



## JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

**Sole Source Purchases** are defined clearly, based upon a legitimate need, and are limited to a single supplier. Sole source purchases are normally not allowed except when based upon strong technological grounds such as operational compatibility with existing equipment and related parts or upon a clearly unique and/or cost effective feature requirement. The use of sole source purchases must be justified and shall be limited only to those specific instances in which compatibility or technical performance needs are being satisfied.

**Sole Source Services** are defined as a service provider providing technical expertise of such a unique nature that the service provider is clearly and justifiably the only practicable source available to provide the service. The justification shall be based on the uniqueness of the service, sole availability at the location required, or warranty or defect correction service obligations of the service provider.

This form must be filled out for the request to purchase any good or non-professional service that requires a competitive procurement process (informal quotes (\$1001-\$10,000), formal quotes (\$10,001 - \$19,999.99), or formal bid (\$20,000 or more) as defined in the LFUCG's Purchasing Manual. This form must be completed in its entirety and attached to the purchase requisition.

**Note: Sole Source Purchase requests for goods exceeding \$20,000 will require approval by the Urban County Council by submitting an Administrative Review Form. A copy of this form must be signed off by Central Purchasing and attached to the Administrative Review Form.**

### Requesting Division

Name Robert Stack Division/Dept Enhanced 911

Phone 859-280-8200 Email rstack@lexington911.ky.gov

Type of Purchase:  Goods/Materials/Equipment  Services

Cost: \$6,000

Sole Source Request for the Purchase of: Services to access iconectiv number portability  
access center, which is managed under contract with the Federal Communications Commission.

One Time Purchase  To Establish Sole Source Provider Contract  
(subject to annual review and approval by Central Purchasing and/or Urban County Council)

### Vendor Information

Business Name Telcordia Technologies Inc. d/b/a iconectiv

Contact Name Angela Seredocha, Account Manager

Address 440 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Phone 732-699-4889 Email aseredocha@iconectiv.com

**STATEMENT OF NEED:** (Add additional pages as needed)



## JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

My division/department's recommendation for sole source is based upon an objective review of the product/service required and appears to be in the best interest of the LFUCG. I know of no conflict of interest on my part, and I have no personal involvement in any way with this request. No gratuities, favors, or compromising actions have taken place. Neither has my personal familiarity with particular brands, types of equipment, materials, persons or firms been a deciding influence on my request to sole source this purchase when there are other known suppliers to exist.

**1. Describe the product or service and list the necessary features this product provides that are not available from any other option.**

iconectiv is the sole vendor under contract with the Federal Communications Commission to manage telephone number (landline, wireless and VoIP) portability between carriers. E911 accesses the database to resolve issues when calls to 911 do not present location information and carrier information as they should. Generally, the failure of a number to "port" between carriers is the root cause. iconectiv serves as the sole clearinghouse in the USA for telephone portability and dispute resolution.

**2. Below are eligible reasons for sole source. Check one and describe.**

Licensed or patented product or service. No other vendor provides this. Warranty or defect correction service obligations to the consultant. Describe why it is mandatory to use this licensed or patented product or service.

Existing LFUCG equipment, inventory, custom-built information system, custom-built data inventory system, or similar products or programs. Describe. If product is off-the-shelf, list efforts to find other vendors (i.e. web site search, contacting the manufacturer to see if other dealers are available to service this region, etc.)

Uniqueness of the service. Describe.

As noted in the attachment from the Federal Communications Commission, iconectiv is under contract with the FCC to serve as the sole vendor to provide this service in the USA.

The LFUCG has established a standard for this manufacturer, supplier, or provider and there is only one vendor. Attach documentation from manufacturer to confirm that only one dealer provides the product.

Factory-authorized warranty service available only from this single dealer. Sole availability at the location required. Describe.

Used item with bargain price (describe what a new item would cost). Describe.

Other – The above reasons are the most common and established causes for an eligible sole source. If you have a different reason, please describe:

-

---

---



## JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

**3. Describe efforts to find other vendors or consultants (i.e. phone inquiries, web site search, contacting the manufacturer to see if other dealers are available to service region, etc.).**

A web search revealed that the FCC has contracted with iconectiv as the neutral sole source for maintaining the national telephone number registry that facilitates portability of telephone numbers in compliance with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. E911 Centers nationwide access the database when they encounter issues with data missing with a 911 call, such as location or carrier.

**4. How was the price offered determined to be fair and reasonable?**

(Explain what the basis was for comparison and include cost analyses as applicable.)

Pricing is consistent with the number of queries E911 makes annually of the iconectiv database, which is up to 25,000. iconectiv charges the same amount for all 911 centers in the nation based on the number of queries made against their database. E911 selected the cost band that is consistent with its current use.

**5. Describe any cost savings realized or costs avoided by acquiring the goods/services from this supplier.**

Due to the unique nature of the service contracted by the FCC, there is no room for either cost savings or cost avoidance. iconectiv is the only firm in the USA that E911 centers can use for telephone portability research, which is necessary to maintain the local database of locations, addresses and carriers that each incoming 911 call "dips" into to provide information to the 911 operator.



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500  
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>  
TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 17-746

Released: August 8, 2017

## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS USERS OF NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATION CENTER TO REGISTER WITH NEW LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATOR

WC Docket Nos. 07-149 and 09-109  
CC Docket No. 95-116

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) reminds all entities that use the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) that the process to transition operation of the NPAC from Neustar to Telcordia Technologies, Inc. d/b/a iconectiv (iconectiv) is underway, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission's Order selecting iconectiv as the next Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA).<sup>1</sup> All entities that use the NPAC, including providers of telecommunications and telecommunications-related services (referred to in this Public Notice as Service Providers), law enforcement agencies, and users of Wireless Do-Not-Call services, must register with iconectiv. In addition, end users that access the NPAC through a Service Bureau should contact their Service Bureaus to ensure that their providers are registered and ready for the transition.

NPAC users are encouraged to register with iconectiv as early as possible during the transition process in order to provide sufficient time to then test the new system. If users do not intend to conduct testing of the new NPAC, they should register with iconectiv no later than the dates specified below. Cutovers to the new iconectiv NPAC are currently scheduled to begin in March 2018 for some services, and to be completed for all services during May 2018.

### Service Providers

To be ready for the transition, Service Providers must complete registration with iconectiv by August 31, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than October 31, 2017, if the entity does not plan to test. However, to ensure a smooth transition, we strongly encourage service providers to register as soon as possible to allow for participation in industry testing. Service Providers cannot participate in testing without first registering with iconectiv.

Scheduling and setup has begun for Service Providers who are planning to test their interfaces with the iconectiv NPAC. Testing will begin this month, August 2017. Completing registration as soon

---

<sup>1</sup> *Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Petition to Reform Amendment 57 and to Order a Competitive Bidding Process for Number Portability Administration et al.*, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 8406, para. 1 (2016), *aff'd sub nom. Neustar Inc. v. FCC*, No. 15-1080 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (approving iconectiv as the new LNPA).

as possible will give the Service Providers a better chance of scheduling testing at their preferred times (preferably early in the testing cycle), and will allow for the maximum amount of time for that testing. Testing will be available both for Service Providers that use an automated (or mechanized) interface with the NPAC, as well as for those that use a web-based Graphical User Interface to access the NPAC.

### **Law Enforcement Agencies and Users of Wireless Do-Not-Call Services**

Law enforcement agencies and users of Wireless Do-Not-Call services must complete registration with iconectiv by November 30, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than December 31, 2017, if they do not plan to test. Testing for these users is currently scheduled to begin in December 2017. Law enforcement services and Wireless Do-Not-Call services are scheduled to cutover from Neustar to iconectiv in March 2018.

To begin registration or for further information, any entity that uses the NPAC that is not registered should visit [www.numberportability.com](http://www.numberportability.com) or contact iconectiv at [LNPA-ACCT-MGMT@iconectiv.numberportability.com](mailto:LNPA-ACCT-MGMT@iconectiv.numberportability.com) or 844-820-8039.

***Ex parte* Presentations.** This proceeding shall continue to be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules, and other relevant WCB guidance.<sup>2</sup> To the extent that parties make presentations that are not subject to the modified procedures, the Commission’s filing requirements for “permit-but-disclose” proceedings under Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules apply.

Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable.pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information, contact Marilyn Jones or Michelle Sclater, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2357 or [Marilyn.Jones@fcc.gov](mailto:Marilyn.Jones@fcc.gov), or (202) 418-0388 or [Michelle.Sclater@fcc.gov](mailto:Michelle.Sclater@fcc.gov).

– FCC –

---

<sup>2</sup> In a Public Notice released on August 18, 2015, the Bureau modified the applicability of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules to this proceeding in certain respects. See *Notice Concerning Ex Parte Status of Communications with Respect to the Local Number Portability Administrator Selection Proceeding*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 8425 (WCB 2015). Parties should consult the *LNPA Ex parte Status PN* to determine if planned *ex parte* presentations are subject to the modified procedures discussed therein, or the Commission’s standard *ex parte* rules.