



ST. TAMMANY PARISH

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PARISH PRESIDENT

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Please find the following addendum to the below-mentioned RFP.

Addendum No.: 2

RFP#: 23-12-3

Project Name: Fiberhood 1-B & 1-C

RFP Due Date: January 30, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. In the meeting it was asked if Davis Bacon was required, after reviewing it was determined that Davis Bacon would not be required for this project.
2. Please see the Fiberhood Highway 25 Addresses with Coordinates (Attached).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Question 1. What is the timeline of an award?

Answer 1. The award is normally made within two (2) to three (3) weeks after the opening day.

Question 2. Is it possible for the Parish to provide the FCC location IDs for these addresses?

Answer 2. Please see the excel document attached



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Question 3. Or alternatively, can the addresses be provided in an excel or csv format including the lat/long for the addresses?

Answer 3. Please refer to General Information # 2.

Question 4. I know it was mentioned that there would be assistance on the last mile, but I never identified a number amount in the RFP. Do you have one for the first tranche, and if so can you share it?

Answer 4. We have allocated about 3 million dollars for this RFP, but if you look at the evaluation criteria, the lowest "Total monetary support requested from the government" is weighted at 20%.

Question 5. Did you run these locations against the locations that are already included in existing grant programs like RDOF and GUMBO?

Answer 5. Due to the emergency nature of the ARPA funds being used they are exempt from this restriction.

Question 6. 2.1 - D. States, " Access to parish government owned properties negotiable" What does this involve?

Answer 6. Parish owned property could be used for short term storage of construction supplies or to house a network hut based on negotiated need.

Question 7. When does the two (2) year window for completion start?

Answer 7. The window for completion will start upon the issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) by the Parish.



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Question 8. Stated under D. "Proposed Solution/Technical Response: Illustrating and describing proposed technical solution and compliance with the RFP requirements as described in Attachment____." Can the Parish please direct us to the appropriate attachment that was not mentioned in this section?

Answer 8. Attachment F

Question 9. "The Proposer must briefly describe how their company satisfies the requirement and where in their response supports that requirement. Failure to comply with this requirement may negatively affect the overall score. Please refer to Attachment ____." Is this referring to Attachment F?

Answer 9. Yes

Question 10. The Parish may terminate the contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date. The Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily. This project is different from traditional services procurements. A provider is committing to build infrastructure to serve locations that may or may not subscribe to their services, it is critical that the Parish not consider terminating the contract for convenience as the service provider will have their own capital costs incurred and may not have yet fully completed the build to locations. This opens up large unknown stranded capital financial risks for service providers and may impeded the parish from receiving fiscally sounds proposals. Is this the intent of the Parish or is there something else in mind with this termination language?

Answer 10. This clause is required for any ARPA funds used projects.



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Question 11. Due Date on the Addendum states January 13th. The RFP stated a due date of January 30, 2024. Can the Parish please clarify if the due date remains January 30th?

Answer 11. The correct due date is Tuesday, January 30, 2024, as stated in the RFP package.

Question 12. "Failure to complete or deliver within the time specified or to provide the services as specified in the bid or response will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the Parish has determined the contractor to be in default. The Parish reserves the right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with the cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid or response from the defaulting contractor will be considered." ARPA SLRRF funds requirement is December 31, 2026 predominately completed network. Is the Parish intending to offering different language than this when the funds are subject to Federal guidelines?

Answer 12. This clause is required for any ARPA funds used projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Fiberhood Highway 25 Addresses with Coordinates

End of Addendum # 2

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