



CAMERON COUNTY PURCHASING

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DATE OUT: 4/12/23

RFP TITLE: COUNTY WIDE BROADBAND EXPANSION

RFP NUMBER # 230102

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2023

(IN ORDER TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION – ALL ADDENDUMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY DEADLINE AND INCLUDED IN THE SEALED BID PACKAGE SUBMITTED)

Response to request for clarifications submitted by respondent to RFP

Question 1: Clarification request on Page 7, 1st paragraph reference to next generation service defined as 1Gbps symmetric service.

Answer 1: The County seeks to partner with a vendor who is committed to bringing Next Generation high-speed internet service to the residents of Cameron County in a scalable way. The initial goal for improvements through this project is to provide 100/100 mbps to Underserved and Unserved households throughout the County, with higher capacity service for enterprise and business accounts. The long-term goal for the County is that the infrastructure can be scalable in time to provide Next Generation services where applicable.

Question 2: Clarification request on Page 7, paragraph 1.1 regarding open access requirements.

Answer 2: Given the high likelihood of needing federal funding to assist in the overall implementation of this project, the selected provider will need to be able to comply with all NTIA requirements associated with the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) funding and State program requirements. On Page 46 of the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) it states, "NTIA encourages Eligible Entities to adopt selection criteria promoting subgrantees' provision of open access wholesale last-mile broadband service for the life of the subsidized networks, on fair, equal, and neutral terms to all potential retail providers." Given the potential prioritization of open access networks, the County is interested in understanding each vendor(s) capabilities and interest in this regard. If not proposing an open access network, no changes to the drop point or other design considerations are necessary at this time. It is important to note, that if the State requires any open access criteria in relation to BEAD funding, the County will want to evaluate areas of the County eligible for funding and any necessary changes to the scope based on that evaluation.

Question 3: Clarification request on Appendix B, page 73 regarding Bid Bond requirements.

Answer 3: A bid guarantee from each respondent equivalent to \$100,000 usd. The bid guarantee must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance.

Note:

This addendum shall become part of the RFP and all RESPONDERS/PARTICIPANTS shall be bound by its content. All aspects of the scope of work/services not covered herein shall remain the same.

Company Name _____ Phone # _____

Vendor Signature _____ Date _____

Must include and return with Bid package