

**223032-IT – MODIFICATION NO. 1
FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION
PROCUREMENT OFFICER’S DETERMINATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE
DOIT CABLE & WIRING MATERIALS AND SERVICES
MASTER CONTRACT NO. 060B6400046**

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On or about May 12, 2023, BlueStar Technologies, Inc. (BlueStar) was awarded the contract for fiber optic installation, materials and services using the DOIT Cable and Wiring Materials and Services Master Contract No. 060B6400046, pursuant to COMAR 21.05.09, Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing. There were only two fiber contractors that are authorized to perform work on the City of Baltimore fiber infrastructure, one of which is BlueStar.

II. BACKGROUND

Since award, Bluestar, at no fault of its own, has been unsuccessful in obtaining the permits needed from City of Baltimore (City) and CSX to start work on Broening Highway. The City made significant demands to the scope of this project that would significantly increase the cost. There have been ongoing negotiations with the City to try to reduce their demands, which would allow the MPA to complete the project within the current budget and awarded amount under this contract.

Additionally, with the loss of fiber from the Key Bridge collapsing, this fiber project is even more important to complete to increase the redundancy of our fiber connections and better protect us from the loss of a fiber link; therefore it is in the best interest for the MPA to extend this contract for six months, through November 11, 2024. This extension will allow MPA to continue its negotiations with the City and to complete the work under this contract.

III. DETERMINATION

- A. Modification No. 1 extends the contract by six months, from May 12, 2024 through November 11, 2024.
- B. This is a no-cost extension. The contact value remains the same.
- C. This modification is less than \$50,000; therefore, approval from the Maryland Port Commission or the Board of Public Works is not required;
- E. Except as revised by this Modification No. 1, Contract No. 223032-IT, remains in full force and effect.

IV. APPROVAL REQUIRED



Trisha O’Neal
Procurement Officer

4/22/24

Date

APPROVED:



John Thornton
Manager of Procurement/Designee

4/22/24

Date