



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
SBC PROJECT NO.: 502/001-01-2024
AMENDMENT # One
FOR Tennessee Advanced Communications Network
("TACN") Site Development (3B)

DATE: 6/7/24

RFQ SBC Project No.: 502/001-01-2024 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- This RFQ Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFQ dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.**

EVENT	TIME (Central Time)	DATE	UPDATED / CONFIRMED
1 RFQ Issued		May 10, 2024	CONFIRMED
2 Disability Accommodation Request Deadline		May 13, 2024	CONFIRMED
3 Pre-response Conference	10:00 am	May 24, 2024	CONFIRMED
4 Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline		May 28, 2024	CONFIRMED
5 Written Questions & Comments Deadline	2:00 pm	June 4, 2024	CONFIRMED
6 State Response to Written Questions & Comments		June 7, 2024	CONFIRMED
7 RFQ Response Deadline	2:00 pm	June 11, 2024	CONFIRMED
8 State Completion of Response Evaluations		June 18, 2024	CONFIRMED
9 State Issues Evaluation Notice		June 20, 2024	CONFIRMED
10 End of 7-Day Wait Period for Consideration of Protest		June 27, 2024	CONFIRMED
11 Anticipated Bid Date		July 25, 2024	CONFIRMED
12 Anticipated Contract Start		September 16, 2024	CONFIRMED

- State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFQ.**

Any restatement of RFQ text in the Question/Comments column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFQ document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 Do you have a breakdown on which sites require a new tower, replacement shelter, tower repair or modification, etc.?	The specific sites and scopes will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
2 Can you please clarify "Joint Ventures" – The state will not allow joint ventures for this procurement. Does that mean that no sub-contractors are allowed or would a company who doesn't have the in-house crews available for the construction portion be able to sub that work out with one if its partners?	A joint venture (JV) is a business arrangement where two or more parties combine their resources to create a new business entity (the Joint Venture) to work on a project. This does not affect subcontractor relationships.
3 How would you like the Bond Letter, A.7 addressed? Is the address below acceptable? Thank you. <i>Tennessee Department of General Services Real Estate Asset Management (STREAM) 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 22nd Floor Nashville, TN 37243-1102</i>	Yes, the address provided in your question is acceptable to use.
4 What performance metrics or milestones does the State expect the company to meet?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
5 What are the State's expectations regarding project management and reporting?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
6 Will the State provide a single point of contact for coordination, or will it be location-based?	A single point of contact.
7 What are the security requirements for the sites, and are there restrictions for site access during construction?	If required, will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
8 What standards will be used for site grounding and emergency power systems?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
9 Are geotechnical investigations, environmental assessments, or land use permits required for the new tower sites? If so, whose responsibility is this?	If required, Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
10 Will the State assist with obtaining necessary permits and approvals?	It is up to the contractor to determine and obtain the necessary permits for all installations. Please also see paragraph 3.7 of the State's General

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	Conditions of the Contract for Construction (Spec Section 00 72 13)
11 Will the State provide existing infrastructure or technology for integration?	Not expected, however, if required, Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
12 Are there specific interoperability requirements with other public safety communication systems?	Not relevant to scope of bid.
13 How does the State plan to address environmental concerns related to construction and operation?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
14 What health and safety standards, beyond the industry standard, must be adhered to during construction and maintenance? Are there any specific certifications or training required for personnel on this project?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
15 What standards are set for handling cost overruns or unexpected expenses?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
16 What are the specific deliverables or documentation required at handover and at the end of the project?	Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
17 What is the warranty period for the work completed under this contract?	If required, Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
18 What are the expectations for ongoing support and maintenance once the sites are operational?	If required, Information will be defined within the Project Manual for the TACN Site Development (3B) BV-1. The Project Manual will be made available after the bid process is complete.
19 What are the operational availability requirements for the communications sites during construction and once completed?	Existing telecommunications sites will need to remain operational during the project, while all sites will need to be operational upon completion of the work.
20 Can you tell me if there were any addenda issued for this opportunity?	There have been no addendas, and this is the first amendment to be released.
21 We are working on the technical response for this RFQ and a question about licensing came up. Looking through our licenses we found	You must have the required license amount prior to Phase Two, bid opening. Phase Two is currently scheduled for July, 2024.

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<p>that our highest limit S-Communication license is \$500,000.</p> <p>It looks like the soonest we will be able to submit for limit increase will be for the September 24th sitting of the board. Does this make us ineligible to bid on this RFQ, or will the financial projects be broken out to a per site basis lowering the limit requirements? We feel it will be very difficult to find anyone with an S-Communication license with a \$31 Million limit. We can meet the requirements to increase our limit to cover this, but not in time for this RFQ.</p> <p>Any guidance you can provide on this matter would be greatly appreciated</p>	