

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT SERVICES (TIPS)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Project Services (TIPS) program, administered by the Florida Department of Management Services' Enterprise Information Technology Services, provides project and contract management assistance to state agencies and eligible public entities throughout the state in the implementation and upgrade of telecommunications cabling infrastructure.

The TIPS engineer provides the following support services for wire and cable infrastructure projects: engineering specification and design; project management; project inspections for compliance with codes and standards; assistance with establishing warranties and maintenance contracts; and final documentation including as-built AutoCAD drawings.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS/FEES

The TIPS program is available to all eligible Suncom users, which include the following: state agencies; political subdivisions of the State of Florida; state universities; school boards; boards of county commissioners; municipalities and other local public agencies; any other public entities authorized by Florida Statutes.

TIPS is a cost-recovery program with the following cost structure:

- Project management – 6 percent of total project cost
- Project design – 6 percent of total project cost
- Project design and management – 8 percent of total project cost
- Projects under \$2,500 – 10 percent of the total project cost

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