December 2, 2024

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

Addendum No.: 1

RFP#: 24-19-3

Project Name: Fiberhood 6-A_ 2-A_ 2-B_ 4-C_ 4-D and 1-A

RFP Due Date: Friday, December 6, 2024

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question 1 Is this project limited to carriers, or can small businesses bid as the prime contractor?

Answer 1: Small businesses are eligible to bid as prime contractors, provided they can deliver the required services and reliability. References may be required.

Question 2: Will this project provide internet services to all locations, or is it just about building the infrastructure?
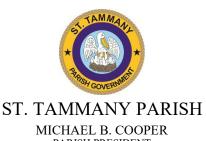
Answer 2: The project aims to establish connectivity directly to homes, with required internet speeds verified at each address.

Question 3: Will residents pay for internet service, or is it covered by ARPA grants?

Answer 3: This project is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grants for last-mile infrastructure, so residents will not incur any direct internet service charges.

Question 4: Can small businesses form a consortium or joint venture to bid as prime contractors?

Answer 4: Yes, small businesses can collaborate as a consortium or joint venture to bid as the prime contractor for this project.

Question 5: Consumer pricing offers must be comparable to urban area rates. The ISP shall offer broadband installation and service at prices consistent with offers to consumers in other areas of the state. Any other ISP shall ensure that the broadband service is priced to consumers at no more than the cost rate identified in this proposal, for the duration of the five-year service agreement. In calculating cost, the recipient may adjust annually, consistent with the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year.

Answer 5: Yes, as stated in 1.1, D of the RFP:

Question 6: The residence are not paying for construction of bring internet services to their home, but will pay for the internet services?

Answer 6: Yes, that is correct

End of Addendum # 1