



ADDENDUM NUMBER 1
COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA

RFP #19-22742
SOLICITATION FOR PPEA CONCEPTUAL
PHASE BROADBAND PROPOSALS

Dated: April 4, 2019
Bid Due: 2:00 PM, May 21, 2019
Addendum Dated: May 3, 2019

The following information is offered in response to questions submitted:

What is the estimated cost of the Broadband Services project?

To be determined by vendors that move to the Detailed Design Phase

Has the Department allocated funding for the Broadband Services yet? If so, through which source (budget, CIP, state/federal grant etc)?

Funds have not yet been allocated, due to the fact of not knowing what will be required.

Can the Department elaborate on any additional drivers behind this acquisition that may not be addressed in the RFP?

The County is simply looking for good solid future proof solutions for Broadband expansion to unserved or underserved areas in the County.

Who is the technical contact and/or project manager for the Broadband Services effort? Have you had any external assistance preparing this RFI?

Rural Broadband Consulting, LLC has assisted Botetourt County with identifying Broadband Strategies and the development of the PPEA Solicitation (not an RFI)

Will a separate solicitation be released for the Detailed Design Phase of the Broadband effort?

No. This solicitation follows Virginia Public Private procurement policy and only vendors chosen from the Conceptual Phase will move to the Detailed Design phase. You can read about the PPEA here: <https://dgs.virginia.gov/engineering-and-buildings/resources/ppea/>

Does the Department anticipate any professional or consulting services may be needed to accomplish this effort? (i.e. project planning/oversight, PM, QA, IV&V, staff augmentation, implementation services etc.)?

At the current time, project management is planned to be conducted under contract with a sister governmental organization. This is subject to change.

Will the County be needing to replace or upgrade any other technology solutions soon?

The County is continually improving/ upgrading/ adding new solutions. However, any upgrades are not part of the PPEA.

On Pg 6, it states that “Botetourt County has several initiatives underway that will address three fourths (3/4) of the unserved locations.” My question is if RFPs were released for the initiatives? What was the objective of those initiatives and what vendor was selected?

No RFPs were issued. Two electric coops had developed plans for FTTH builds - one is federally funded the other is partnering with the County on state and federal funds. The third is upgrades by Lumos federally funded.

Aside from the (Conceptual Phase Broadband Services) Private Partner(s) for Construction, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Fiber Broadband Expansion RFP (#19-22742-1) that is out -what other technology procurements are expected to complete the Fiber Broadband Services Initiative?

None at this time but may change depending on the responses to this PPEA solicitation.

NOTE: A signed acknowledgment of this addendum must be received by this office either prior to the bid due date and hour ***or*** attached to your bid. Signature on this addendum does not substitute for your signature on the original bid document. The original bid document must be signed.

Susan Tincher VCA, VCO
Purchasing Manager

Name of Firm

Signature

Title

Date