

**PROJECT NUMBER 35765  
INMATE CALLING SERVICE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
GLOBAL TEL\*LINK, CORPORATION  
AND  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES  
AS CONTRACTING AGENT FOR THE  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

This Inmate Calling Service Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered into by and between Global Tel\*Link, Corporation, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 2609 Cameron Street, Mobile, Alabama 36607 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), and Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services having its principal place of business at 301 North Lamar Street, Suite 508, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 (hereinafter referred to as "ITS"), as contracting agent for the Mississippi Department of Corrections located at 723 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202 (hereinafter referred to as "Customer"). ITS and Customer are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "State".

**WHEREAS**, Customer, pursuant to Request for Proposals ("RFP") Number 3249 requested proposals for the provision, installation and maintenance of an Inmate Calling Service for the inmates at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility at Pearl, Mississippi, the South Mississippi Correctional Institution at Leakesville, Mississippi, and the seventeen (17) Community Work Centers and four (4) Restitution Centers across the State of Mississippi (hereinafter referred to as the "Correctional Facilities"), and

**WHEREAS**, AT&T was the successful respondent in an open, fair and competitive procurement process to provide the above mentioned services;

**WHEREAS**, AT&T subsequently assigned all of its rights and interests in this project to Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Customer and the Contractor hereby agree to enter into this Agreement for the continuance of the Inmate Calling Services;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual understandings, promises and agreements set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

1.1 Unless this Agreement is extended by mutual agreement or terminated as prescribed elsewhere herein, this Agreement shall begin on the date it is signed by all parties and shall continue in effect for twenty-four (24) months thereafter.

1.2 This Agreement will become a binding obligation on the State only upon the issuance of a valid purchase order by the Customer following contract execution and the issuance by ITS of the CP-1 Acquisition Approval Document.

## **ARTICLE 2 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Contractor shall provide, install and maintain a turnkey Inmate Calling Service, including a digital recording system, which meets or exceeds all of the specifications stated in RFP No. 3249 and AT&T's Proposal, as accepted by the State, in response thereto.

## **ARTICLE 3 COMMISSIONS**

Contractor shall pay monthly commission payments to Customer totaling 55.6% percent of the gross monthly revenues. No deductions from the gross revenue shall be accepted by the Customer. Commissions must begin when the first telephone call is completed by an inmate at any of the Correctional Facilities. Payments of commissions shall be due and payable to the Customer within twenty (20) days of the closing of the billing cycle. It is understood by the parties that commission rates shall not decrease during the term of this Agreement. The call rates to be charged by Contractor to the friends and families of inmates when calls are placed by the inmates are set out in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## **ARTICLE 4 EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

4.1 Contractor shall, during the entire term of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship, or a joint venture relationship.

4.2 Contractor represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who shall be qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of Customer.

4.3 Contractor shall pay when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and it accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. Neither Contractor nor employees of Contractor are entitled to state retirement or leave benefits.

4.4 It is further understood that the consideration expressed herein constitutes full and complete compensation for all services and performances hereunder, and that any sum due and payable to Contractor shall be paid as a gross sum with no withholdings or deductions being made by Customer for any purpose from said contract sum, except as permitted herein in the article titled "Termination".

## **ARTICLE 5 BEHAVIOR OF EMPLOYEES/SUBCONTRACTORS**

Contractor will be responsible for the behavior of all its employees and subcontractors while on the premises of the Correctional Facilities covered by this Agreement. Any employee or subcontractor

acting in a manner determined by the administration of the Correctional Facility to be detrimental, abusive or offensive to any of the staff and/or inmates, will be asked to leave the premises and may be suspended from further work on the premises. All Contractor employees and subcontractors who will be working at such locations shall be covered by Contractor's comprehensive general liability insurance policy.

#### **ARTICLE 6 MODIFICATION OR RENEGOTIATION**

This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement signed by the parties hereto, and any attempt at oral modification shall be void and of no effect. The parties agree to renegotiate the Agreement if federal and/or state revisions of any applicable laws or regulations make changes in this Agreement necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 7 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS**

7.1 Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement or its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties' respective successors and assigns.

7.2 Contractor must obtain the written approval of Customer before subcontracting any portion of this Agreement. No such approval by Customer of any subcontract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of Customer in addition to the total fixed price agreed upon in this Agreement. All subcontracts shall incorporate the terms of this Agreement and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that Customer may deem necessary.

7.3 Contractor represents and warrants that any subcontract agreement Contractor enters into shall contain a provision advising the subcontractor that the subcontractor shall have no lien and no legal right to assert control over any funds held by the Customer, and that the subcontractor acknowledges that no privity of contract exists between the Customer and the subcontractor and that the Contractor is solely liable for any and all payments which may be due to the subcontractor pursuant to its subcontract agreement with the Contractor. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever arising as a result of Contractor's failure to pay any and all amounts due by Contractor to any subcontractor, materialman, laborer or the like.

7.4 All subcontractors shall be bound by any negotiation, arbitration, appeal, adjudication or settlement of any dispute between the Contractor and the Customer, where such dispute affects the subcontract.

#### **ARTICLE 8 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of Customer to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Mississippi State Legislature and

the receipt of state and/or federal funds for the performances required under this Agreement. If the funds anticipated for the fulfillment of this Agreement are not forthcoming, or are insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds, or if there is a discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were available to Customer for the payments or performance due under this Agreement, Customer shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement, without damage, penalty, cost or expense to Customer of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination. Customer shall have the sole right to determine whether funds are available for the payments or performances due under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 9 DEFAULT**

The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute a default hereunder: (a) Contractor fails to pay monthly commissions as required in this Agreement; (b) Contractor shall breach any term of this Agreement and such breach continues for ten (10) days after Contractor receives written notice from the State, or (c) Contractor becomes the subject of bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary.

#### **ARTICLE 10 TERMINATION**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement may be terminated by the State without the assessment of penalties as follows: (a) If Contractor defaults hereunder pursuant to Article 9 above, the State may terminate the Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days written notice unless the breach is cured within said ten (10) day period, or (b) The State may terminate this Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days written notice to Contractor if a court of competent jurisdiction finds that Contractor persistently disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, or (c) In the event of privatization of the correctional facility, the State may terminate this Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days written notice to Contractor, or (d) The State may, upon the giving of one hundred and twenty (120) days written notice specifying the effective date thereof to Contractor, terminate this Agreement if it is determined by the State to be in its best interest to so terminate. The provisions of this Article do not limit either party's right to pursue any other remedy available at law or in equity.

#### **ARTICLE 11 GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and venue for the resolution of any dispute shall be Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. Contractor expressly agrees that under no circumstances shall Customer be obligated to pay an attorney's fee, prejudgment interest or the cost of legal action to Contractor. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall affect any statutory rights Customer may have that cannot be waived or limited by contract.

#### **ARTICLE 12 WAIVER**

Failure of either party hereto to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants and conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any similar right or power hereunder at any subsequent time or of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed to be a

modification of the terms of this Agreement. A waiver by the State, to be effective, must be in writing, must set out the specifics of what is being waived, and must be signed by an authorized representative of the State.

#### **ARTICLE 13 SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Agreement is prohibited by the laws of the State of Mississippi or declared invalid or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law provided that the State's purpose for entering into this Agreement can be fully achieved by the remaining portions of the Agreement that have not been severed.

#### **ARTICLE 14 CAPTIONS**

The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provision or Article in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 15 HOLD HARMLESS**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect and exonerate Customer, ITS and the State, its Board Members, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever, including without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, attorney fees and claims for damages arising out of or caused by Contractor and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 16 THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

Contractor shall give Customer prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against Contractor by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement and/or which may affect the Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 17 AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT**

Contractor warrants that it is a validly organized business with valid authority to enter into this Agreement; that entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual or other agreement of any kind, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, or prospective legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 18 NOTICE**

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by facsimile provided that the original of such notice is sent by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the party to whom the notice should be given at their business address listed herein. ITS' address for notice is: Mr. David L. Litchlitter, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, 301 North Lamar

Street, Suite 508, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Customer's address for notice is: Mr. Marc Wilson, MIS Director, Mississippi Department of Corrections, 723 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202. The Contractor's address for notice is: Ms. Teresa Ridgeway, Vice President and Secretary, Global Tel Link Corporation, 2609 Cameron Street, Mobile, Alabama 36607. Notice shall be deemed given when actually received or when refused. The parties agree to promptly notify each other in writing of any change of address.

#### **ARTICLE 19 RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Contractor shall establish and maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and such other records as may be necessary to reflect its performance of the provisions of this Agreement. The Customer, ITS, any state or federal agency authorized to audit Customer, and/or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of the Contractor's books, documents, papers and/or records that are pertinent to this Agreement to make audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions at the Contractor's office where such records are kept during Contractor's normal business hours. All records relating to this Agreement shall be retained by the Contractor for three (3) years from the date of receipt of final payment under this Agreement. However, if any litigation or other legal action, by or for the state or federal government has begun that is not completed at the end of the three (3) year period, or if an audit finding, litigation or other legal action has not been resolved at the end of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until resolution.

#### **ARTICLE 20 INSURANCE**

Contractor represents that it will maintain workers' compensation insurance as prescribed by law which shall inure to the benefit of Contractor's personnel, as well as comprehensive general liability and employee fidelity bond insurance. Contractor will, upon request, furnish Customer with a certificate of conformity providing the aforesaid coverage.

#### **ARTICLE 21 DISPUTES**

Any dispute concerning a question of fact under this Agreement which is not disposed of by agreement of the Contractor and Customer, shall be decided by the Executive Director of ITS or his/her designee. This decision shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to the parties. Disagreement with such decision by either party shall not constitute a breach under the terms of this Agreement. Such disagreeing party shall be entitled to seek such other rights and remedies it may have at law or in equity.

#### **ARTICLE 22 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

Contractor shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all Customer policies and procedures, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures as now existing and as may be amended or modified. Specifically, but not limited to, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee nor shall any party be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement because of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin or disability.

### **ARTICLE 23 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Contractor shall notify the Customer of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients. If such conflict cannot be resolved to the Customer's satisfaction, the Customer reserves the right to terminate this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 24 SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

By entering into this Agreement with Contractor, the State of Mississippi does in no way waive its sovereign immunities or defenses as provided by law.

### **ARTICLE 25 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Contractor shall treat all Customer data and information to which it has access by its performance under this Agreement as confidential and shall not disclose such data or information to a third party without specific written consent of Customer. In the event that Contractor receives notice that a third party requests divulgence of confidential or otherwise protected information and/or has served upon it a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial process ordering divulgence of such information, Contractor shall promptly inform Customer and thereafter respond in conformity with such subpoena to the extent mandated by state and/or federal laws, rules and regulations. This Article shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect and shall be binding upon the Contractor and its agents, employees, successors, assigns, subcontractors or any party or entity claiming an interest in this Agreement on behalf of, or under the rights of the Contractor following any termination or completion of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 26 EFFECT OF SIGNATURE**

Each person signing this Agreement represents that he or she has read the Agreement in its entirety, understands its terms, is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the parties and agrees to be bound by the terms contained herein. Accordingly, this Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted in favor of or against the State or the Contractor on the basis of draftsmanship or preparation hereof.

### **ARTICLE 27 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

**27.1** This Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes and replaces any and all prior negotiations, understandings and agreements, written or oral, between the parties relating thereto. The RFP No. 3249 and Contractor's Proposal in response to RFP No. 3249 are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Contract.

**27.2** The Contract made by and between the parties hereto shall consist of, and precedence is hereby established by the order of the following:

- A. This Agreement signed by the parties hereto;
- B. Any exhibits attached to this Agreement;
- C. RFP No. 3249 and written addenda, and
- D. AT&T's Proposal, as accepted by Customer, in response to RFP No. 3249.

27.3 The intent of the above listed documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the services by the Contractor. The documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be binding as if required by all. A higher order document shall supersede a lower order document to the extent necessary to resolve any conflict or inconsistency arising under the various provisions thereof; provided, however, that in the event an issue is addressed in one of the above mentioned documents but is not addressed in another of such documents, no conflict or inconsistency shall be deemed to occur by reason thereof. The documents listed above are shown in descending order of priority, that is, the highest document begins with the first listed document ("A. This Agreement") and the lowest document is listed last ("D. AT&T's Proposal").

#### **ARTICLE 28 STATE PROPERTY**

Contractor shall be responsible for the proper custody of any Customer-owned property furnished for Contractor's use in connection with work performed pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for any loss or damage, normal wear and tear excepted.

#### **ARTICLE 29 SURVIVAL**

Articles 11, 15, 19, 24, 25, and all other articles which, by their express terms so survive or which should so reasonably survive, shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 30 DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals: (a) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency; (b) have, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property; (c) are presently indicted of or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property, and (d) have, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transaction (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

#### **ARTICLE 31 STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

By virtue of Section 25-53-21 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, as amended, the executive director of ITS is the purchasing and contracting agent for the State of Mississippi in the negotiation and execution of all contracts for the acquisition of information technology equipment, software and services. The parties understand and agree that ITS as contracting agent is not responsible or liable



for the performance or non-performance of any of Customer's or Contractor's contractual obligations, financial or otherwise, contained within this Agreement.

For the faithful performance of the terms of this Agreement, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**State of Mississippi, Department  
of Information Technology Services,  
on behalf of Mississippi Department  
of Corrections**

By:   
Authorized Signature

**Printed Name: David L. Litchliter**

**Title: Executive Director**

Date: 12-13-05

**Global Tel\*Link Corporation**

By:   
Authorized Signature

**Printed Name: Teresa Ridgeway**

**Title: Vice President and Secretary**

Date: Dec. 12, 2005

## Exhibit A- Cost Matrix

### Call Rates

	Per Call Charge	Per Minute Charge
Local	\$2.60	NA
IntraLata/Intrastate	\$1.90	\$0.20
InterLata/Intrastate	\$1.90	\$0.20
Interstate	\$3.00	\$0.69