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FCC ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR NEXT TERM OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN BILLING AND COLLECTION AGENT

Deadline for Proposals Set for March 1, 2004

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its request for proposals for the next term of the North American Numbering Plan Billing and Collection Agent (NANP B&C Agent). The NANP B&C Agent is responsible for calculating, assessing, billing, and collecting payments for numbering administration functions and for distributing funds to the entities that support these functions (e.g., the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Pooling Administrator (PA)). The current NANP B&C Agent is the North American Numbering Plan Billing and Collection, Inc. (NBANC).

The new NANP B&C Agent will serve for a term of up to five years. Instructions for bidding are contained in a solicitation package which may be accessed electronically at <http://www.fcc.gov/omd/contracts/pre-award/>, under solicitation SOL04000004.

The entity selected to serve as the NANP B&C Agent will be expected to perform the numbering administration billing and collection function in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) based contract.

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