



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

I. Project

MaxxSouth Pontotoc: Rural Fiber to the Home Construction Project – Material Procurement

II. Contact Information

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III. Project Description

MaxxSouth Pontotoc: Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) project to rural unserved areas of Pontotoc and Union County, Mississippi utilizing mostly existing power company poles for aerial construction. This project consists of 97.78 miles of fiber optic cable and will pass a total of 886 potential customers. Initial service offerings will be up to 1 gig and will be expandable to 10 gig.

IV. Process for Proposal Evaluation and Contract Award

It is the intent of MaxxSouth Broadband to enter into an agreement with the most suitable Vendor(s) to complete this project. Once a Vendor(s) has been selected, MaxxSouth will enter into contract negotiations.

All procurements for the project must be done in accordance with the regulation 2 CFR § 200.318-327 including those listed in the SACs National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP) including:

2 C.F.R. 200.322, Domestic preference for procurements (Buy American)

2 C.F.R. 200.321, Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

Any vendor suppliers should also take the affirmative steps regarding contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises or labor surplus firms.

Vendors will submit their proposal for material using Exhibit A – Material Bid Sheet and supporting information outlining how the vendor meets the above requirements, examples of

projects supporting NTIA grants for broadband infrastructure with the ability to meet delivery timelines

MaxxSouth Broadband will select a team to review and evaluate all proposals received based on material origin, vendor diversity, cost and availability. If needed, MaxxSouth Broadband may schedule interviews to determine the most qualified Vendor(s).

MaxxSouth will use the following weight factors in evaluating each vendor.

- Material Origin – 10 points
- Vendor Diversity – 20 points
- Cost – 40 points
- Availability – 30 points

V. Schedule

- Request for Quote Issued January 9, 2023
- Quotes are Due January 26, 2023 by 1:00 PM
- Anticipated need for material April 3, 2023
- Completion of project is anticipated to be September 30, 2023

VI. Submittal Requirements

Vendor shall submit an electronic proposal to Tom Bailey at tom.bailey@maxxsouth.com no later than 1:00 PM on January 26, 2023. Bids received after 1:00 PM will not be accepted.

MaxxSouth Broadband reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, or to waive any minor formalities of this request if, in the judgment of the company, the best interest of the community would be served.

VII. Other Information

Vendors should supply documentation to support terms and conditions, vendor certifications, and contract provisions required under 2 CFR 200 procurement regulations for:

- Contract provisions of compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act Section 6002 as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
- Any other contract provisions included in 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

The executed contract must comply with Appendix II of 2 CFR 200. (Appendix II to Part 200 - 2022). <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/appendix-Appendix%20II%20to%20Part%20200>)

Firms that intend to submit a proposal should notify Tom Bailey at tom.bailey@maxxsouth.com via email to request to be added to the “Intent to Submit” list. Individuals on this list will be notified of any addenda to the RFP Request for clarification: To ensure all proposers receive consistent and accurate information, questions regarding this proposal will only be accepted through email.

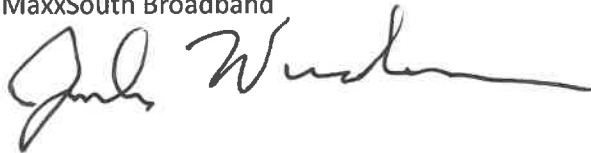
Questions will be responded to in email format and all proposers on the Intent to Submit List will be copied on the response. Deadline for questions will be January 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be directed to:

Tom Bailey
Director Technical Operations and Construction
Email tom.bailey@maxxsouth.com

DATED January 9, 2023.

MaxxSouth Broadband

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John Wuerdeman
Vice President and General Manager