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The Commonwealth has signed a six year contract with AT&T to provide wide area network and telecommunications services for the enterprise.

The Kentucky Information Highway was established in 1991 to connect more than 1500 executive branch agencies, libraries, schools, health departments, and local governments in the state's 120 counties through a centralized network. The second generation network (KI2) launched in 2007, providing expanded services, lower rates, improved reliability, and superior performance.

Just as KI2 provided significant advances in communication over the original KI1, a great deal of time has been invested to insure that the new partnership will provide those networking features essential to the success of the Commonwealth.

The third iteration of the Kentucky Information Highway - KI3 - is expected to be completed in coming months. This new agreement offers many technological advances and allows state government agencies and the 176 school districts increased bandwidth and improved reliability. In addition, the Commonwealth negotiated significant service level agreements to ensure appropriate attention is given to the Commonwealth with regard to high quality and high performance over the life of the contract.

As the need for Information Technology grows in our Commonwealth, it is essential we have a strong network and telecommunications backbone. The KI3 contract will provide the latest technology to move our IT projects forward and facilitate better services for Kentucky citizens and businesses.