



**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT
ACTION AGENDA
August 6, 2025**



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**44-IT-MOD. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODIFICATION
*Department of Education***

Contract ID: Maryland Accountability and Reporting System (MARS);
ADPICS No.: COL08950

Contract Approved: DGS 20-IT, 01/04/2023

Contract Description: The State of Maryland, federal legislation, and the General Assembly routinely place additional demands on MSDE to increase effective participation in the Nutrition Food Programs. The MARS Intranet site allows MSDE staff to approve applications and claims, research contact information, and send template emails from within MARS. The MARS Internet Portal allows all customers to maintain agency, program, and site applications and agency claims using the internet. This task order is for maintenance of the intranet site.

Modification Description: Extend the contract as a result of the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals (MSBCA) protest decision.

Award: Canton Group LLC; Baltimore, MD (MBE, SBE)

Original Contract Term: 01/05/2023 - 01/04/2024

Modification Term: 08/08/2025 - 06/30/2026

Original Contract Amount: \$2,028,347.58

Modification Amount: \$2,500,000.00

Prior Options/Mods: \$0 (Mod #1: Extension 01/4/2024- 04/05/2024. Delegated Authority - MSDE - 01/05/2024).
\$50,000.00 (Mod #2: Extension 04/06/2024 - 05/01/2024. Delegated Authority - MSDE - 02/28/2024).
\$1,421,955.00 (Mod # 3: Extension 05/02/2024 - 10/31/2024 DGS 25-IT 05/01/2024)
\$50,000 (Mod #4: Extension 11/01/2024 - 11/20/2024. Delegated Authority - MSDE - 10/31/2024).
\$1,845,940.00 (Mod #5: Extension 11/21/2024 - 06/30/2025 DGS 30-IT 11/20/2024).
\$50,000 .00 (Mod #6, Extension 7/1/2025 – 8/7/2025. Delegated Authority - MSDE - 06/30/2025).

Total Contract Amount: \$5,396,292.58



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Percent +/- (This Item): 123.25%

Total Percent Change: 291.76%

Original Procurement Method: Sole Source

MBE/VSBE Participation: 25% / 0%

MBE/VSBE Compliance: 34.55% / 0%

Requesting Agency Remarks: Request to approve the modification based on the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals (MSBCA) protest decision. These tools are critical to have efficient National Public and Non-Public Private School lunch programs. Currently, many high-impact variances and policy changes to workflows are managed by both MARS. There continues to be a programmatic need to continue the support and maintenance services under the current contracts to avoid disruption in the processing. Work performed under this modification is pursuant to the original terms of the existing contracts.

The Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals (MSBCA) sustained GCOM Software's protest and ruled that MSDE's procurement was unlawfully conducted and did not provide fair and equal treatment to all offerors. MSDE is currently considering its options for the future solicitation to ensure proper procurement procedures are followed and that there is no lapse in services.

MSDE is determining the next steps regarding the future needs of this system. Office of School and Community Nutrition has increased internal team capacity to support some of the system support work. In addition, MSDE has acquired rights to a federally funded software that is being evaluated for the potential impact on the scope of existing systems and support. As a result, the new RFP will have a narrower scope.

Fund Source: 100% Federal Funds

Approp. Code: A0105

Resident Business: Yes

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THIS ITEM WAS:

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