Connections II

One-Stop Source for Building/Campus Network and Telecommunications Solutions

Introduction

In today's high-tech world, finding the right contract vehicle can mean the difference between getting a task done efficiently and tediously searching the procurement landscape. The best choice is an existing contract with a pre-vetted pool of qualified industry partners and efficient ordering procedures.

CONNECTIONS II is a global, multi-year indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract to make it easy and cost effective for government agency officials to find, acquire, and implement right-fit network and telecommunications solutions without the need to create a new contract.

Customers have access to convenient, one-stop shopping to meet needs for labor, equipment, and solutions to support telecommunications, networking and network-centric applications at the LAN, building, campus and enterprise level.

Benefits

Better Value and Savings

- Wide variety of pre-vetted industry partners boosts competition to achieve lower prices
- Reduces time and cost to develop requirements by offering no-cost downloadable templates
- Saves in downstream circuit, operations, and/or security costs

Flexibility and Choice

- Provides flexibility and customer choice
- Offers a simplified competition process with 19 pre-competed businesses
- Includes both small and large business contractors
- Supports small business set-asides

Quality Solutions

- Delivers commercial off-the-shelf (COTS), customized solutions, or a strategic combination
- Supports performance-based contracting
- Achieves well planned end-to-end solutions when Connections II solutions combine with local and long-distance telecommunications solutions

Ease of Use

- Is task order driven to enhance competitive process and minimizes acquisition times
- Allows un-priced items on task orders without contract modification
- Provides convenient website link to achieve Delegation of Procurement Authority
- Uses streamlined contract modifications to add new equipment
- Adds value with GSA-assisted service

Connections II Industry Partners

A&T Systems*
AECOM
American Systems Corp.*
AT&T Technical Services
Avaya Federal Solutions, Inc.
Concert Technologies*
CRGT (Ciber)

EPS Corp.*
Futron*
General Dynamics Information
  Technology
Netcom Technologies, Inc.*
Peraton, Inc.
Perspecta Enterprise Solutions, LLC

Qwest Government Services dba
  Century Link QGS
The Centech Group, Inc.*
Tyto Athene, LLC
Vector Resources*
Verizon Federal
Vision Technologies, Inc.*

* Asterisk denotes small business.

Offerings

CONNECTIONS II Solution Examples

- *Enterprise architecture:* interoperability and centralization, Unified Communications, VoIP
- *Connectivity:* on-site network and telecommunications equipment: cabling, wiring, routers, switches
- *Security:* protecting your network and telecommunications infrastructure
- *Information management:* storage and system integration
- *Data and video conferencing*
- *IP and converged solutions:* IPv6 compliance
- *Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)/ disaster recovery*

Support Services

- Define requirements, assess alternatives, and design solutions
- Acquire, install, network, and operate equipment and services
  - Telecom support for network and telecommunications equipment: cabling, routers, switches
  - Support from project managers, engineers, technicians, web architects
  - Engineering and operational support for customized solutions
  - Other customer service and technical support

Additional Capabilities

- Billing and account management
- Billing consolidation
- Wireless access, Land Mobile Radios

No-Cost SOW Templates

Connections II has a robust online self-serve catalog of downloadable Statement of Work (SOW) templates. You can download them at no cost from the Connections II website (**www.gsa.gov/connections**), click on "Connections II resources".

The fully populated and editable templates save you time and money, rather than starting your requirements from a blank page.

The SOWs align to assorted Connections II solutions such as:
- IPv6 Transition
- Domain Name Service (DNS) Security
- Unified Communications
- Network Transition Support
- Managed Mobility
- Distributed Antenna System (DAS)
- Network Operations, Administration, and Maintenance

How to Order

Government agencies can use Connections II self-serve option or GSA-assisted service. You can place task orders easily and swiftly per FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity. Approximately 3-5 contractors will respond. Ordering details are at www.gsa.gov/connections.

For More Information

If you have questions regarding GSA's Connections II Program, please contact the National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at (855) ITaid4U [(855) 482-4348] or send an email to **ITCSC@gsa.gov**. For additional information, please visit **www.gsa.gov/connections**.