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GSA taps 17 for Connections contracts

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The General Services Administration last week awarded contracts to 17 companies through its Connections program to provide telecommunications equipment and support services to federal agencies.

The contracts, announced Friday by the Federal Technology Service, replace several expiring, regional equipment and services contracts. The awards were made in three service categories: equipment and services, support services and solutions.

"The Connections Program focuses on telecommunications infrastructure and the complex environment of the first and last mile," FTS commissioner Sandra Bates said. "This award gives customers a choice of industry partners, packaging options and solutions designed to facilitate the convergence of voice, data and video solutions in the federal workspace."

Equipment and services include voice, data and video equipment, microwave systems, wire and cable, and installation and maintenance. Support services include a range of technical and professional labor skills. The solutions category includes infrastructure requirements using turnkeys, integration services and managed services.

Each of the indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts has a base period of three years and five one-year options.

The winning vendors are:

- A&T Systems Inc. of Silver Spring, Md.
- Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. of McLean, Va.
- Centech Group Inc. of Arlington, Va.
- EDS Corp.
- EPS Inc. of Tinton Falls, N.J.
- Government Telecommunications Inc. of Chantilly, Va.
- Information Systems Support Inc. of Gaithersburg, Md.
- M.C. Dean Inc. of Chantilly, Va.
- Management Applications Inc. of Chantilly, Va.
- ManTech International Corp. of Fairfax, Va.
- NextiraOne Federal LLC of Fairfax, Va.
- Omega Systems Inc. Garden Grove, Calif.
- Science Applications International Corp. of San Diego
- SBC DataComm Inc. of San Antonio
- SETA Corp. of McLean, Va.
- Veridian IT Services Inc. of Arlington, Va.
- Verizon Federal Inc. of Washington.