

Addendum 2: Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Services ITB

We have received the following inquiries about our ITB:

- 1) The network currently in place – are all locations connected via Metro ethernet? Are these sites internet only or MPLS (both?)
- 2) Who is the current carrier? Are they currently providing SIP to the main site and or the remotes?
- 3) Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity – would you like to see an option that would provide connectivity in case of an outage or disaster?
- 4) Our company has a SPIN number- please clarify what is meant by filing a current 499?
- 5) On the first page under section Network Connectivity and POTS Lines, there is a line which states “POTS or analog lines must be provided as shown in the following table.” Does this mean that you are requesting that bidders provide the actual dial tone or that bidders provide the interface for any analog lines that go through the system, like the lines for 911?

HMCPL Response:

- 1) No, please see the table in the RFP for a list of which branches are Metro Ethernet vs. T1. All branches terminate at Main; Main connects to the Internet through our ISP, the Alabama SuperComputer Authority, via the Huntsville City Fiber Loop on the stated 30Mbps fiber optic connection.
- 2) AT&T for T1 and MetroE circuits. Part of the T1 circuit for the New Hope Branch is provided by the New Hope Telephone Cooperative and part by AT&T. I am not sure what you mean by SIP. Each location has analog lines provided by AT&T except for the following: New Hope—New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Monrovia—Knology.
- 3) Please list any relevant options separately as Options, and price them separately.
- 4) Form 499 is the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet. The form and instructions for completing it are available at <http://forms.universalservice.org>.
- 5) Bidders need to provide costs for the lines and dial tone.