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PURCHASING MEMORANDUM

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PLEASE ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO:

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SUBJECT: WARNING REGARDING FRAUDULENT BILLINGS FOR TELECOM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS BY UST DEVELOPMENT, INC. d/b/a UST, and US TELECOM

TO ALL STATE AGENCIES AND OTHERS AUTHORIZED TO USE STATE CONTRACTS:

OGS has been made aware that a California company identified as **UST DEVELOPMENT, d/b/a UST and US TELECOM, PO BOX 970 LaVerne, Ca.** is sending invoices to New York State agencies for “telecom maintenance agreements” that the entities have not solicited or purchased. These fraudulent invoices demand payment for Telecom Maintenance Agreements in the sum of \$425.00. **UST is not a contract holder on CTES – Group 77018 Award 21350 or CTS Group 77017 Award 20268** statewide contracts. New York entities who contacted this office have indicated they have never contracted with UST for any goods or services yet they are being billed.

While UST maintains the “invoices” are advertising solicitations at least one other state has issued a cease and desist order against UST from advertising, soliciting or selling merchandise to consumers through the use of mailing that could reasonably be interpreted to be a bill, invoice or a statement of account soliciting payment for goods that have not yet been ordered or services that have not yet been performed.

All authorized users are cautioned that they should always take care to verify receipt of product or services anytime they are invoiced. You are urged to take extra care and not pay any invoice received from **UST DEVELOPMENT, d/b/a UST and US TELECOM.**

If you have any questions or concerns or if you have received an invoice from UST, please contact the Purchasing Officer or customer services listed above.

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