

Surry County Broadband Authority Request for Proposals RFP 10-02 Engineering Consultant Broadband Support Services

Responses to Questions from Perspective Consultants:

1. Can we get a copy of the implementation and operation plans?

PDF files of the Phase One and Phase Two Planning Grant studies funded in part by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development are posted on the Surry County website at Surrycountyva.gov.

2. Does the County's project budget include the costs for VDOT permitting and right-of-way usage?

The proposed project budget does not specifically itemize costs for VDOT permitting and right-of-way usage. Typically, publicly owned infrastructure improvements are permitted within the right-of-way with an approved resolution .

3. It appears that the project requirements will have two distinct paths: the engineering and design of the network, to include the communication towers and fiber layout; and the oversight of the implementation of aforementioned tasks. As such, will the County seek to make a single award for "all or nothing" or will the County seek to make two separate awards to cover both baths of work?

We do not anticipate making separate awards.

4. Has the County identified a vendor who will construct the towers and install the network infrastructure or is it the County's intent to incorporate these task into the award of this project?

No vendors have been identified or selected.

The scope of work identified in the RFP includes the following language "...The Authority seeks a firm(s) to provide professional services associated with this project including but not limited to---*writing and evaluating the responses from vendors to provide electronics and hardware (construction bid documents) associated with providing services.*" The language permits the selected consultant to assist in the selection of vendors for the construction phase of the project.

5. Are an Environmental Assessment required for the project and is it part of the scope of work outlined in the RFP?

The Environmental Review is not part of the scope of work outlined in the RFP. Surry County and the Crater Planning District Commission completed this task as part of the pre-contract conditions with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

- 6. The RFP indicates Fiber Optics, which will not include Verizon Wireless, but it also stated offering wireless for surrounding business and possible homes. Is that referring to WiFi?**

It is not referring to WI-FI, but any business with the service can offer it.