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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Franklin County Fiscal Court, 321 W. Main Street Frankfort, Kentucky, is soliciting proposals from qualified firms with experience in community broadband planning services to complete a broadband feasibility study of the unincorporated area of Franklin County. The complete Request for Proposals can be found on the Franklin County website, franklincounty.ky.gov, in the “Bid Opportunities” tab.

Professional services will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Evaluation of current network capabilities with inventory of assets
- Gap analysis and project map
- Identify challenges and opportunities to network expansion
- Assess potential for partnerships with current or potential providers
- Provide recommendation for broadband strategy, including funding options, for current and future broadband needs of Franklin County which align with Department of Treasury guidelines for ARPA
- Implementation Strategy
- Other services as assigned by the Fiscal Court

The Proposals, not to exceed 30 pages, shall be submitted both electronically to the Franklin County Fiscal Court at the following web address [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FCFCRFP](https://tinyurl.com/fcfcRFP) as well as five (5) hard copies no later than 2:00 p.m. local time to 321 W. Main Street Frankfort, KY 40601 on June 17, 2021. At 2:05 p.m. local time, on June 17, 2021, the proposals will be publicly opened and the name of each firm read aloud. This public opening of the proposals will be live streamed on the Franklin County KY Facebook page at [Facebook.com/fcfcky](https://www.facebook.com/fcfcky). All submittals shall be clearly marked “**Franklin County Fiscal Court Broadband Feasibility proposal**”. Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

The proposal shall include a description of the firm’s capabilities and experience in the field of broadband network feasibility studies (20 points), past record of experience in the preparation of broadband feasibility studies (20 points), the firm’s location (5 points), ability of professional personnel (15 points), performance data on file (10 points), workload (10 points) and ability to provide responsive service within time and budget requirements (20 points). Firms responding to the request will be ranked according to the written information submitted. The Franklin County Fiscal Court will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked qualifying firm to execute an agreement. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be promptly notified.

Franklin County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer. No person, firm or corporation shall be excluded from participation in or subject to discrimination in providing these services on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age or sexual orientation.

The county, at its discretion, and unless otherwise prohibited by law, may provide a 5% price advantage to local qualified vendors. Local qualified vendors are those vendors who: have as their principal place of business located in the county and who are licensed and in good standing with all local, state and federal licensing requirements. Such qualified vendors submitting bids which are 5% or less higher than other competing bids may be considered low bids.

Franklin County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities should same be to the advantage of the County, and to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the County Government.