

## Governor's Office of Minority Affairs

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## Consulting and Technical Services Contract II (CATS II)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Pre-Proposal Response Form Deadline - **October 1, 2008 at 4pm**
- Pre-Proposal Conference - **October 8, 2008 at 10am**
- Proposal Submission Deadline - **November 5, 2008 at 2pm**

The Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure information technology (IT) consulting and technical services for the State of Maryland.

The Master Contract resulting from this RFP will provide State agencies with the flexibility of obtaining IT resources quickly and efficiently by issuing Task Order Requests for Proposals (TORFP) or Requests for Resumes (RFR) specific to its needs. The CATS II Master Contract will run concurrently with the existing Consulting and Technical Services (CATS I) Master Contract, and will replace it upon its expiration date of December 31, 2010. During the remaining term of CATS I, CATS II will be used only if it is not reasonably anticipated that a TORFP will be completed by the CATS I contract expiration date. The scope of this solicitation encompasses 17 primary function areas, which are as follows:

- Enterprise Service Provider
- Web and Internet Services
- Electronic Document Management
- Geographical Information Systems
- Software Engineering
- Systems/Facilities Management and Maintenance
- Information System Security
- Application Service Provider
- IT and Telecommunications Financial and Auditing Consulting Services
- IT Management Consulting Services
- Business Process Consulting Services
- Tower Site Preparation
- Tower Installation
- Tower Equipment Installation and Services
- Electronic Benefits Transfer
- Media and Training Center Support
- Documentation/Technical Writing

DoIT intends to award a Master Contract to all Offerors that the State determines to be qualified. Offerors may propose to one, several or all functional areas.

Specific TORFPs or RFRs will be issued, as needed, throughout the term of the Master Contract. All eligible Master Contractors will be invited to compete. Based on the evaluation of responses, and as specified in the TORFP/RFR, a single or

multiple Master Contractor(s) will be selected for award. A specific TO Agreement will then be entered into between the State and the selected Master Contractor(s), which will bind the Master Contractor(s) to the contents of its proposal, including its price. A TORFP, RFR, TO Agreement, or Proposal may not in any way conflict with or supersede the CATS II Master Contract.

Similar to the first RFP, CATS II will also provide for unlimited awards to qualified vendors. For those IT firms who missed out on CATS I, here is an opportunity to become one of the successful Master Contractors under CATS II.

**Interested parties are advised to:**

- 1) Download a copy of the CATS II RFP and attachments from the DoIT website [click here](#) ;
- 2) Email the Pre-Proposal Conference Response Form to [CATSII@doit.state.md.us](mailto:CATSII@doit.state.md.us) no later than 4:00 PM on October 1, 2008. The Pre-Proposal Conference Response Form is included as Attachment E to the RFP; and
- 3) Register with eMarylandMarketplace [click here](#).

**Note: You must be registered on eMarylandMarketplace in order to be awarded a Master Contract under CATS II.**

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DoIT was established with the passage of HB 362 and Senate Bill 212 and approved by Governor Martin O'Malley on April 8, 2008. The former Office of Information Technology within the Department of Budget and Management joined the Major Information Technology Development Fund to form State agency F50 as a principal unit of the Executive Branch effective July 1, 2008. DoIT is a cabinet level department and is headed by Secretary Elliot Schlanger.

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