



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”) FOR
BROADBAND INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE**

Approved for Distribution by Tipton County Commissioners on Monday, May 8th, 2023.

I. SCOPE OF PROJECT

The Tipton County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) intends to contract for the placement of facilities for wireless and fiber internet service to both unserved and underserved residents and businesses across Tipton County.

Vendors should propose any and all suggested approaches to providing broadband service to the unserved and underserved parts of Tipton County. A mixture of broadband solutions is acceptable under this RFP.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Vendors who wish to respond to this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) must submit on or before July 14, at 12:00PM, four (4) hardcopies of their written response and one electronic response to:

Abbie Smith
Tipton County Community Development
101 E. Jefferson Street
Tipton, IN 46072
communitydevelopment@tiptoncounty.in.gov

All such responses shall be labeled on the outside of the envelope as follows:

RE: Response to Broadband Internet RFP
FROM: (Firm Name)
ADDRESS:
PHONE & EMAIL:
CONTACT PERSON:

All responses must contain the information and comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph III following. All responses become the property of Tipton County and will not be returned to the responding vendors. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all responses; to waive informalities and minor irregularities in responses received; and to accept or reject responses if deemed in the best interests of Tipton County to do so. All costs associated with the response preparation will be borne by the responding party.



Any questions concerning your response should be directed to:

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Deadline for questions regarding this request for proposal is Friday, June 30th, 2023.

III. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN RESPONSE

Your response must include your proposal to address the following Tipton County goals and requirements:

Tipton County is seeking to provide high speed wireless and fiber internet service to unserved and underserved areas of Tipton County.

- Pricing structure for all Tipton County residents
- Subsidies available for low-income families
- Minimum speed requirements of 100MBPS Download, 20 MBSPS Upload, 100MS Latency
- The facilities and infrastructure must be in place and functional by December 31, 2025

Your response should include the following additional information:

1. Your proposed price to complete this project and manner of payment (NOTE: All payments are subject to Tipton County's statutory claims procedure).
2. Your proposed schedule of completion which includes a specific timeline of tasks
3. Background of your company, including your financial responsibility, insurance liability, and the qualifications and experience of the principals or employees who would be assigned to this project.



4. The names and addresses of two references you would authorize us to contact concerning your past performance. Of particular interest would be any governmental entities for whom you have performed services.

IV. SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Based upon its review and evaluation of the written responses, the Board intends to select the response which is the most advantageous to Tipton County, all in accordance with IC 5-22-9-7. Discussions may be conducted with those responding before a final decision is made, all in accordance with IC 5-22-9-2(4) and IC 5-22-9-9. The factors or criteria that will be used in evaluating the responses are:

- a. Responsiveness to information and requirements set forth in Paragraph III above;
- b. Total cost of the project, which will be a major consideration;
- c. Qualifications, experience and expertise;
- d. Any discussion with references provided;
- e. Which response is all in all the most advantageous for Tipton County; and
- f. The most favorable terms for the County, taking into consideration price and other evaluation factors.