

### industry-standard information about locations of GSA EIS telecom services

#### challenges

Federal agencies using the GSA's Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions (EIS) program needed a consistent means of identifying and comparing which GSA-approved carriers offer telecom services near their offices and other locations.

#### solution

iconectiv's TruOps Common Language enables carriers to use the same nomenclature to describe the locations of their points of presence and other network nodes

#### results

Common Language's industrystandard descriptions enable agencies to quickly and accurately compare their options before ordering services through the GSA

## challenge: accurately compare carriers in the EIS database

It's time consuming for federal agencies to research and compare dozens of carriers. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) created the Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions (EIS) program to streamline this process. After vetting and approval by the GSA, nine carriers were added to the EIS catalog, which provides agencies with a single, convenient resource for quickly identifying their options. As a result, the EIS program permits federal agencies to procure the most costeffective solution to fulfil their needs.

Agencies need to determine which EIS carriers offer telecom services near their offices and other facilities so they can make the best decision. This requires accurate location information about points of presence and other nodes from all nine GSA-approved carriers.

#### solution: industry-standard nomenclature for describing network infrastructure locations

For decades, communication service providers worldwide have relied on iconectiv® TruOps Common Language® Location® (CLLI™) Codes to identify, classify and understand the location and other attributes of network infrastructure such as routers and points of presence. By providing the industry with a centralized, authoritative database of network information, TruOps Common Language helps service providers streamline interconnection with their peers, maximize efficiency and minimize errors in network design and provisioning.

Under a contract with iconectiv that can be exercised for up to 10 years, the GSA uses Common Language to ensure that each approved carrier uses the same, industry-standard nomenclature to describe the locations of their points of presence and other nodes in the EIS database. The CLLI codes ensure an accurate association between each carrier and the availability of its service in a particular location.

# results: simplify the process of choosing the right carrier for each location

Common Language's industry-standard descriptions and accurate representations of telecommunication infrastructure, enable agencies to quickly, accurately and confidently compare their options before ordering services through the GSA. By providing this important information, Common Language helps the GSA fulfill its Congressional mandate to provide telecom services for the federal government. It also helps ensure that the EIS program meets its key objectives:

- Simplify the process of acquiring telecommunications and information technology products and services.
- Provide cost savings through aggregated volume buying and price and spend visibility.
- Enable the procurement of integrated solutions.
- Promote participation by small businesses and foster competition.
- Offer a flexible and agile suite of services supporting a range of government purchasing patterns.



Convert street addresses to NSC NSC: Network Site Code (the CLLI code)

Federal agencies use the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to evaluate vendor performance and provide feedback. Here's an example of what they had to say about iconectiv: "During the contract period, the overall professionalism, attentiveness and technical expertise of iconectiv, LLC workforce has been exceptional. Overall, their technical staff was very professional, attentive and have done a great job in carrying out quality and their duties. iconectiv LLC's management teams are exceptional, professional, knowledgeable and responsive to all contractor program status meetings."

#### how to get started

A Common Language subscription provides organizations with access to accurate, continually updated data and industry-standard nomenclature. This enables accurate interworking, maximizes operational efficiency and more. Put simply, it enables your organization to work smarter, not harder. For more information, visit iconectiv.com or call +1 732-699-6800 to speak to a member of our customer service team about getting started.

#### about iconectiv

Your business and your customers need to access and exchange information simply, seamlessly and securely. iconectiv's extensive experience in information services and its unmatched numbering intelligence helps you do just that. In fact, more than 2 billion people count on our platforms each day to keep their networks, devices and applications connected. Our cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions span network and operations management, numbering, trusted communications and fraud prevention. For more information, visit www.iconectiv.com. Follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

#### make the connection.

For more information about iconectiv, contact your local account executive, or you can reach us at: +1 732.699.6800 info@iconectiv.com