

E-Mail sent on 02/26/2011 03:09:01 AM from networx.transition@gsa.gov:

Please see the attached letter from the Assistant Commissioner of GSA's Integrated Technology Services regarding necessary action by your Agency to use the Follow-on Bridge Contracts for FTS2001 service. Note that this action impacts the continuity of your services on the FTS2001 contracts. Your Agency may have previously received an exception to the Aug 2010 deadline for Networx orders to qualify for transition reimbursement; these are two distinctly separate approvals. You must consider and respond to the request in the attached letter regardless of any exception for transition reimbursement.

If your Agency responded to the previous request Karl Krumbholz sent on 2/15/11 and received an acknowledgement, no further action is required at this time. Furthermore, if your Agency has a Memorandum of Understanding in place with GSA's Transition Coordination Center, and GSA is performing transition for your Agency (project manager Hillary LaMay), this tasking does not apply to your Agency, and GSA will ensure services are either disconnected before the current contracts expire or your Agency's services continue on the Follow-on Bridge Contracts.

Please have your point of contact respond to both debbie.hren@gsa.gov and networx.transition@gsa.gov. Acknowledgements of your Agency's request will come from this mailbox.

Thank you,

Debbie Hren
Lead, Transition Coordination Center
General Services Administration

cc: Agency Transition Managers and TWG Representatives



February 24, 2011

Dear Colleague:

The purpose of this letter is to once again highlight pending Networkx transition milestones and to alert you to a specific action you may need to take to protect the continuity of your network and telecommunications services. This action must be taken if projected that you will be unable to complete transition before the current FTS2001 Bridge and Crossover contracts expire.

As you know, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) FTS2001 Bridge and Crossover contracts expire soon. While GSA is working on another set of Sole Source Bridge contracts to extend services for Agencies that will be unable to transition before the current contracts expire, we intend to do so only for the Agencies that cannot reasonably complete transition within the current contract periods. Consequently, if your Agency is not named as an authorized user on the new FTS2001 Bridge contracts, your services will be disconnected at the expiration of the current contract(s) from which you are receiving services. Those expiration dates are as follows:

<u>FTS2001 Contract</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Qwest	May 12, 2011
Sprint	May 31, 2011
MCI dba Verizon Business	June 30, 2011
AT&T	June 30, 2011

In order to be named as an authorized user of the new Bridge contracts, the Agency must notify GSA by March 31, 2011, of two critical pieces of information. In an email to debbie.hren@gsa.gov, please provide the following: (1) state that you require the use of the new Bridge contracts for FTS2001 services and (2) identify a specific point-of-contact for managing communications with GSA regarding the progress of transition. This point-of-contact may be the Agency's transition manager or another individual, and the notification email must clearly indicate the person's name, phone number, and email address.

In addition, we request that you provide the date your transition will be complete, or the reason why that information cannot be provided. Upon receiving your request, GSA will provide confirmation that we received your request and will add your Agency as an authorized user.

For Agencies that do not respond according to the paragraph above, GSA will disconnect their existing services from the current FTS2001 Bridge and Crossover contracts by the aforementioned contracts' expiration dates. To do so, beginning in April 2011, GSA will issue disconnect orders on behalf of the Agencies for all services on the current contracts.

Once GSA issues these disconnects, the Agencies will have little recourse for maintaining service continuity, and other consequences may occur. For some services, the Agencies may incur casual billing rates much higher than those on FTS2001 and Networx; other services may simply become unavailable. At that point, Agencies must make a fair opportunity decision to select a Networx contractor, order services on Networx, and endure the service delivery intervals to implement those services.

My Network Services Program Office remains dedicated to working with you and your Agency representatives to assist in every way possible to help you transition your FTS2001 services within the timeframe available. Should you have questions, I encourage you to contact my Network Services Program Director, Karl Krumbholz, at karl.krumbholz@gsa.gov (703) 306-6079, or the Networx Transition Manager, Maynard Crum, at maynard.crum@gsa.gov (703) 306-7406.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary A. Davie".

Mary A. Davie
Assistant Commissioner
Integrated Technology Services