

Big GSA telecom contract moves to round 2

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The four teams vying for the federal government's huge Network Universal communications contract have passed the first round of evaluations.

The Government Services Administration determined that all four of the bids were within the acceptable price range and will next determine if any changes to the bids will be made.

GovExec.com reported Thursday that at least one of the suitors had been expected to be eliminated in the first round; however the current conventional wisdom among analysts is that all four teams could get a piece of the pie.

Teams led by Sprint Nextel, MCI, AT&T and Qwest are vying for the lucrative pact, which is worth a minimum of \$525 million.

Bids had been due last October with the contract to be awarded no later than March 2007.

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