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TO: All Purchasing Directors; State Departments, Agencies and Facilities; Colleges and Universities, Vo-Tech Schools, Boards and Commissions, Political Subdivisions, and Other Eligible Users of Wireless Telephone Service & Equipment Contracts

FROM: Denise LeBlanc, Director

DATE: September 13, 2007

RE: Wireless Telephone Service and Equipment

Effective September 30, 2007, state contract number 406601 to Nextel West Corp. for Nextel Brand Name Wireless Devices & Service will be cancelled.

All users of contract number 406601 must now use state contract number 406602 with Sprint.

Agencies will begin receiving a 25% service pricing discount for all active units. It may take up to 3 invoicing cycles to move all of the pre-existing active units to the same invoicing cycle in order to start receiving the pricing discount. Sprint will use commercially reasonable efforts to convert pre-existing active units during the same billing cycle. Sprint will not issue credits for any difference in discounts on pre-existing active units before conversion to the new discount level.

The contact person with Sprint is Ronny Caluda. He can be reached at 504-415-2017 (cell phone) or by email at ronny.caluda@sprint.com.

State contract number 406569 has been changed to read AT&T Mobility Brand Name Wireless Devices & Services (formerly Cingular Brand Name Wireless Devices & Services). The contract has also been updated to reflect the discounts agency’s should be receiving which are: 20% discount off monthly service charges on voice and data plans; 50% discount off National Contract Reference Price with a limited selection of basic phones at no cost; and 20% discount for accessories.
AT&T has also made the following announcement:

“As most are aware, the TDMA/Analog wireless network is an older network with limited capabilities. AT&T Mobility can no longer provide services and features that Government customers require, on this older platform. In addition, most manufacturers no longer produce TDMA/Analog phones. Currently, over 99 percent of all minutes used are carried on GSM network. As a result, AT&T Mobility is encouraging all of their TDMA/Analog customers to migrate to the higher-quality GSM network. This will require any impacted subscribers to switch to a new GSM rate plan and device.

As a result, the TDMA/Analog Network will be completely shut down in February 2008. Many TDMA/Analog cell sites or overlays are in the process of being phased out during the remainder of 2007, directly impacting TDMA/Analog service in the effected markets.

If you have any questions regarding this transition or how it will impact your agency, please contact Lynn Snell at (225) 368-4815 or Sybil Brown at (504) 451-1292 and coordinate directly with either of them to migrate your end users before October 1, 2007, to ensure that your service will not be disrupted.”

If you have any additional questions or concerns about these contracts, please contact Beckie Sicard at (225) 342-6634 or via email at beckie.sicard@la.gov.