

## MPLS Services [T412] Buyer's Guide

### **Purpose**

This guide provides summarized information for the buyer of active, enterprise contract products and services. By clicking on quick links — [underlined, blue-colored words or sentences](#) — one is redirected to various documents; such as, the awarded contract, the Invitation to Bid (ITB), guides and brochures that will assist in building a purchase order for the products and services on the specific contract, and in some guides allow direct access to the e-mail addresses or Web sites of vendor contacts.

Award Date	Duration	Estimated Re-bid Year
10/27/2014	5 years	2020

### **Description**

This contract was issued and awarded pursuant to § 41-16-20, Code of Alabama (1975). This contract serves to procure multiprotocol label switching (*MPLS*) Services. Current State users and the eligible agencies exempt from § 41-4-280, *et seq.*, Code of Alabama (1975) may procure goods and services to support their MPLS service's needs. Each contract user must determine eligibility and provide terms and conditions, accordingly.

The scope of this contract includes services and solutions necessary for contract users to satisfy their MPLS service requirements. In addition to ITB and bid specifications, the contract includes technological enhancements, service improvements and equipment such as Customer Premises Equipment and circuits packaged as a Premium Service. Included are all new and/or emerging MPLS services, and in particular all MPLS services, features, functions, software enhancements, network-based applications and associated products that will be available as a part of a Vendor's offerings in both the commercial and non-commercial marketplace. Internet services may not be acquired via this contract. Vendors may add routers to their miscellaneous catalog, as approved by State Purchasing.

The contract is structured to serve different geographic areas of the State known as "bands."

- Band-1 areas are directly served by AT&T central offices
- Band-2 areas are directly served by CenturyLink central offices
- Band-3 areas are directly served by all other providers

### **Contract Notice of Award**

[Link to Contract](#)

### **Original ITB**

[Link to ITB](#)

### **Product Guide & How to Order**

Use the [Product Guide](#) to obtain the summarized contract information such as; company names, catalog links, discount rates, product descriptions, and contact information. If applicable and if available, link to the vendor's website to review the product line and determine all specifications for the product or service that you wish to purchase. If the website offers capabilities such as; product comparisons and fill-a-cart or creation of a basket for purchasing, then take advantage of those features. Finally, complete a purchase order for one item and [print the completed purchase order](#) to use as a worksheet. You cannot purchase the product from the vendor's site, but the worksheet will assist with your State purchasing request.

### **Employee Discount**

Not applicable for this contract.

### **Vendor Brochure**

Links or complete brochures will be provided when available from the vendor.