Service Ordering. For orders for which a provisioning interval is not defined in Table J.12.3-1, the completion date shall be less than or equal to the firm order commitment date on the Firm Order Commitment Notice.

Table J.12.3-1 Service Provisioning Intervals Table

| Service | Performance Objective: Routine Orders (Calendar Days) | Performance Objective: Class B Expedited Orders (Calendar Days) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Disconnect (all services) | 30 | 30 |
| Voice Services (VS) | 45 | 23 |
| Circuit Switched Data Service (CSDS) | 45 | 23 |
| Toll-Free Service (TFS) | 45 | 23 |
| Private Line Service (PLS) | | |

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| Service | Performance Objective: Routine Orders (Calendar Days) | Performance Objective: Class B Expedited Orders (Calendar Days) |
|---|---|---|
| ≤ DS1 | 45 | 23 |
| DS1 ≤ PLS ≤ DS3 | 85 | 43 |
| > DS3 | Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm Order Commitment Date |
| Frame Relay Service (FRS) | 65 | 33 |
| Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service (ATMS) | 65 | 33 |
| Ethernet Services (ES) | 60 | 30 |
| Internet Protocol Service (IPS) | 45 | 23 |
| Premises-Based IP-VPN Services (PBIP-VPNS) | 60 | 30 |
| Network Based Internet Protocol (IP) VPN Services (NBIP-VPNS) | 45 | 23 |
| Voice over IP Transport (VOIPTS) | 45 | 23 |
| IP Telephony Services (IPTeIS) | 60 | 30 |
| Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Service (MTIPS) | 90 | 60 |
| Synchronous Optical Network Services (SONETS) | Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm Order Commitment Date |
| Optical Wavelength Services (OWS) | Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm Order Commitment Date |
| Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS) | 45 | 23 |
| Wireline Access Service (WINAS) | | |
| ≤ DS1 | 45 | 23 |
| DS1 ≤ WLNAS ≤ DS3 | 85 | 43 |
| > DS3 | Firm Order Commitment Date | Firm Order Commitment Date |

J.12.4 Billing Invoice and Detail

J.12.4.1 Unit 1: Invoice File

| | | Applies to Direct-Billing | Applies to Centralized-Billing |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Field Name | Description | DB | CB |
| Contract Number | For Networx, assigned by GSA | x | x |
| Contractor (Invoice Header) | Contractor Name | x | x |
| TP Document Number | GSA assigned TP – "FTS Non-Itemized Purchase Order" number | N/A | x |
| Invoice Number | A unique number assigned to this invoice only (used for reference purposes) | x | x |
| Contractor Customer Account Number | Contractor's selection of account numbers or other identifier(s) | x | N/A |
| AHC | Agency Hierarchy Code (identifies agency billing organization) | x | N/A |
| Invoice Date | Date of Contractor Invoice | x | x |

| | | Applies to Direct- Billing | Applies to Centrali- zed- Billing |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Field Name | Description | DB | CB |
| Billing Period | Beginning and Ending dates associated with the Billing/Dispute/Adjustment cycle (or period) of this service | x | x |
| Vendor "Remit To" Address | "Remit To" contact information (who to send the bill to). | x | x |
| "Billed To" Address in Full | For Centralized Remit, this should be the GSA Finance Center. Direct billed will be sent directly to the customer agency | x | x |
| Current Charges | Current Monthly Charges (excluding Taxes/State and Surcharges) | x | x |
| Taxes and Surcharges | Eligible State taxes, Local taxes and Surcharges (may also be referred to as Gross Receipts Tax). | x | x |
| Payment | Payments received during current month | x | x |
| Adjustment | Adjustment amount issued by the contractor, changing the amount of the invoice. | x | x |
| GMS Fee | Total GMS fee for the billing period. | N/A | x |
| Total Balance Due | Grand total for the entire invoice (Summation of all charges due on this invoice) | x | x |

J.12.4.2 Unit 2 Detail Billing File

See Enterprise Attachment J.12.4.2

J.12.5 Disputes Data Elements

J.12.5.1 Unit 1: Disputes Data Elements

| Field Name | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Contract Number | For Networkx, assigned by GSA. |
| Contractor Name | Contractor Name. |
| Government Dispute Number | Government provided dispute tracking number (i.e., may be populated with Agency Dispute Number or Agency Order Number, etc). |
| Contractor Dispute Number | Contract supplied adjustment/resolution number. Populated only if related to a dispute. |

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| Field Name | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Contractor Dispute Enter Date | Date the dispute was entered into the Contractor system and dispute number created. |
| Invoice Number | Invoice Number |
| Invoice Date | Date of Contractor Invoice |
| Contractor Customer Account Number | Contractor's selection of account numbers or other identifier(s) |
| AHC | Agency Hierarchy Code (identifies agency billing organization responsible for the service being reported on). |
| Service | Contract service being provided. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements. |
| Circuit ID | Contractor specific internal circuit identifier |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5.D Ordering section and Attachment J.11 Glossary of Terms) |
| Dispute Desc. | Dispute Description when additional information is required |
| Requestor Name | "Requestor" contact information (this identifies the agency submitting this dispute) |
| Requestor Title | Requestor contact information |
| Address Line 1 | Requestor Address Line 1 |
| Address Line 2 | Requestor Address Line 2 |
| City | Requestor City |
| State | Requestor State |
| Postal/Zip Code | Requestor Zip Code |
| Phone Number | Requestor Phone Number includes country code |
| CLIN | Contract Line Identification Number |
| Network Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating location code(s) for service as defined in Section C.3.2 |
| Charged Amount | Amount that was charged associated with this dispute |
| Disputed Amount | Amount that was disputed |
| Explanation | Detailed explanation of adjustment/resolution made/dispute being filed, including an explanation of why amount is less than disputed amount. |
| Dispute Status | Status of Dispute – (i.e., open, closed, new, entered by submitter and revised by contractor) |
| Billing Period | Beginning and Ending Dates associated with the billing/dispute/adjustment cycle (or period) of this service. |
| Adjustment Date | Anticipated date of Invoice on which adjustment/credit/debit will appear. |

J.12.5.2 Unit 2: Disputes Receipt Acknowledgement

| Field Name | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Contract Number | For Networx, assigned by GSA. |
| Contractor Name | Contractor name |
| Government Dispute Number | Government provided dispute tracking number (i.e., may be populated with Agency dispute number or Agency order number, etc.) |
| Contractor Dispute Number | Contractor supplied adjustments/resolution number. Populated only if related to a dispute. |
| Dispute Receipt Date | Date contractor received the dispute. |

J.12.5.3 Unit 3: Dispute Resolution Confirmation

| Field Name | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Contract Number | For Networx, assigned by GSA. |
| Contractor Name | Contractor name |
| Contractor Dispute Number | Contractor supplied Adjustment/Resolution number. Populated only if related to a dispute. |
| Government Dispute Number | Government provided dispute tracking number (i.e., may be populated with Agency dispute system number or Agency order number, etc.). |
| Invoice Number | Invoice Number |
| Invoice Date | Date of Contractor invoice |
| Contractor Customer Account Number(s) | Contractors' selection of customer account number(s) or other identifier(s) |
| AHC | Agency Hierarchy Code (identifies agency billing organization). |
| Service | Contract services being provided. |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5, Ordering, C.3.6, Billing and Attachment J.11, Glossary of Terms) |
| CLIN(s) | Contract Line Identification Number(s) |
| Charged Amount | Amount that was charged associated with this dispute |
| Disputed Amount | Amount that was disputed |
| Adjustment | Adjustment amount issued by the contractor, changing the amount of the net invoice. |
| Explanation | Detailed explanation of adjustment/resolution made/ dispute being filed, including an explanation of why an amount is less than disputed amount |
| Billing Period | Beginning and Ending Dates associated with the billing/dispute/adjustment cycle (or period) of this service. |
| Charge Type | Charge Description (e.g., "Port", "PVC", "Calling card", video conferencing, etc. and/or MRC, NRC and usage). |
| Adjustment Date | Anticipated date of invoice on which adjustment/credit/debit will appear. |

J.12.6 Adjustments

| Field Name | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Contract Number | For Networx as assigned by GSA |
| Contractor Name | Contractor name |
| Contractor Dispute Number | Contractor supplied Adjustment/Resolution number. Populated only if related to a dispute. |
| Government Dispute Number | Government provided dispute tracking number (i.e. may be populated with Agency dispute number or Agency order number, etc.). |
| Invoice Number | Invoice Number |
| AHC(s) | Agency Hierarchy Code(s) (identifies agency billing/budget organization responsible for the service being reported on). |
| Invoice Date | Date of Contractor Invoice |
| Service | Contract services being ordered. See Section C.2. Technical Requirements. |
| Unique Billing Identifier (UBI) | A unique identifier for a single service and all components of that service. (See Section C.3.5, Service Ordering, C.3.6, Billing and Attachment J.11, Glossary of Terms) |
| Networx Inventory Code(s) | 11 character Originating and Terminating location code(s) for services as defined in Section C.3.2. |
| CLIN(s) | Contract Line Item Number(s) |
| Charged Amount | Amount that was charged associated with this dispute |
| Disputed Amount | Amount that was disputed |
| Adjustment | Adjustment amount issued by the contractor, changing the amount of the invoice. |
| Explanation | Detailed explanation of adjustment/resolution made/dispute being filed, including an explanation of why an amount is less than disputed amount |
| Billing Period | Beginning and ending service dates associated with the billing/dispute/adjustment cycle (or period) of this service type. |
| Charge Type | Charge description (e.g., "Port", "PVC", "Calling Card", Video Conferencing, etc.. And/or MRC, NRC and usage). |

J.13 Service Level Agreements

J.13.1 Introduction

A Service Level Agreement (SLA) is an agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the contractor to provide a service at a performance level that meets or exceeds the specified performance objective(s). Eighteen of the SLAs are for technical services specified in Attachment J.13.3, SLA Performance Objectives. These SLAs are service specific. If awarded the service cited in the SLA, the contractor shall comply with the SLA. Four SLAs apply to all services awarded, except where otherwise indicated, and are termed service-independent. The contractor shall comply with each service-independent SLA for all awarded services

The 17 service-specific SLAs are:

1. Voice Services SLA
2. Circuit-Switched Data Services SLA
3. Toll-Free Service SLA
4. Combined Services SLA
5. Private Line Service SLA
6. Frame Relay Service SLA
7. Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service SLA
8. Ethernet Service SLA
9. Internet Protocol Service SLA
10. Premises-Based Internet Protocol Virtual Private Network Services SLA
11. Network-Based Internet Protocol Virtual Private Network Services SLA
12. Voice over IP Transport Services SLA
13. IP Telephony Services SLA
14. SONET Services SLA
15. Optical Wavelength Service SLA
16. Wireline Access Service SLA
17. Dedicated Hosting SLA
18. Managed Transport Internet Protocol Service (MTIPS)

The four service-independent SLAs are:

19. Service Outage SLA
20. Time to Restore SLA
21. On-Time Provisioning SLA
22. Billing Accuracy SLA

Each SLA consists of five elements: definitions, measurement approach, performance objectives, credit arrangements, and credit notification forms, as shown in Figure J.13.1-1.

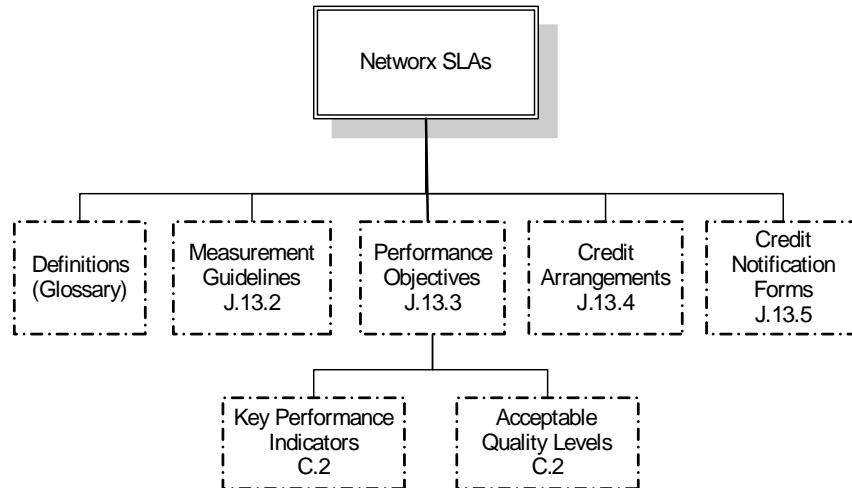


Figure J.13.1-1. Networkx Service Level Agreements

Definitions of the terms used in each SLA are established in Attachment J.11, Glossary. Measurement guidelines are specified in Sections C.2, Technical Requirements, and C.3, Management and Operations. The performance objectives are based on Key Performance Indicators and Acceptable Quality Levels specified in Section C.2. The credit arrangements are specified in Attachment J.13.4; and suggested forms for requesting credit if the contractor fails to meet a performance objective are described in Attachment J.13.5, Networkx Credit Notification Forms.

In addition to the SLAs specified herein, GSA may negotiate additional SLAs with the contractor at any time after contract award that may result in a contract modification as defined in Section G.3, Contract Modification. A format for specifying additional SLAs is provided in Attachment J.13.6, Suggested Format for Future Service Level Agreements. Once established, an SLA may only be changed in accordance with the contract modification process defined in Section G.3.

J.13.2 SLA Measurement Guidelines

Networkx performance objectives are measurable service attributes that are key indicators of contractor performance. Networkx performance objectives use metrics that are either incident based or aggregate based. Incident-based metrics (e.g., Time to Restore or On-Time Provisioning) are based on a single occurrence of service delivery. Aggregate-based metrics (e.g., Availability) are based on multiple incidents of service delivery that shall be aggregated at the level of the Agency Hierarchy Code that corresponds to the Agency's billing organization as defined in Section J.12.4.1 and averaged over a calendar month.

See Attachment J.12, Ordering and Billing Data Elements, for a description of the Agency Hierarchy Code.

There is a direct correlation between the performance objectives required for each service in Attachment J.13.3 and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) specified in Section C.2, Technical Requirements. The Government has streamlined the Section C.2 KPI requirements associated with each Attachment J.13.3 service. The performance objectives for each service in Attachment J.13.3 are a subset of the KPIs specified in Section C.2, Technical Requirements. The selected KPIs are called SLA performance objectives.

The threshold of acceptability for each service-specific SLA performance objective is called an Acceptable Quality Level (AQL), which is specified in Section C.2, Technical Requirements. Contractors shall refer to the appropriate technical subsection of Section C.2 for measurement guidance regarding each performance objective specified in Attachment J.13.3.

The service-specific SLAs are based on five performance objectives; and each of these five performance objectives uses an aggregate-based performance metric, as shown in Table J.13.2-1:

Table J.13.2-1 Service-Specific Performance Objectives

| Performance Objective | Type of Metric |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Availability | Aggregate Based |
| Grade of Service (GOS) | Aggregate Based |
| Jitter | Aggregate Based |
| Latency | Aggregate Based |
| Response Time | Aggregate Based |

The type of metric used by the service-independent SLAs is shown in Table J.13.2-2:

Table J.13.2-2 Service-Specific Performance Objectives

| SLA | Type of Metric |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Service Outage SLA | Incident Based |
| Time to Restore SLA | Incident Based |
| On-Time Provisioning SLA | Incident Based |
| Billing Accuracy SLA | Aggregate Based |

The contractor shall measure the performance objectives of each applicable SLA and report the results in the monthly SLA Compliance Report, which is part of the contractor's Program Monthly Status Report that is described in Section C.3.2.4.1.3 and included in the Agency-Specific SLA Monthly Compliance Report, also described in Section C.3.2.4.2.3. For each awarded service, the contractor shall show numerically whether the measured results equal or exceed the AQL for that SLA performance objective and comment on any performance deficiencies. The Government intends to use information from other sources, including Section

C.3.3, Service Management, Section C.3.5, Service Ordering, and Section C.7, Technical Reports, to provide confirmation.

The contractor shall describe its procedure for measuring and sampling applicable SLA performance for each service awarded in the quality assurance section of the Program Management Plan (see Section C.3.2.2.2, Program Management Plan) and shall comply with the guidance contained in this attachment, Section C.2, Technical Requirements, and Attachment J.13.3, SLA Performance Objectives.

J.13.3 SLA Performance Objectives

This section lists the service-specific and the service-independent SLAs. For most service-specific SLAs, two service levels are specified, routine and critical. Routine service levels describe the basic performance objectives required to meet the needs of most agencies. Routine service levels are priced as part of the basic service (see Section B.2, Pricing Tables). Critical service levels meet the needs of agencies that require higher performance levels and are priced separately (see Section B.2).

J.13.3.1 Performance Objectives for Voice Services SLA

The Voice Services (VS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (SDP-to-SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.2.1.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Call Blockage)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (SDP-to-SDP Call Blockage) KPI specified in Section C.2.2.1.4.1.

J.13.3.2 Performance Objectives for Circuit-Switched Data Services SLA

The Circuit Switched Data Service (CSDS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (POP-to-POP and SDP-to-SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.2.2.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Call Blockage)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (SDP-to-SDP Call Blockage) KPI specified in Section C.2.2.2.4.1.

J.13.3.3 Performance Objectives for Toll-Free Service SLA

The Toll-Free Service (TFS) SLA performance objective is

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (POP-to-POP and POP-to-Terminating SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.2.3.4.1.

J.13.3.4 Performance Objectives for Combined Services SLA

The Combined Services (CS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (SDP-to-SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.6.1.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Call Blockage)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Call Blockage) KPI specified in Section C.2.6.1.4.1.

In addition, if the contractor is awarded (optional) Toll-Free Calling Service under CS, the following SLA performance objective applies:

3. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (POP-to-POP and POP -to-Terminating SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.2.3.4.1.

If the contractor is awarded (optional) Internet Protocol Service under CS, the following SLA performance objectives apply:

4. **Availability (Port)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (Port) KPI specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.
5. **Latency** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Latency KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.
6. **Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate) KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.

J.13.3.5 Performance Objectives for Private Line Service SLA

The Private Line Service (PLS) SLA performance objective is as follows:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (SDP-to-SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.5.1.4.1.

J.13.3.6 Performance Objectives for Frame Relay Service SLA

The Frame Relay Service (FRS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability (Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC))** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Availability (PVC) KPI specified in Section C.2.3.1.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate) KPIs specified in Section C.2.3.1.4.1.

3. **Latency (PVC)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Latency (PVC) KPIs specified in Section C.2.3.1.4.1.

J.13.3.7 Performance Objectives for Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service SLA

The Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service (ATMS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability (PVC)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Availability (PVC) KPI specified in Section C.2.3.2.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Max Cell Transfer Delay)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Grade of Service (Max Cell Transfer Delay) KPIs specified in Section C.2.3.2.4.1 for Constant Bit Rate (CBR) if, provided, Variable Bit Rate - real time (VBRrt), and Variable Bit Rate – non-real-time (VBRnrt) ATMS.
3. **Grade of Service (Max Cell Loss Ratio)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Max Cell Loss Ratio) KPIs specified in Section C.2.3.2.4.1 for CBR if provided, VBRrt, and VBRnrt ATMS.
4. **Grade of Service (Max Cell Delay Variation)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Max Cell Delay Variation) KPIs specified in Section C.2.3.2.4.1 for CBR if provided, VBRrt, and VBRnrt ATMS.

J.13.3.8 Performance Objectives for Ethernet Service SLA

If the contractor is awarded (optional) Ethernet Service (ES), the following SLA performance objectives apply:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability KPI specified in Section C.2.7.1.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Packet Delivery Rate)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Packet Delivery Rate) KPI specified in Section C.2.7.1.4.1.
3. **Jitter (Packet)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Jitter (Packet) KPI specified in Section C.2.7.1.4.1.

J.13.3.9 Performance Objectives for Internet Protocol Service SLA

The Internet Protocol Service (IPS) SLA performance objectives are

1. **Availability (Port)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (Port) KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.
2. **Latency** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Latency KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.
3. **Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate) KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.4.1.

J.13.3.9.1 Performance Objectives for Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Services (MTIPS) SLA

The Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Service (MTIPS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability (MTIPS Port)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (Port) KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.5.4.3.
2. **Latency (CONUS)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Latency KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.5.4.3.
3. **Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Data Delivery Rate) KPIs specified in Section C.2.4.1.5.4.3.

J.13.3.10 Performance Objectives for Premises-Based Internet Protocol Virtual Private Network Services SLA

The Premises-Based IP VPN Service (PBIP-VPNS) SLA performance objectives pertain to SDP-to-SDP service and are:

1. **Availability (VPN)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Availability (VPN) KPI specified in Section C.2.7.2.4.1.
2. **Latency** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the CONUS Latency KPI specified in Section C.2.7.2.4.1.

J.13.3.11 Performance Objectives for Network-Based IP VPN Services SLA

The Network-Based IP VPN Service (NBIP-VPNS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability (VPN)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (VPN with dial failover) KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.3.4.1.

2. **Latency** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the CONUS Latency KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.3.4.1.

J.13.3.12 Performance Objectives for Voice over IP Transport Services SLA

The Voice over Internet Protocol Transport Service (VOIPTS) SLA performance objectives pertain to SDP-to-SDP service and are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.8.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Packet Loss)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Packet Loss) KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.8.4.1.
3. **Jitter (Packet)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Jitter (Packet) KPI specified in Section C.2.7.8.4.1.

J.13.3.13 Performance Objectives for IP Telephony Services SLA

The Internet Protocol Telephony Service (IPTeIS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.10.4.1.
2. **Grade of Service (Packet Loss)** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Grade of Service (Packet Loss) KPIs specified in Section C.2.7.10.4.1.
3. **Jitter** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Jitter KPI specified in Section C.2.7.10.4.1.

J.13.3.14 Performance Objectives for SONET Services SLA

The Synchronous Optical Network Service (SONET) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability (SDP-to-SDP) KPIs specified in Section C.2.5.2.4.1.

J.13.3.15 Performance Objectives for Optical Wavelength Service SLA

The Optical Wavelength Service (OWS) SLA performance objectives pertain to each optical wavelength for SDP-to-SDP service and are as follows:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Availability KPIs specified in Section C.2.5.4.1.4.1 for OWS over a Wavelength Division

Multiplexing (WDM) arrangement and in Section C.2.5.4.2.4.1 for OWS over an Automatic Switched Transport Network (ASTN) if awarded this optional service.

2. **Response Time (Restoration Time to Reroute Traffic)** - The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the Response Time (Restoration Time to Reroute Traffic) KPIs specified in Section C.2.5.4.1.4.1 for OWS over a WDM arrangement and specified in Section C.2.5.4.2.4.1 for OWS over an ASTN if awarded this optional service.

J.13.3.16 Performance Objectives for Wireline Access Services SLA

The Wireline Access Service (WLNAS) SLA performance objective is as follows:

1. **Availability** – The contractor shall meet the AQLs for the availability KPIs specified in Section C.2.13.2.4.1.

J.13.3.17 Performance Objectives for Dedicated Hosting Service SLA

The Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS) SLA performance objectives are:

1. **Availability (Internet Connection)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Availability (Internet Connection) KPI specified in Section C.2.4.2.4.1.
2. **Availability (Web Site)** – The contractor shall meet the AQL for the Availability (Web Site) KPI specified in Section C.2.4.2.4.1

The 17 SLAs described previously are service dependent. The next four SLAs apply to all services awarded to the contractor unless otherwise indicated.

J.13.3.18 Performance Objective for Service Outage SLA (Service Independent and Incident Based)

The performance objective for the Service Outage SLA is that there shall be no loss of service availability during the calendar month except for those instances where the customer has agreed to a scheduled service outage in advance in accordance with Section C.3.3.1.2, Network Management Functional Requirements.

J.13.3.19 Performance Objectives for Time To Restore SLA (Incident Based)

The contractor shall restore service in accordance with the performance objectives specified in Section C.3.3.1.2, Network Management Functional Requirements.

J.13.3.20 Performance Objective for On-Time Provisioning (Incident Based)

For routine orders and Class B expedited orders, the contractor shall complete the order within the provisioning intervals defined in Table J.12.3-1, Service Provisioning Intervals Table, in Attachment J.12.3, Service Provisioning Intervals. The provisioning interval for routine and Class B expedited orders shall be measured in calendar days from the service order confirmation date in the Service Order Confirmation to the completion date in the Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN) in accordance with Section C.3.5, Service Ordering. The provisioning interval may depend on the service (such as Voice Service or Frame Relay Service) and the priority of the order (routine or Class B expedited).

For project orders (orders that require special treatment by the contractor due to the size, complexity, or importance of the services ordered), the performance objective shall be based on the baseline completion dates in the Service Delivery Project Plan (SDPP) or the Transition Project Specific Plan (TPSP) agreed upon by the Government and the contractor at the time orders are placed and confirmed by the contractor. These baseline dates shall be the firm order commitment dates for each order within the project, and the firm order commitment dates shall meet the provisioning interval objectives in Table J.12.3-1 for routine or Class B expedited orders unless the Government agrees in advance to different firm order commitment dates.

For orders such as Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) orders or Optical Wavelength Service orders for which a provisioning interval is not defined in Table J.12.3-1, including services with originating or terminating SWCs that are either OCONUS or Non- Domestic, the performance objective shall be defined by the firm order commitment date.

The contractor shall commit to the following:

1. For routine and Class B expedited orders, the time between the completion date and the service order confirmation date in calendar days shall be less than or equal to the provisioning interval in Table J.12.3-1, Service Provisioning Intervals Table.
2. For orders for which a provisioning interval is not defined in Table J.12.3-1, the completion date shall be less than or equal to the firm order commitment date.
3. In cases where the contractor elects to provision services from a another service provider or vendor in order to deliver the end-to-end

service to the Government, the provisioning interval shall include all of the time required to deliver the complete end-to-end service ordered, including any portion for which the contractor uses another service provider or vendor.

4. There may be no credit for orders that do not meet the performance objective due to documented delays caused by the customer. The contractor shall list such orders in the monthly Order Processing Performance Report specified in Section C.3.5, Service Ordering.

J.13.3.21 Performance Objectives for Billing Accuracy SLA (Aggregate Based)

The contractor shall submit accurate invoices that meet the following performance objectives:

1. All applicable data elements shall be included on the Detail Billing File and Service Order Completion Notice (SOCN) in accordance with Attachment J.12.4, Billing Invoice and Detail.
2. The Detail Billing File shall have an associated SOCN for each order.
3. The information on the Detail Billing File shall be consistent with that on the SOCN.
4. The price shall be correct.
5. There shall be no duplicate Detail Billing File records.
6. There shall be no Detail Billing File records that represent charges that are being billed for the first time more than 90 calendar days after the service was rendered.

Any Detail Billing File that does not meet each of the above criteria shall be in error. The performance objective is that at least 95% of the monthly Detail Billing Files shall be error-free.

J.13.4 Credit Arrangements

The contractor shall credit the Government within the next two billing cycles after receiving a credit notification. A Designated Agency Representative (DAR), Network Management contact, Contracting Officer, or other agency personnel will submit credit notifications to the contractor using an appropriate form, such as one described in Attachment J.13.5, Networx Credit Notification Forms. Each incident that results in a credit will be documented by a trouble ticket, an SLA Compliance Report, an Order Processing Performance Report, or a Technical Report. Based on the credit notification, the contractor shall credit the Agency. The Agency Hierarchy Code on the order defines the Agency customer who shall receive the credit.

It is possible that the same incident (e.g., a service outage) may result in multiple credit requests; e.g., a Time to Restore credit request and an Availability credit request. In such cases, the contractor shall process the credit that has the highest monetary value to the Government in accordance with Section C.3.6.3 (Billing Disputes and Adjustments). In no case shall a Service Outage credit and a Time to Restore credit be awarded for the same incident. Once the outage duration exceeds the Time to Restore performance objective, the customer only will be eligible for a Time to Restore credit. Moreover, the amount of service-specific credit awarded to a customer in any month shall not exceed the amount invoiced for that service for that same month.

The Government may submit credit notifications up to six calendar months after a trouble report regarding the incident was opened or the Government accepts the contractor's SLA Compliance Report, Trouble Management Performance Summary, Order Processing Performance Report, or Technical Report.

J.13.4.1 Incident-Based Time to Restore Credits

The contractor shall restore service after a service outage within the Time to Restore (TTR) performance objective specified in Attachment J.13.3.19, Performance Objective for Time to Restore SLA (Incident Based). Each such incident shall be documented in the contractor's trouble management system and the Trouble Management Performance Summary defined in Section C.3.3.1.2, Network Management Functional Requirements.

If the contractor fails to restore service by the Time to Restore objective, the customer shall be entitled to a credit equal to 50% of the Monthly Recurring Cost (MRC) for the service, unless the failure to meet the TTR performance objective was due to documented delays caused by the customer.

Incident-based Time to Restore credits shall not apply to Customer Specific Design and Engineering (CSDE) Service or Incident Response Service (INRS).

J.13.4.2 Incident-Based Service Outage Credits

For a service that was interrupted by an outage, there shall be no usage charge during the period of the outage. The Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC) for a service that was interrupted by an outage shall be prorated if the outage duration exceeded 12 minutes and was less than the duration required to qualify for a Time to Restore credit in accordance with Attachment J.13.4.1. The customer is not eligible for a Service Outage credit if the outage duration exceeds the Time to Restore performance objective. The amount of credit due for eligible service outages shall be calculated as follows:

Credit = (MRC for the service that experienced the outage) x (0.025) x (duration of the outage in hours and tenths of an hour minus 0.2 hours (12 minutes), according to the contractor's trouble ticket).

Incident-based Service Outage credits shall not apply to Customer Specific Design and Engineering (CSDE) Service or Incident Response Service (INRS).

J.13.4.3 Credit for Not Meeting Aggregate-Based Service-Specific Performance Objectives

In the event the contractor fails to meet or exceed one or more of the aggregate-based SLA performance objectives specified in Attachment J.13.3.1 through J.13.3.17, the contractor shall credit the Agency 12.5% of the MRC for that service that month. If the contractor fails to meet the same SLA performance objective for two or three consecutive months, the contractor shall credit the Agency 25% or 50% of the MRC for that service, respectively. After the third consecutive month or any consecutive month thereafter of the same performance shortfall for the same service for the same agency (i.e., the highest level of the Agency Hierarchy Code), the agency may elect to continue the service inclusive of the credit or may discontinue the service without penalty. Application of this credit structure will be reset when the service is compliant for a month following the previous non-compliant month(s).

This credit arrangement does not apply to the aggregate-based Billing Accuracy SLA specified in Attachments J.13.3.21 and J.13.4.5.

J.13.4.4 Incident-Based On-Time Provisioning Credits

If the contractor fails to implement an order within the performance objective specified in Attachment J.13.3.20, Performance Objective for On-Time Provisioning SLA (Incident Based), the customer is entitled to a credit equal to 50% of the Non-Recurring Charge(s) (NRC(s)) or 50% the MRC(s) for the entire order, whichever is greater, unless the failure to meet the On-Time Provisioning performance objective was due to documented delays caused by the customer

J.13.4.5 Aggregate-Based Billing Accuracy Credits

If the contractor fails to render invoices that meet the accuracy requirements of Attachment J.13.3.21, Performance Objectives for Billing Accuracy SLA (Aggregate Based), then the contractor shall credit GSA with one percent of that month's billed revenue, aggregated over all direct-billed and centrally-billed Networkx customers that month.

J.13.4.6 Disputes

The Government and the contractor will resolve any disputes and agree on an appropriate credit award in accordance with Section C.3.6.3, Billing Disputes and Adjustments.

J.13.5 Networkx Credit Notification Forms

J.13.5.1 Notification Forms for Incident-Based Credits

These forms may be used by Government Designated Agency Representatives, Network Management contacts, Contracting Officers, or other agency personnel to request:

- Service Outage credits,
- Time to Restore (TTR) credits, or
- On-Time Provisioning credits

To expedite processing of the credit request, it is desirable to provide all of the information requested below. However, notification forms with other information requirements may be used as agreed by the agency and contractor.

J.13.5.1.1 Form for Requesting Incident-Based Service Outage Credits

The duration of the service outage was greater than 12 minutes and less than that required to qualify for a Time to Restore credit (Yes/No)? ____ If answer is "No," the incident does not qualify for a Service Outage credit. If the answer is "Yes," continue processing this form:

Header Information

Name of Submitter _____

Job Title of Submitter _____

Agency of Submitter _____

Agency Hierarchy Code _____

Invoice Month _____

Invoice Year _____

Address of Submitter _____

Town/City of Submitter _____

State/Zip Code of Submitter _____

Country of Submitter _____

Phone Number of Submitter _____

E-Mail Address of Submitter _____

Services addressed in this form were ordered at critical service level (rather than routine service level?) _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

Detail Information

List the number of each trouble ticket opened for service outages that occurred during the month and the Unique Billing Identifiers as defined in Attachment J.11, Glossary.

Trouble Ticket # _____

Date _____

Service _____

Unique Billing Identifier _____

Contractor Order Number (Optional) _____

Monthly Recurring Cost (MRC) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number (CLIN) of MRC (if known) _____

Duration of service outage (hours and tenths of hours) _____

Service Outage Credit in dollars = $MRC \times (0.025) \times (\text{duration of the outage in hours and tenths of an hour minus } 0.2 \text{ hours (12 minutes)})$ = _____

(Note: Repeat the above fields for each occurrence of a service outage.)

Total for the Form

Total dollar value of all credits due to service outages across all services and trouble tickets on the form = _____

Requestor Signature _____

Date of submission _____

Submit this Networkx Credit Notification Form directly to the contractor that provided this service. The contractor's Customer Service Office can give you the correct mailing or e-mail address. **Retain a copy of this form for your records.**

J.13.5.1.2 Form for reporting Incident Based TTR Credits**Header Information**

Name of Submitter _____

Job Title of Submitter _____

Agency of Submitter _____

Agency Hierarchy Code of Submitter _____

Invoice Month _____

Invoice Year _____

Address of Submitter _____

Town/City of Submitter _____

State/Zip Code of Submitter _____

Country of Submitter _____

Phone Number of Submitter _____

E-Mail Address of Submitter _____

Services addressed in this form were ordered at critical service level (rather than routine service level?) _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

Detail Information

List the number and associated information of each trouble ticket opened for a service outage that occurred during the month that resulted in a failure to meet the TTR performance objectives specified in Attachment J.13.3.19, Performance Objective for Time to Restore SLA (Incident Based). In addition, provide the actual number of hours it took to restore service (rounded to nearest tenth of an hour), the Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC) of the service, and the Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) associated with that MRC.

Trouble Ticket # _____

Date _____

Unique Billing Identifier _____

Service _____

Contractor Order Number (Optional) _____

SLA Performance Objective for TTR _____

Actual Number of hours for TTR _____

Monthly Recurring Cost (MRC) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number (CLIN) of MRC (if known) _____

TTR Credit = (0.50) x MRC of the Service = _____

(Note: Repeat the above fields for each occurrence of unacceptable TTR performance.)

Total for the Form

Total dollar value of all credits due to TTR deficiencies across all services and trouble tickets on the form = _____

Requestor Signature _____

Date of submission _____

Submit this Networkx Credit Notification Form directly to the contractor that provided this service. The contractor's Customer Service Office can give you the correct mailing or e-mail address. **Retain a copy of this form for your records.**

J.13.5.1.3 Form for reporting On-Time Provisioning Credits

Header Information

Name of Submitter _____

Job Title of Submitter _____

Agency of Submitter _____

Agency Hierarchy Code of Submitter _____

Invoice Month _____

Invoice Year _____

Address of Submitter _____

Town/City of Submitter _____

State/Zip Code of Submitter _____

Country of Submitter _____

Phone Number of Submitter _____

E-Mail Address of Submitter _____

Detail Information

These credits depend on whether the order is a routine or class B expedited order, a project order, or order for which a provisioning interval is not defined in Table J.12.3-1, Service Provisioning Intervals Table. Use subpart A for orders for which a provisioning interval is defined in Table J.12.3-1 and subpart B for other orders.

A provisioning interval is defined in Table J.12.3-1 for the order? (Yes/No) ____ If "No," go to Subpart B.

Subpart A. Provisioning Interval Defined

Contractor Order Number _____

Unique Billing Identifier _____

Invoice date (optional) _____

Service _____

Services were ordered as Class B expedited? _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

Service order confirmation date _____

Completion date from SOCN _____

Difference between completion date and service order confirmation date in calendar days ____

On-Time Provisioning objective (Table J.12.3-1) _____

Actual provisioning interval exceeds performance objective? If so,

Monthly Recurring Cost(s) (MRC(s)) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number(s) (CLIN(s)) of MRC(s) (if known) _____

Non-Recurring Cost(s) (NRC(s)) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number(s) (CLIN(s)) of NRC(s) _____

On-Time Provisioning Credit = 50% of NRC(s) or 50% of MRC(s) (whichever is greater) for that order = _____

(Note: Repeat the above fields for each order that does not meet the On-Time Provisioning performance objectives.)

Subpart B: Provisioning Interval Not Defined

Contractor Order Number _____

Invoice date (optional) _____

Unique Billing Identifier _____

Monthly Recurring Cost(s) (MRC(s)) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number(s) (CLIN(s)) of MRC(s) (if known) _____

Non-Recurring Cost(s) (NRC(s)) (if known) _____

Contract Line Identification Number(s) (CLIN(s)) of NRC(s) (if known) _____

Completion date (from SOCN) _____

Firm order commitment date (from Service Delivery Project Plan (SDPP) or the Transition Project Specific Plan (TPSP) or Service Order Confirmation Notice)

Completion date exceeds firm order commitment date? If so,

On-Time Provisioning Credit = 50% of NRC(s) for that order or 50% of MRC(s) (whichever is greater) = _____

(Note: Repeat the above fields for each order that does not meet the On-Time Provisioning performance objectives.)

Total for the Form

Total dollar value of all credits due to On-Time Provisioning deficiencies across all orders and/or projects on the form = _____

Requestor Signature _____

Date of Submission _____

Submit this Networx Credit Notification Form directly to the contractor that provided this service. The contractor's Help Desk can give you the correct mailing or e-mail address. **Retain a copy of this form for your records.**

J.13.5.2 Notification Form for Aggregate Based Credits

This form will be used by Networx customers to notify the contractor of credits due to aggregate based performance deficiencies. For example, the availability, latency, packet loss ratio, response-time, or jitter did not meet the performance objective for the Agency during the month. A different form will be used for routine services and for the critical services.

Name _____

Job Title _____

Agency _____

Agency Hierarchy Code (if known) _____

Invoice Month _____

Invoice Year _____

Address _____

Town/City _____

State/Zip Code _____

Country _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address of User _____

Services Addressed in This Form Are Critical? _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

J.13.5.2.1 Aggregate Based Credits Due to Unacceptable Service Quality

| Service | Source of Performance & Billing Data (Attach Documentation) | Key Performance Indicator that Failed to Meet Its Acceptable Quality Level | Performance Measured During Month | AQL for that Performance Objective | Number of Consecutive Months Service Has Been Unacceptable | Percentage Credit Due to Agency | Total MRCs Billed to Agency for That Service During Month | Amount of Credit Due Agency (Percent Credit * Amount Billed) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Voice Services (VS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Circuit Switched Data Service (CSDS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Toll-Free Service (TFS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Private Line Service (PLS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Frame Relay Service (FRS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service (ATMS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Ethernet Services (ES) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Internet Protocol Service (IPS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Premises-Based IP-VPN Services (PBIP-VPNS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Network Based Internet Protocol (IP) VPN Services (NBIP-VPNS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Voice over IP | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |

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| Service | Source of Performance & Billing Data (Attach Documentation) | Key Performance Indicator that Failed to Meet Its Acceptable Quality Level | Performance Measured During Month | AQL for that Performance Objective | Number of Consecutive Months Service Has Been Unacceptable | Percentage Credit Due to Agency | Total MRCs Billed to Agency for That Service During Month | Amount of Credit Due Agency (Percent Credit * Amount Billed) |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Transport (VOIPTS) | | | | | | | | |
| IP Telephony Services (IPTeIS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| IP Video Transport Service (IPVTS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Synchronous Optical Network Services (SONETS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Optical Wavelength Services (OWS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Wireline Access Service (WLNAS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| Dedicated Hosting Services (DHS) | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |
| TOTAL CREDIT DUE AGENCY | | | | | | | \$xxx | \$xxx |

J.13.5.2.2 Aggregate-Based Billing Accuracy Credits

| Invoice Month and Year | Total on Detail Billing File records in Error | Total Detail Billing File records | Ratio of Detail Billing File records in Error to Total Detail Billing records | Amount of Credit Due GSA (1% of total invoice) | Comments |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|--|----------|
| | | | | | |

J.13.5.2.3 Total Aggregate Based Credits Due

1. Total aggregate-based credits due to unacceptable service
(Attachment J.13.5.2.1) _____
2. Total aggregate-based credits due to Billing Detail Record SLA
(Attachment J.13.5.2.2) _____

TOTAL AGGREGATE BASED CREDITS DUE IN A FUTURE INVOICE

Requestor Signature _____

Date of Submission _____

Submit this Networx Credit Notification Form directly to the contractor that provided this service. The contractor's Customer Support Office can give you the correct mailing or e-mail address. **Retain a copy of this form for your records.**

J.13.6 Suggested Format for Future Service Level Agreements

The following structure describes the basic format for SLAs that are added after contract award using a contract modification. New SLAs may be requested by the contractor or the Government.

J.13.6.1 New Service Description

A high-level statement of service capability must be provided. Service description guidance is provided in Section C.2.1, General Requirements, along with guidance for defining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Acceptable Quality Levels (AQLs). The contractor is required to perform at levels that meet or exceed the AQLs.

The SLA for the new service establishes the minimum acceptable service quality levels guaranteed by the contractor to GSA under the Networx contract. The SLA also must specify those service conditions for which the customer can claim credits. The SLA consists of: a) definitions, b) performance objectives, c) performance measurement approach, d) specified credits that can be requested when the contractor fails to meet the SLA performance objective, and e) suggested additions or changes to the credit notification forms.

J.13.6.2 Definitions

Definitions for SLAs are contained in Attachment J.11. The contractor shall list any new definitions which are unique to the service specified.

J.13.6.3 Performance Objectives

The performance objectives for a new service shall include:

1. **Service Availability** - Shall be [99.XX%] or better over each calendar month that the service is delivered by the contractor. Separately specify the availability of routine service and critical service if applicable or between different originating and terminating points (e.g., POP-to-POP or SDP-to-SDP)
2. **Other** - List additional performance objectives as appropriate; e.g., that apply to Latency, Jitter, or Response Time.

J.13.6.4 SLA Measurement Guidelines

The contractor shall measure the performance objectives for this SLA and report the results in the monthly SLA Compliance Report, which is part of the contractor's Program Monthly Status Report that is described in Section C.3.2.4.1.3. The contractor shall show numerically whether the measured results equal or exceed the SLA performance objective(s) and comment on any apparent performance deficiencies. The Government intends to use information from other sources, including technical reports from Section C.7, Trouble Management Performance Summary Reports defined in Section C.3.3.1.2, Network Management Functional Requirements, and Order Processing Reports from Section C.3.5, Service Ordering, to provide confirmation.

Procedures for measuring and sampling shall be described in the quality assurance section of the Program Management Plan, which is described in Section C.3.2.2.2, Program Management Plan, and shall comply with the guidance contained in Attachment J.13.3.2, SLA Measurement Guidelines, Section C.2, Technical Requirements, and Attachment J.13.6.3, Performance Objectives. At a minimum, the contractor shall describe the performance measurement procedure for the proposed SLA.

J.13.6.5 Credit Arrangements

Credit arrangements shall be consistent with the credit arrangements contained in Attachment J.13.4. Any new credit arrangements shall be provided in a contract modification proposal for Government consideration.

J.13.6.6 Credit Notification Forms

Suggested forms for requesting credit appear in Attachment J.13.5 of the contract. Suggested additions or changes to these forms shall be described in the request for a new SLA.

J.14 APPENDICES FOR CLAUSE H.35 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (OCI) MITIGATION PLAN

J.14.1 Appendix 1: Subcontractor Memorandum entitled “Avoidance of Organizational Conflict of Interest on the PROGRAM Project”.

MEMORANDUM

To: Distribution (Program Personnel – Appendix 2)

From: NAME, Program Manager

Re: Avoidance of Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) on the Networx Program

I. Purpose

SUBCONTRACTOR is preparing a proposal to submit to a Government Agency for [insert service or services] response to a SOW under the Networx Program. SUBCONTRACTOR has code named this proposal the PROGRAM Project. SUBCONTRACTOR's work on a PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order for another program and SUBCONTRACTOR's work for PROGRAM, and thereby preserve its ability to compete for an award under PROGRAM. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance to you and your activities under PROGRAM in order to avoid future potential organizational conflict of interest problems.

II. Discussion

Recipients of this memorandum are preparing a proposal for PROGRAM. By this memorandum, I am providing directions to you, which are intended to "wall off" your interaction on PROGRAM from any SUBCONTRACTOR personnel not listed on the PROGRAM PERSONNEL APPENDIX attached hereto. The PROGRAM PERSONNEL APPENDIX may be updated from time to time by written notification. These directions are designed to prevent any use by you of proprietary data of other contractors or privileged Government information or information limited to the PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order work being performed by SUBDONTRACTOR personnel in the execution of your duties supporting PROGRAM proposal preparation.

Directed Actions

Until further written notice is provided to you, you are to follow these directions:

1. You are not to discuss any information regarding PROGRAM with any personnel other than those on the attached PROGRAM PERSONNEL APPENDIX. This obligation shall continue until further notice. This obligation does not apply to information regarding the financial and schedule aspects of PROGRAM neither solely for management reporting and monitoring purposes, nor to subcontractors that will need to be engaged to provide estimates and engineering support in performing PROGRAM related activities.
2. During the course of your work on PROGRAM, you are not to receive any documentation or information concerning SUBCONTRACTOR's work under the PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order from any SUBCONTRACTOR personnel who are working on that PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order. A list of those SUBCONTRACTOR personnel working on the PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order is also maintained by me.
3. Avoid, or remove yourself from, any situation in which you might be exposed to information related to information concerning the SUBCONTRACTOR work on the PRIME CONTRACTOR Task Order. If you are participating in a meeting or informal discussion where such information is discussed, you must immediately inform the participants that you are involved in PROGRAM. You must then excuse yourself from that part of the meeting.
4. Any attempt by a SUBCONTRACTOR employee who is not identified on the attached PROGRAM PERSONNEL APPENDIX (as may be updated from time to time) who attempts to obtain information protected by these instructions, or to provide information prohibited by these directions, shall be reported immediately to your supervisor and to the PROGRAM MANAGER who issued this memorandum.
5. Report all conflict of interest problems to your supervisor and to SUBCONTRACTOR Legal Counsel.
6. Read, sign and date the Nondisclosure Agreement for PROGRAM and return the original to me with your signed copy of this memorandum. Keep a copy of this memorandum and the Nondisclosure Agreement for your reference.

7. Please signify, by signing in the signature block below and returning this signed copy to me, that you have read and do understand the foregoing, and that you agree to comply with these directions. If you have any questions regarding these directions or the proper course of action to take in complying with these directions, you are to telephone me directly.

I have read and understand the foregoing and agree to comply with these directions.

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

J.14.2 Appendix 2: List of Program Personnel

J.14.2.1 Insert Specific Listing of Personnel on Team

J.14.3 Appendix 3: Program Nondisclosure Agreement

SUBCONTRACTOR NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (PROGRAM)

**AGREEMENT FOR NON-DISCLOSURE OF SUBCONTRACTOR
INFORMATION AS PRESENTED, VIEWED, OR DISCUSSED DURING THE
COURSE OF MEETINGS, VISITATIONS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE.**

I understand that information or data I may become aware of, or possess, as a result of my involvement in this contract effort (Project PROGRAM) may be considered sensitive by the U.S. Government and/or sensitive and proprietary by SUBCONTRACTOR. Responsibility for proper use and protection from unauthorized disclosure of sensitive, proprietary, and source selection

information is described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) section 3.104-5(b). Pursuant to FAR 3.104.5, I agree not to appropriate such information for my own use or to release or discuss such information for my own use or to release it to or discuss it with third parties unless specifically authorized in writing by an authorized representative of SUBCONTRACTOR to do so, as provided above.

I agree that I have a continuing obligation not to disclose sensitive, proprietary, or source selection information to any person or legal entity unless that person or legal entity is authorized by SUBCONTRACTOR to receive such information. I understand violations of this agreement are subject to civil and criminal sanctions.

Such restrictions shall apply until SUBCONTRACTOR otherwise agrees in writing, or until the information becomes generally available.

SUBCONTRACTOR Employee Signature Date

Printed Name

Title

Company

SUBCONTRACTOR Representative/Witness Signature Date

Printed Name

J.15 Agency-Issued Guidance for Using the Network Contracts

Certain Agencies have issued specific rules applicable to use of the Network contracts that are applicable only to the Agencies that have issued the guidance. This guidance is included for the convenience of the Agencies.

J.15.1 Department of Defense



CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
6000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-6000

MAY 10 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE
ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS, JOINT STAFF
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE DEFENSE
AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Base and Long-Haul Telecommunications Equipment and Services - Policy
Clarification Memorandum

Department of Defense (DoD) policy (DoD Instruction 4640.14, DoD Directives 8100.1 and 4640.13) states that all long-haul telecommunications services shall be planned, designed, implemented, managed, and acquired by the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). Recent audit efforts revealed that approximately 42 percent of the Department's requirements are not compliant with DoD policy and were procured directly with the FTS2001 contract vendors. This is a concern for operational and economical reasons.

Operationally, the Department DoD is not able to maintain the much needed visibility for network operations, NETOPS management, and a central inventory database of all DoD services, or a single manager to ensure that long-haul services are meeting the warfighter, Intelligence Community and business systems operational requirements. This information is also necessary for the planning of future network capabilities/capacity and net-centric enterprise services.



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Economically, the Department is unable to determine the most cost effective vehicle to satisfy a given long-haul telecommunications or enterprise service need using the Global Information Grid (GIG), the Defense Information System Network (DISN), an existing DISA contract, GSA's FTS2001/Networx and satellite services contracts. Further, with respect to procuring directly from GSA, we diminish our buying and negotiation leverage as the largest customer on GSA's contract.

Pursuant to the aforementioned policies and this clarification, DISA is designated as the only entity authorized to order telecommunication services from the GSA FTS2001 and Networx contracts for the Military Departments and Defense Agencies. DISA has established processes to obtain these services on a most cost effective and timely basis.



John G. Grimes



CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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MAY 10 2007

Mr. James A. Williams
Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service
General Services Administration
2200 Crystal Drive
Room 1100
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Williams:

The Department of Defense (DoD) is currently preparing for the transition from the FTS2001 contracts to the Networx contracts. As a result of our inventory validation effort, we have discovered that approximately 42 percent of DoD's requirements bypassed the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and were procured directly with FTS2001 vendors.

We need your help. As you are probably aware, DoD policy requires that all long-haul telecommunications services be planned, designed, implemented, and managed through DISA. By having all requirements go through DISA, DoD is able to maintain much needed visibility for network operations and management, a central inventory database for all DoD entities, and a single manager to ensure long-haul services are meeting the Nation's warfighter requirements.

In order to realize this level of accountability and control, we need the General Services Administration's (GSA) support to ensure all DoD FTS2001 and Networx requirements are processed through DISA. To assist with our request to manage this process at an enterprise level, the DISA Procurement Director shall be the Designated Agency Representative (DAR) Administrator for all of the DoD Services and Agencies. Further, the DISA Procurement Director will provide GSA with a listing of personnel that are authorized to order service on behalf of the DoD on the FTS2001 and Networx contracts.



We look forward to our continued close working relationship with GSA to facilitate the usability and control of long-haul telecommunications services obtained through GSA. The DISA point of contact for this action is Mr. James R. Clatterbuck, the DoD Network Transition Program Manager. Mr. Clatterbuck can be contacted at (618) 229-9245 or james.clatterbuck@disa.mil.

Sincerely,



John G. Grimes

cc:
Joint Staff/J-6
Director, Defense Information Systems Agency