Kendall County's Broadband Feasibility Study Invitation to Bid Questions and Answers:

- The allied radio matrix emergency response tower system (ARMER) is specific to Minnesota department of public safety, is it the intention of the County to institute a similar trunked radio system in the 700 – 800 GHz range for the County? That is not currently part of the county's plans.
- 2. Has the County received any funding that has been dedicated for broadband expansion in the region? If so, how much? The county can use a portion of the American Rescue Act funds for rural broadband, but the speed must meet or exceed 100/100. The total amount is 25 million, however the board has not designated a portion for broadband at this point.
- 3. To be fully responsive to all of the County's requested details and outlined requirements, would the County be willing to accept a longer document (20 to 30 pages), or are attachments, appendices, or links acceptable? The county is willing to accept longer documents but would summaries when possible.
- 4. How does the county feel about joint proposals? The county is open to joint proposals.
- 5. Have you considered or would the county be interested in including a county 5G and other wireless technologies coverage map for the combined broadband next-generation network in your feasibility study? Cellular wireless is not part of the scope. A wireless option that can provide a minimum 100/100 to residential users would be considered.
- 6. Have you considered or would the county be interested in including wireless assets infrastructure optimization and development for Kendall County to determine what wireless asset infrastructure is required for a next-generation 5G network, wireless broadband network for the roads and all other "outside the building" areas in Kendall County in your feasibility study? See question 6 for wireless.
- 7. If the county has already issued answers to previous questions, could we get copies of those as well? All of the questions and answers were sent to all of the firms that asked questions.
- 8. Does the county GIS data contain address by type (ie: commercial, residential, and any subset for the commercial types (educational, county, medical, ARMER sites, other tower assets etc.)). The Kendall County GIS Portal contains a lot of information but doesn't have everything narrowed down by type. <u>https://maps.co.kendall.il.us/portal/home/</u>
- 9. Will we have access to tower data for the county? Kendall County currently owns one tower in Yorkville, IL.
- 10. Does the County have WIFI provided at different locations? Kendall County only provides WIFI inside our building as part of our enterprise network. We also offer a public network with limited internet access.

- 11. Is there funding already targeted or approved for build out? See question 2 above.
- 12. Is the County's desire to only build a network to reach the unserved/underserved, or to also include businesses and public owned facilities (mentioned in section B)? The County intends to do both.
- 13. Does the County have existing relationships/contacts with any service providers (ISPs) or facility providers that can be shared? The County has Franchise agreements with MetroNet and Comcast for television service. The County also has service agreements to purchase internet and point to point fiber connections to buildings in Yorkville with Comcast and MetroNet.
- 14. Second bullet of scope item D reads: "Provide an assessment of legal requirements, risks and regulations relevant to the building or operation of a network and partnership arrangements". Could you please clarify if Kendall County is looking for a commercial assessment or a legal assessment (the latter which would necessitate adding a legal firm to our team to act as outside counsel on this matter). A commercial assessment is acceptable. When Kendall County movies forward with the project we plan to use in house legal.
- 15. I would like to respectfully inquire if the County is willing to extend the proposal submission date by one week in order to receive a complete and thorough response? Kendall County has extended the deadline for submittal to June 21<sup>st</sup>.