

Office of the Illinois State Treasurer
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Sole Source Procurement Notice

Cellular Phones and Related Items and Services Agreement

Cellco Partnership

March 1, 2024

I. Introduction

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (the “Treasurer”) is issuing this Sole Source Procurement Notice pursuant to Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer’s Procurement Rules (the “Rules”), 44 ILAC 1400.2025(e).

The Treasurer requires consistent and compatible access to mobile equipment including cellular phones, tablets, software, other hardware, peripherals and accessories.

The Treasurer has very specific mobile and security needs given the sensitive nature of its programs and divisions, including investments. Cellco Partnership (“Cellco”) provides compatible Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”) equipment pursuant to statewide master contract 23-448DOIT-TELEC-R-142688 (“Master Contract”) between Cellco and the Illinois Department of Information Technology (“DoIT”), which equipment has proven useful and suitable for the Treasurer.

II. Chief Procurement Officer

The Chief Procurement Officer who will perform this Sole Source Procurement is:

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Chief Procurement Officer
Illinois State Treasurer's Office
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III. Name of Proposed Sole Source Vendor

Cellco Partnership
1 Verizon Way
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

IV. Brief Description of What Vendor Will Do or Provide

The Treasurer wishes to utilize Cellco to provide compatible mobile equipment including cellular phones, tablets, software, other hardware, peripherals and accessories.

V. Contract Price

The Treasurer will receive a minimum percentage discounted rate off of Cellco's list price for each procurement category of Verizon products and services during the entire term of this contract. The discount rate ranges from 0% to 25% depending on the category of goods or services, consistent with the Master Contract. Total costs are not anticipated to exceed \$450,000 per year.

VI. Reason Why Cellco was Determined to be the Sole Economically Feasible Source

This is appropriate under Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules, 44 ILAC 1400.2025(b), particularly subsections (1) and (5). The Treasurer has utilized Verizon equipment for approximately six (6) years and all of the Treasurer's hardware is compatible, allowing for optimal communication levels throughout the Treasurer's network and removing the need, which would be present in a switch to another provider, to replace much of the Treasurer's hardware. Further, Cellco continues to hold a statewide master contract for Verizon products and services from which the Treasurer has previously placed orders. As a result of the prior use and existing Master Contract, there is a significant operational benefit to continuing to use Verizon products. While the Treasurer will therefore continue to utilize Verizon products as it has while Cellco holds a statewide master contract providing Verizon equipment, the Treasurer seeks to ensure its own, standalone contract with Cellco for compatible products in order to meet the Treasurer's specific timing and security needs. This will also allow flexibility regarding any interruptions in the Treasurer's existing cellular service and Verizon itself offers noticeably better coverage and connectivity in all parts of Illinois that the Treasurer operates, including rural areas.