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Dell, which will provide office computing equipment. High Tech Computer, which will also supply mobile computing equipment. Unisys, which will provide nationwide support and service for the field offices. Sprint, which will provide telecommunications services.

Oracle, which will provide database support. Client Network Services Inc., which will provide engineering and field technical support. Headstrong, which will support the enterprise architecture development for the decennial census. In 2002, the bureau awarded Harris an eight-year, \$210 million contract to integrate the bureau's Master Address File and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing databases as part of the a project to improve the accuracy of the data