

**Department of Labor - OSPE
Request for Information (RFI)/Sources Sought Notice
Telecom Service Data**

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PURPOSE OF RFI:

The purpose of this RFI is to gather information about potential vendors to obtain current monthly wireless and wireline telecommunications service plan pricing.

Responses to this RFI will be reviewed by DOL for their applicability to the Government's need and determined to be "Relevant" or "Irrelevant" to the above problem. Offerors of "Relevant" responses may be requested to demonstrate their approach and/or product to a Government panel of Subject Matter Experts to help DOL determine the best approach.

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has an ongoing interest in market data with which to analyze, evaluate, and improve the indexes it produces. Specifically, the BLS is seeking detailed data for one year from a survey asking households to record information about their purchases for telecommunications services. BLS would like to wholly purchase this data, as opposed to a temporary lease of the data.

The BLS is the principle Federal agency responsible for measuring price changes in the economy and constructs indexes using data collected from both households and business establishments. Because of the importance of BLS data, it is critical that the component indexes are accurate, timely, and relevant.

SCOPE

The BLS is looking for one year of household survey data (starting with data from 2025), asking households to record information about their purchases of telecommunications services defined by below:

- Residential (wireline) telecommunications services including land-line telephone, internet access, cable and satellite televisions, and bundled packages of these services
- Wireless telephone services

The necessary variables and a brief description are listed below in Table 1.

Table 1: Variables for the Data File

Variable	Description/Scope
Month	Calendar month in which the survey was completed
ZIP	Residential ZIP code of the respondent completing the survey
Services/Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential (wireline) telecommunications services including land-line telephone, internet access, cable and satellite television, and bundled packages of these services • Wireless telephone services
Provider/Carrier	The company providing the service to the consumer/household
Package Name	Indicates the specific type of service/product the consumer purchased. For example, if the consumer purchased wireless telephone service as a part of the bundle, this field would specify the other services that were bundled with wireless telephone service.
Length of service	The number of months the household reports having been a customer of the provider/carrier
Contract Status	Describes the type of contract the household has with the provider for these services
Features	<p>Major features of each package, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For land-line telephone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Type of local calling (unlimited or other) ○ Type of long-distance calling (unlimited or other) • For internet access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Downstream and upstream speeds ○ Amount of included data (mobile internet only) ○ Type of transmission technology • For cable and satellite television: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total channels included ○ Premium channels included (name and number) ○ Language package ○ Number and type of included receivers ○ DVR service fees • For wireless telephone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Type of wireless account (postpaid or prepaid) ○ Type of service plan (individual or family) ○ Number of phone lines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total data allowance ○ Additional features, like hotspot data access
Monthly Spend	Reported amount of the household's monthly bill for the subscribed services

Table 2 is a basic example of the structure of the data for wireless telephone services:

Table 2: Example of Monthly Data File

Month	ZIP	Service	Provider	Package Name	Bundle	Length of Service (months)	Contract Status	Included Data	Number of Lines	Features	Monthly Spend
2025_03	20212	Wireless Telephone	Company A	10GB Prepaid Plan	Yes – with TV	36	Prepaid	10 GB	1	Additional 5 GB Hotspot Data	\$55
2025_03	20213	Wireless Telephone	Company A	Unlimited Postpaid Plan	No	12	Postpaid	Unlimited	2	None	\$145

Potential vendors should be able to complete the following tasks at a minimum:

- Provide one year of survey data, starting with 2025.
- Provide data for all of the Services/Products listed in Table 1.
- Provide data from a sample of households across the country representing a cross-section of U.S. households.
- Provide data where the respondents have completed the survey questions related to the variables in Table 1 to as a high a degree of completion and accuracy as possible.
- Provide data in an electronic format in a standard file type (i.e. CSV, SAS, txt, etc.)
- Provide survey questionnaire and response key.
- Provide data in a secure electronic manner such as secure file transfer protocol (SFTP).

Please be advised that the selected vendor may not use the Bureau of Labor Statistics name in connection with any collection of data that is being purchased under this contract. The data being purchased should be commercially available and not collected exclusively on behalf of the BLS. The vendor will not have access to BLS data.

RFI QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Company description, discussion of company capabilities, and general summary of approach to accomplishing the requirements listed in the Scope section of this RFI.
2. Historical information (description and length of time providing this service, as well as under what North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) XXXXXXXXX) to the public and other federal agencies.
3. Describe your type of business, (i.e., small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned, HUB Zone, serviced-disabled veteran-owned small business, large business, etc.), under NAICS XXXXXXXXX, which contains a size standard of XXXXXXXXXX.
4. Does your company possess the capabilities to provide the entire range and scope of these requirements (i.e. the listed services/products, the listed data variables, the data time period)? If not, please list which requirements your company can provide and those that you cannot.

5. At what frequency is the data collected and processed?
6. How quickly can data be delivered and what is the turnaround time for the most current data (e.g., can it be delivered within one month of awarding contract)? Is there a lag in the data and if so, what is it?
7. In what format(s) can the data be provided?
8. Does your company provide technical support if issues arise with the delivered data? Do you provide continuous customer service with subject matter experts?
9. Do you provide documentation with detailed definitions of all values provided (i.e., a data dictionary)?
10. How do you sample your data? How do you collect your data? Please explain methodology.
11. What potential risks do you anticipate that could impact the requirement, whether it is performance risk, technical risk or cost? Please be specific.

RESPONSES TO RFI

RFI responses shall conform to the format below and provide the following information:

1. Cover Letter – The cover letter must include the following information:
 - Company name
 - Company point of contact, telephone number and email address
 - Date submitted
2. Offerors shall respond to each of the general questions.
3. If the offeror chooses not to respond to a question, indicate “no response.”
4. Submit a capabilities package that include the above considerations that demonstrate capabilities and expertise related to the information outlined. As part of the market research associated with this RFI, we are also seeking pricing information. Any pricing information received is to be Rough Order of Magnitude, and is solely for information-gathering and planning purposes.
5. Marketing and/or reference materials, if included, shall be placed at the end of the response, in an appendix.
6. Responses shall not exceed 30 pages, and should be submitted in Microsoft Word .doc or .docx formats, Times New Roman 11-point or 12-point font, with 1-inch margins minimum all around.

RFI SCHEDULE

Responses to the RFI shall be submitted via email to **DeCarlo Coleman** at coleman.decarlo@dol.gov by **10:00 AM EST on Monday, June, 29, 2026.**

Contracting Officer – Shayla Battle

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Questions regarding this RFI shall be e-mailed to the above point of contact by **10:00 AM EST on June, 22, 2026**. Questions and answers shall be posted as an amendment to this RFI. The Government reserves the right to edit any questions as needed to protect the identity of the source, but absent this consideration, the Government intends to quote each submitted question verbatim in its response.

DISCLAIMER

This RFI is issued for information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation. The Government does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this RFI or to otherwise pay for information received in response to this RFI. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked Proprietary will be handled accordingly. Responses to the RFI will not be returned. Information provided in response to this RFI will be used to assess tradeoffs and alternatives available for determining how to proceed in the acquisition process for an agency-wide asset management system and may lead to the development of a Performance Work Statement for the system. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this RFI are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI.

BASED ON THE RESPONSES TO THIS SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE/MARKET RESEARCH, THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES OR PROCURED THROUGH FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION, and multiple awards MAY be made.