



September 18, 2025

Kraig Paulsen  
Iowa Dept. of Administrative Services  
Hoover Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Director Paulsen:

The Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") on behalf of Iowa PBS is requesting a waiver under Iowa Admin. Code r. 11—118.16 of the application of Iowa Admin. Code r. 11—118.11(3) concerning the duration of services contracts.

The latter rule states "A service contract, including all optional renewals, shall not exceed a term of six years; however, information technology service contracts entered into by the department or office of chief information officer may have a term length not to exceed ten years. Service contracts shall not exceed the term lengths set forth herein unless the state agency obtains a waiver of this provision pursuant to rule 11-118.16(8A)."

The initial term of Master Agreement number 19078 for a Weather Alert System for Iowa PBS between the State of Iowa and Intelliweather Inc. was for one (1) year, beginning on October 1, 2018, and expiring on September 30, 2019. This contract was renewed multiple times, and as a result of prior waivers, was extended for an additional year through September 30, 2025.

DAS - Central Procurement ("DAS-CP") posted 005-RFP-0845-2024 on March 1, 2024 for an on-air weather alerting system. The Weather Company Media Solutions, LLC ("TWC-MS") was awarded the new contract on April 30, 2024, but extensive contract negotiations continued until a new Master Agreement was finalized with TWC-MS on May 15, 2025. In the interim, the legacy Intelliweather Inc. contract (MA 19078) was extended to accommodate ongoing contract negotiations with TWC-MS, and for Iowa PBS to fully implement the new TWC-MS on-air weather alerting system without a disruption in services. Since contract signature, there have been unanticipated delays in the implementation process of the TWC-MS solution.

At this time, the Department of Administrative Services is requesting a waiver for an additional six (6) month extension of the Intelliweather Inc. MA 19078 – this would result in a total contract period of seven and a half (7.5) years. This extension will provide Iowa PBS with sufficient time to finalize implementation of the TWC-MS solution. Once the TWC-MS solution is successfully implemented and any parallel period has completed, DAS-CP and Iowa PBS can terminate the Intelliweather Inc. contract with 30 days' advance written notice. This extension will prevent a lapse in an important service to Iowa PBS.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for waiver.

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Date: 9/18/2025

Approval: [Signature]

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