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**AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM #2013-0201**

**To:** Agency CIOs, Technical Contacts

**From:** Steve Rucker, Deputy Secretary  
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**Date:** Feb.1, 2013

**Subject:** New WSCA contract for wireless service

The statewide contract with AT&T for wireless equipment and services expired in November 2012. Contracts with other wireless carriers in the state expired earlier in 2012.

The Office of Procurement Services has issued a participating addendum for the Wireless Communication & Equipment contract available through the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) with four vendors: AT&T Mobility, Sprint Solutions, T-Mobile USA, and Verizon Wireless. The contract allows legislative branch, judicial branch, and other non-executive branch government agencies to use all four carriers.

Through negotiations with AT&T, the Commonwealth has obtained deeper discounts than those available via the standard WSCA contract. Therefore, for agencies in the executive branch, AT&T will be the prime vendor so the Commonwealth can obtain the best rates for wireless services.

For executive branch agencies that may need service from one of the three alternate carriers, an exception must be approved in advance. There are two additional companies which provide accessories via the WSCA contract: Tescoco and Discountcell, All agencies may use the accessory vendors.

CMA / MA	Vendor	Product	Exp	Who Can Use
758-130000452	AT&T Mobility	WSCA Wireless Equipment & Services	10/31/16	All Agencies
758-130000622	Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon	WSCA Wireless Equipment & Services	10/31/16	Legislative and Judicial Agencies Executive Agencies – Only with Approved Exception
758-130000562	DiscountCell, Inc.	WSCA Wireless Accessories	10/31/16	All Agencies
758-130000563	Tescoco	WSCA Wireless Accessories	10/31/16	All Agencies

A streamlined process has been established by the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) for executive branch agencies to obtain an exception to the standard services through AT&T. Exceptions are normally only granted for public safety and Boni Bill (social worker) situations in areas that are not served by AT&T. The [form is available on the COT website](#).

The request may be submitted electronically, and the Office of Procurement Services will create an agreement with the alternate carrier and the agency, limited to the specific services that are approved.

Agency wireless coordinators are invited to a meeting at 1 PM on February 5 at the Transportation Cabinet Auditorium to learn more details and ask questions about the new contracts. The transition of services to the new contracts will be discussed, including AT&T, other carriers on the new WSCA agreements, and regional carriers who are not on the new WSCA agreement at this time.