

## **Request for Qualifications for Broadband Engineering Services**

The Summers County Commission, West Virginia is in the process of selecting a consultant to provide design and project management services pertaining to the Talcott Area Broadband Expansion Project. The project is anticipated to extend approximately 1.67 miles of high-speed aerial fiber from WV Routes 12 & 3 in Talcott southwest to residents along Pat Ball Road, Bill Perdue Road, Briercliff Road, Pitt Row, and Blankenship Road to approximately 195 residents. However, project engineering will determine the most beneficial, cost-effective deployment technology to maximize long term service to the community.

All materials, maps, reports and data generated through this project shall remain the property of the Summers County Commission. Data will also be provided to the State of West Virginia, West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council, in electronic and paper format.

The Summers County Commission will provide: The location of communications towers in the project area; access to GIS data, including maps showing telecommunications assets as reported to the State Office of GIS Coordination; FiberLocator data; and internet speed test data as reported by the West Virginia Speed Test Portal via the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council.

The selected consultant shall be retained throughout all stages of the project, including design and construction. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, and related prior experience.

The Consultant selection process shall be in compliance with the WV Code 5G.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original, five (5) hard copies, and one (1) digital format submission of all requested information to: **Summers County Commission, P.O. Box 97, 120 Ballangee Street, Hinton, WV 25951 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021.** Should there be any questions please email Jason Roberts at [jasonroberts@regiononepdc.org](mailto:jasonroberts@regiononepdc.org). It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure the receipt of the proposal by the date and time specified.

Attention is directed to the fact that this project is funded through a CDBG grant, under HUD regulations for Construction of Public Improvements, 24 CFR 570.201-204. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions and all other requirements as related to HUD-funded projects. The project will be implemented by a local project management team. Additional resources may be obtained through the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council and the State Office of GIS Coordination. The team will provide oversight and direction to the consulting entity selected. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by the previously referenced agencies and the State of West Virginia appertaining hereto.

The Summers County Commission will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award.

The Summers County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all qualifications.

Charles Saunders, President  
Summers County Commission



**LEGAL NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

The Summers County Commission, West Virginia is in the process of obtaining legal services necessary to complete the Talcott Area Broadband Expansion Project. The Project Attorney will work closely with Summers County Commission, Region I Planning & Development Council, and the project engineer.

The Project Attorney is an integral part of the project team and will provide general legal services as necessary during the development and construction of the project. Areas of practice include but are not limited to necessary title work to obtain construction right-of-ways and parcels, and review of all contracts and related documents.

Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 (d). The contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is within the competitive range and determined to be the most advantageous to the project, price and other factors considered including familiarity and expertise with this type of project.

All those interested in being considered must submit a proposal detailing qualifications and staffing capabilities, related prior work experience, fee schedule with a total not-to-exceed fee, and ability to complete work as needed on this project in a timely manner.

Proposals are to be submitted as follows: one (1) original, three (3) copies, and one (1) digital format submission to:

Summers County Commission  
Talcott Area Broadband – Legal Proposals  
P.O. Box 97  
120 Ballengee Street  
Hinton, WV 25951

A copy should also be emailed to: [jasonroberts@regiononepdc.org](mailto:jasonroberts@regiononepdc.org)

Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 16, 2021.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project will be undertaken through funding from the HUD/Community Development Block Grant. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by the funding agency and the State of West Virginia appertaining thereto.

The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions and all other requirements as they relate to HUD-funded projects.

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