

Maryland Consulting and Technical Services (CATS II)

The objective of this master contract, effective June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2014, is to enable State government to procure IT consulting and technical services in a timely and economical manner. Through CATS II, the State has a flexible means of obtaining IT resources quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively by issuing task orders specific to its needs.

The CATS II master contract will run concurrently with the existing CATS I master contract and will replace CATS I upon its expiration on December 31, 2010. During the remaining term of CATS I, CATS II will be used only if a TORFP is not reasonably anticipated to be completed by the CATS I expiration date.

Benefits

- More flexibility in some terms and conditions
- New expedited process for getting help quickly
 - Request for resumes
- Additional guidance on writing scopes of work
- Supports custom and COTS products
- Reduced procurement cycle
- More latitude for agencies
- 5-year time line