

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 20200831 - 01
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR
ACCESS TO BROADBAND CONSTRUCTION PLANNING**

September 24, 2020

TO: Potential Proposers

RE: Addendum No. 1 RFP#20200831 – 01

Please make note of the following clarifications, changes, additions, question and answers and/or deletions to the above referenced solicitation:

Location of RFP

Part III – Proposal Response Information, First Paragraph

The revised RFP and any applicable Addenda will be placed on the County website located at <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/p/bid-notices> effective Thursday, September 24, 2020 to allow easier access for potential Respondents.

Deadline Extension

Part III – Proposal Response Information, Second Paragraph

The deadline to submit responses for this RFP has been extended to **4:00 p.m., E.T. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. RFP responses will be opened at the regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners Meeting on **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

Questions & Answers Deadline Extension

Part III – Proposal Response Information, Fourth Paragraph

The deadline to submit questions for this RFP has been extended until **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** Any questions concerning this RFP should be directed to Parrish Barwick, County Coordinator by e-mail to pbarwick@jeffersoncountyfl.gov or in writing to 1484 S. Jefferson Street, Monticello, FL 32344 or by telephone at (850) 342-0287. Questions after the date and time specified above will not be accepted and a cone of silence will be in place until a Respondent is selected.

RFP Timeline Changes

Part XII – RFP Timeline (Table)

The RFP Timeline table has been updated to reflect the changes to the deadline extensions described above:

SCHEDULE	DATE/TIME
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Advertisement Request for Proposal	Monday, August 31, 2020
Deadline for Questions	Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.
Proposal Submission Due Date and Time	Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. E.T.
Proposals opened at regularly schedule BOCC Meeting	Thursday, October 1, 2020 Thursday, October 15, 2020
Evaluation Committee Meeting	Thursday, October 8, 2020 Thursday, October 22, 2020
Responding Firms Oral Interview (if necessary)	TBD
Board Approval of Selection and Award (subject to change)	Thursday, October 15, 2020 Thursday, November 5, 2020

Anticipated Notice to Proceed Change

Part XIII – Length of Service

The anticipated Notice to Proceed (NTP) has been extended to December 1, 2020.

Questions and Answers Received

Question #1: [It is] realized that Federal funds are being used to build the infrastructure, however, what “rights” does the County and Federal Government have as “Owner” of the infrastructure?

Answer: In compliance with Federal regulation 2 CFR Part §200.24 and §200.329 Jefferson County must submit reports at least annually on the status of the infrastructure in which the U.S. Department of Treasury retains an interest in the total amount of the Federal share of the total project costs for the estimated useful life of the infrastructure, which is a minimum of fifteen (15) years. The project will remain in ownership of Jefferson County for the estimated life (15 years) and may not be sold, purchased, or transferred during this time. Allowances of usage and utilization of the infrastructure will be discussed during the contracting process with the selected Respondent.

Question #2: If [Contractor] builds the infrastructure and maintains and manages, do other providers have the right to utilize the infrastructure? Note: if [Contractor] builds the infrastructure as part of this RFP, it will be also utilizing existing [Contractor] network infrastructure?

Answer: Allowances of usage and utilization of the infrastructure will be discussed during the contracting process with the selected Respondent.

Question #3: [Contractor] initially developed a comprehensive proposal for the areas in the RFP, however, that proposal was developed in late 2018 and the costs have changed and any new design will need to be redone. For instance, a new design may have more Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) and less Fiber to the Node (FTTN). The final design will also be dependent upon the contribution from Jefferson County/Federal Government.

Answer: The initial proposal was conducted for the purposes of a cost/price analysis on the proposed service area developed by Jefferson County. The cost/price analysis is subject to change based on current material and service costs. The selected Respondent will be responsible for presenting any and all design options, that are cost feasible to the project, during the planning and design phase and implementation of the Award Agreement associated with this project.

Question #4: Would it be acceptable to respond to the initial RFP with the expertise, experience and existing infrastructure as a response, as [Contractor] do not have enough time to develop a new proposal with the existing time constraints and our previous proposal is no longer valid?

Answer: The purpose of this RFP process is to select an experienced Contractor to provide planning and design services based on the anticipated Scope of Work described within **Part V – Objectives and Scope of Work** of this RFP. The anticipated planning and design length of service is six (6) months, but it subject to change. No previous proposals provided to Jefferson County will be accepted and are not relevant to the current project that the County is requesting services for.

We appreciate your kind cooperation and regret any inconvenience this may have caused. If there are any additional questions, please contact **Parrish Barwick, County Coordinator at (850) 342-0287** or via e-mail at **pbarwick@jeffersoncountyfl.gov**.