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Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Broadband Partnership

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Submission Deadline: 5PM CST March 17, 2025

1. Introduction

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) is seeking quotations from qualified broadband service providers to partner on a Community Connect Grant application. The selected provider must be able to meet the match requirement as specified in the grant guidelines.

2. Project Overview

The Community Connect Grant Program aims to provide broadband service to underserved rural areas. The project will involve the construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities to deploy broadband service to all residential and business customers within the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA). The PFSA may include any of the Rural Communities in the 11 County Coastal Bend COG region. PFSA may be narrowed depending upon current level of service and availability of grant funds. The provider will also offer free broadband service to critical community facilities for at least two years.

3. Scope of Work

The selected broadband provider will be responsible for:

- Deploying broadband infrastructure to provide service at the grant speed of 100 Mbps downstream and 20 Mbps upstream.
- Offering free broadband service to critical community facilities within the PFSA for at least two years.
- Ensuring compliance with all grant requirements and regulations.
- Providing the required match contribution as specified in the grant guidelines.

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4. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, providers must:

- Have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed broadband facilities or services.
- Demonstrate experience in deploying and maintaining broadband infrastructure.
- Provide a detailed plan for meeting match requirements.

5. Submission Requirements

Interested providers must submit the following:

- A cover letter expressing interest in partnership.
- A detailed proposal outlining the provider's approach to meeting the project requirements.
- Documentation of the provider's legal authority and experience.
- A financial plan demonstrating the ability to meet the match requirement.
- Any additional information that supports the provider's qualifications.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Technical capability and experience.
- Financial stability and ability to meet match requirements.
- Compliance with grant requirements.
- Overall quality and feasibility of the proposal.

7. Submission Instructions

Proposals must be submitted electronically to mafuso@coastalbendcog.org by 5 PM CST March 17, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.



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8. Contact Information

For questions or further information, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your proposals and partnering with a qualified broadband provider to enhance connectivity in our rural communities.