



MEMORANDUM

TO: Telecommunications Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Discontinuation of X.25 Packet Services

While X.25 Packet Services met the needs of many agencies since the late 1980s, it operates at linespeeds considerably lower than current demand in today's environment. Further, the vendor community has discontinued the service and hardware support needed to offer X.25 Packet Services.

New information technologies arrive, mature, and ultimately need to be retired. This letter formalizes our announcement at the January 10, 2001 Telecommunications Coordinator's meeting, that our X.25 Packet Switched Service offering will be discontinued. Our ability to obtain/maintain this service is tied to our Network 2000 contract which expires December 31, 2001. (Please note that this applies only to CMS network X.25 service and not to X.25 service that you have encapsulated in other transport technologies.) Based on the small quantity of X.25 circuits in use and client agencies' plans for upgrades to other services, X.25 Packet Switched Services are not included in our current Network RFP.

Considering the lead times necessary to design and implement data networks, your agency should now begin preparations for this change. The Division of Telecommunications no longer accepts orders for new X.25 service, and change orders will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To prepare for the discontinuation of X.25 service, you must identify any applications using this technology and work with CMS Telecommunications/Engineering to find alternate solutions. Rick Nuss [(217) 524-4794 or rick_nuss@cms.state.il.us] will serve as the Division's Engineering contact on this initiative.

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