



**State of Oklahoma
Office of State Finance**

Amendment of Solicitation

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Amendment No. 1

Hour and date specified for receipt of offers is changed: No Yes, to: _____ CST

Pursuant to OAC 580:15-4-5(c)(5), this document shall serve as official notice of amendment to the Solicitation identified above. Such notice is being provided to all suppliers to which the original solicitation was sent. Suppliers submitting bids or quotations shall acknowledge receipt of this solicitation amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation as follows:

- (1) Sign and return a copy of this amendment with the solicitation response being submitted; or,
- (2) If the supplier has already submitted a response, this acknowledgement must be signed and returned prior to the solicitation deadline. All amendment acknowledgements submitted separately shall have the solicitation number and bid opening date printed clearly on the front of the envelope.

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Description of Amendment:

a. This is to incorporate the following:

1. [Question]. Does the OCAN Project have interests in additional responses that will provide enhancements and additional services to the network or is this RFP only interested in Fiber?
The primary focus is fiber, other enhancements will be considered.
2. [Question]. Does the OCAN Project have a need or interest in acquiring Interstate WAN connectivity?
No.
3. [Question]. Is OCAN interested in adding additional Community Anchor Institutions to the list in the RFP if can be provided?
No.
4. [Question]. Does the OCAN project have an aggregation point for disaster recovery services and/or telecommunications for the Community Anchor Institutions?
Not applicable to this RFP.
5. [Question]. SECTION 5. Evaluation Criteria. Is there a weighting that can be shared for each of the evaluation criteria noted in 5.2?
This information is not available at this time.
6. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. This section indicates that we as a respondent only need to commit to negotiate a price after RFP closing...is this correct, that we do not include pricing in the RFP?

Yes.

7. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. As Price will be negotiated with Offeror(s), and Offeror(s) agrees to negotiate with the State in good faith and to comply with Program Rules for BTOP, does the State want the Offeror's bid to include a firm price?...or to merely agree to negotiate in good faith and comply with rules, with price negotiated later?

Pricing will be negotiated at a later date.

8. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. If pricing is desired as part of the bid, and based on this being a "firm-fixed price contract", should the pricing be based on each Phase or each Segment within the Phase? Should the price be shown as a single total cost for each Phase or Segment, or does the State prefer seeing a cost per foot or a cost per mile?

The negotiated price will be a firm fixed price. Refer to answers provided in numbers 6 and 7 above.

9. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. Does each Phase need to be bid in its entirety?...or can a partial Phase be bid, i.e. a portion of the individual Segments within the Phase?

Yes, partial phases will be considered on an individual basis. Also refer to answers provided in numbers 6 and 7 above.

10. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. Should each bid include termination of all State fiber being provided, every strand (48 or 96)?

Pricing will be negotiated.

11. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. Will each perspective bid be negotiated?

In accordance with Section 5.1 of the RFP; "Cost/price will be negotiated with the highest ranked offeror(s)".

12. [Question]. SECTION 9. Statement of Price. Does the State expect for pricing to include network monitoring, management, repair and locate services to be provided by the Offeror on an ongoing basis?...or will these services be bid separately?

Pricing will be negotiated.

13. [Question]. ATTACHMENT I. Joint Construction. Please explain what is meant by "State Does the Construction"? Does this mean that the Offeror will merely provide the optical fiber cable, conduit, etc. and the State will coordinate and perform the actual construction/installation?

This means that the State will coordinate and perform the actual construction/installation and provide all labor and materials.

14. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Anchor Institutions. Please describe in detail how Anchor Institutions should be connected into the Backbone?

This will be determined on an individual basis.

15. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Anchor Institutions. Will all 48 or 96 strands be delivered to each Anchor Institution, or a lesser amount?

This will be determined on an individual basis.

16. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Anchor Institutions. Does the State desire a single fiber path be constructed to each Anchor Institution, or for a dual diverse path be constructed to/from each site?

This will be considered on an individual basis.

17. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Anchor Institutions. There are two Anchor Institutions located in southeast Oklahoma (Hugo and Idabel). How should these sites be treated as they are not located on Phases 1-6?

This is not applicable to this RFP.

18. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. Who will be responsible for providing the 15 Huts that will be deployed along the backbone route?

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19. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. Who will be responsible for installing the Huts, including preparation of the concrete foundations and conduit?

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20. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. Will the Offeror be responsible for providing the

conduit housed fiber that will be installed connecting the ground boxes with the Prefabricated Huts?

O CAN will provide.

21. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. Does this bid include the optical equipment to be located in each Hut?

No.

22. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. Who will be responsible for installing the racks, power, and optical equipment in each Hut?

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23. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. How should the Hut be treated in Hugo as it is not located on Phases 1-6?

This is not applicable to this RFP.

24. [Question]. ATTACHMENT II. Prefabricated Hut Structures. In a Joint Construction / Partnership scenario, will space, power, cooling and a secure area be available for Offeror's equipment to be located in the Huts? Would this be provided across all Phases? What about in a "State Does the Construction" scenario?

Answer 1 - Yes.

Answer 2 - Yes.

Answer 3 - It will be available in this scenario.

25. [Question]. ATTACHMENT IV. Distances Between Anchors and Huts. Will the Offeror(s) be responsible for providing connectivity to locations in the spreadsheet provided by the State that are not located along Phases 1-6?...examples: OSU-Tulsa, OSU-Stillwater, Mid America – Wayne, ETN-Oklahoma City, etc.?

No.

26. [Question]. General-Timeline for Completion. Please provide additional guidance with regard to the anticipated timeline from RFP response to contract award(s), to expected completion dates for all Phases?

This information is unavailable at this time.

27. [Question]. Has the State received any consultation in the preparation of the RFP? If yes, does that preclude the consultant(s) from being able to participate in the RFP?

No.

28. [Question]. Has the State been involved in any pre-RFP discussions with "prospective offerors"? If yes, have any agreements been made that would affect the RFP?

No.

29. [Question]. Does the RFP offer any preference for Oklahoma-based companies, similar to NTIA proposals in other states?

The State will follow statutory requirements when evaluating vendor proposals.

30. [Question]. Does the State anticipate multiple RFP awards?

Yes.

31. [Question]. Does the State intend to offer any of the 48/96 fiber strands to private carrier/companies once available?

Yes, pursuant to NTIA rules.

32. [Question]. When will the State begin negotiations with companies who do not respond to the RFP but have an interest in gaining access to the 48/96 fiber strands?

This is not applicable to this RFP, but it may be considered separately.

33. [Question]. Has the State begun any actual Engineering/Design for the network yet? If yes, what percentage has been completed? If no, when do you anticipate beginning and how long do you anticipate before completion?

Yes, approximately 20%.

34. [Question]. I am looking to connect our fiber network to the Oklahoma Community Anchor Network (OCAN) project. Our situation is different than most companies, in that we are willing to construct the required network to get connected. The proposed cross-connect location will be at the OCAN proposed site name of "Henryetta" in Okmulgee county, in the Communications Hut located at the Interstate 40 and US 75 junction. The new fiber expansion of our fiber network should not incur any additional costs to the OCAN project, and would allow us expansion opportunities. The Phase 2 construction will be crossing one of our existing fiber routes, within 1/4 mile of this proposed Henryetta location.

We wish to become a subscriber/customer of the OCAN project. We are a last-mile telecommunications provider, and are willing to expand our existing fiber network by connecting to the OCAN middle-mile infrastructure network. This connection will allow us to provide the most cost-effective and efficient broadband services to our residential and business customers. By utilizing the OCAN backbone, we will be able to connect local schools and tribal community centers with new and improved services, as well as benefit from redundancy routing and reduced dedicated internet access costs.

I just need to know for sure if my company will still be required to complete the requested Request for Proposal (RFP), since no additional costs would be incurred to the OCAN project for this connectivity.

This is not applicable to this RFP pursuant to NTIA rules. OCAN will have an open access policy.

35. [Question]. We would like to request information specific to the identification indicated in ATTACHMENT V, under fiber strands, bullet #5.

This information is not available at this time.

36. [Question]. Are the prefabricated hut structures required to be 40' x 12' or a size suitable?

They are required to be 40'x12'.

37. [Question]. As part of the initial OCAN Award it was pointed out that there was apparently one approved IRU for dark fibers (107 mile IRU) in southeastern Oklahoma as part of the State's original filing request. Our question has two parts:

-Are the Terms and Conditions of that IRU consistent with what is being required in this RFP?

This is unknown at this time.

-Is a copy of that specific IRU available for review to determine what terms and conditions will be acceptable to meet the BTOP Round 2 Program Rules?

No.

38. [Question]. As an alternative to a fiber IRU would OCAN entertain an IRU proposal for multiple LAMBDA's versus fibers? And would it meet all the parameters that the State has within its Award requirements?

Answer 1 - No.

Answer 2 - No.

39. [Question]. For clarification purposes in Section 9 "Statement of Price" is the State expecting prices to be submitted with this RFP? Or, is the State only expecting a detailed outline of what the Offeror is willing to provide and only if that design proposal is accepted then the pricing negotiations begins (we are asking since the RFP specifically states that the "price will be negotiated")?

Refer to answers to questions 6 and 7. Pricing will be negotiated.

40. [Question] Because the engineering requirements for each of the six phases are very limited--is unit pricing acceptable or are you expecting a total project price?

Refer to answers to questions 6 and 7. Pricing will be negotiated.

41. [Question] Because ODOT or OTA ROW is being included as an "in kind contribution" by the State for this Stimulus project will there be reciprocity of that same ROW for other carriers if they desire access on that ROW at some future date?

No.

42. [Question]. On page #26 of RFP B-1101 under heading Fiber Strands the IRU requirements show on State Hwy/

US Hwy System 48 fiber strands are required. What is the fiber strand requirement for last mile connectivity from anchor institutions to the backbone fiber?
This will be considered on a case by case basis.
43. [Question] Second, since a Communication Hut is going to be placed in Lawton should we plan on home runs back to the Hut or to a splice point on fiber backbone? It looks like reading project description that the anchor institutions last mile fiber is run back to the backbone, if so we will need to know what (and where) splice point to build fiber back to.
This will be considered on a case by case basis.

b. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Supplier Company Name (**PRINT**) _____
Date

Authorized Representative Name (**PRINT**) _____
Title Authorized Representative Signature