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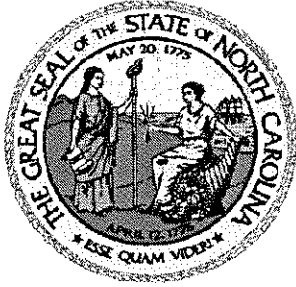
RE: Report on Global Positioning Satellite Systems and
 Sex Offender Monitoring

DATE: November 16, 2006

Pursuant to Section 16 of Session Law 2006-247, please find attached a report on Global Positioning Satellite Systems and Sex Offender Monitoring.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION**

Division of Community Corrections

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT
ON GLOBAL POSITIONING
SATELLITE SYSTEMS & SEX
OFFENDER MONITORING**

November 1, 2006

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S.L. 2006-247, Section 16

SECTION 16. The Department of Correction shall either issue an RFP prior to signing a contract, or with prior approval by the State Chief Information Officer or his designee, enter into a contract through an approved contracting alliance or consortium for a passive and active Global Positioning System. The system shall be for use as an intermediate sanction and to help supervise certain sex offenders who are placed on probation, parole, or post-release supervision. If an RFP is issued, the contract shall be awarded by October 1, 2006 for contract terms to begin January 1, 2007. The Department of Correction shall report by November 1, 2006 to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the details of the awarded contract.

S.L. 2006-247 requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based monitoring system by January 1, 2007. Section 16 of the legislation specifically directs the Department to either issue an RFP prior to signing a contract, or with prior approval by the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) or his designee, enter into a contract through an approved contracting alliance or consortium for the system.

Upon passage of the legislation, the Department determined that the use of a contracting alliance or consortium would be the most efficient way to meet the January 1, 2007 deadline. The use of the standard RFP process would take several months to complete and likely would preclude implementation by the required date. In accordance with the terms of the special provision, the Department therefore sought the approval of the State Chief Information Officer to enter into a contract with a contracting alliance.

On September 18, 2006, State Chief Information Officer George Bakolia granted approval for DOC to use the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) for the purchase of the satellite monitoring and remote tracking equipment and services.

WSCA is a contracting alliance that allows participating states to join together in cooperative multi-state contracting in order to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. Many other states use the alliance, including Virginia, Washington and Mississippi. The WSCA contract provides volume discounts and customized scope of services through the use of participating state addendums.

Through WSCA, DOC signed a contract with WSCA's preferred vendor, Pro Tech Monitoring, on October 12, 2006. The participating addendum for the NCDOC included contract specifications to meet the requirements of the act, including a crime tracking/correlation investigation tool component. The contract period for the participating addendum is for two years, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods.

DOC will use active GPS monitoring system throughout the state, but will use passive in those areas in which a lack of adequate satellite coverage precludes use of the active system. The pricing of the units under the terms of the contract is as follows:

- 1-50 units \$ 9.00 per day
- 51-250 units \$ 8.45 per day
- 251-500 units \$ 8.20 per day
- 501 + units \$ 8.00 per day
- Passive \$ 4.00 per day

The initial shipment of GPS equipment is scheduled to arrive in early December. After training employees to use the equipment throughout December, DOC expects to have the monitoring program in place by January 1, 2007.