



ADDENDUM NO. 1
TO THE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE
BROADBAND MASTER PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CITY OF COACHELLA
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA

The following changes and/or additions shall be made to the plans and/or specifications. All other requirements of the contract documents shall remain the same. The Bidder shall acknowledge receipts of the addendum by inserting its number and date in the Bid Proposal.

DEADLINE EXTENSION:

The new deadline for proposal submission is Monday, March 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Tentative schedule for project has been updated accordingly. All other terms and conditions outlined in the original Request for Proposal (RFP) remain the same.

CLARIFICATION ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

Can you share the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant application?

Answer: Yes, we will share the application with the selected firm.

What information does the City currently have that will need to be imported into a GIS portal?

Answer: We need the selected firm to map out and designate areas and neighborhoods lacking sufficient high-speed internet, identify coverage gaps and unreliable and/or slow services within the City, utilizing necessary information sources such as ArcGIS mapping.

How do you envision the portal to look upon completion?

Answer: We would want to display a coverage map on our website and areas where we are looking to expand services, as identified by the selected firm, and to post the full study on our website.

Will all the gathered asset information be available publicly?

Answer: Being that we are a public agency, we would have to make the report available to the public. The selected firm would most likely be expected to hold a meeting where it presents the findings to the City Council and public, and then the City would upload a copy to our website. If there is any proprietary information, we could ask our City Attorney about withholding that information if his legal team deems that action as appropriate.



Financial Constraints: Do you have an estimated budget for this project? If so, what is it?

Answer: This project is funded with grant funding.

Community Engagement Strategies: Can you provide more details on the expectations for community engagement and outreach? Are there specific community groups or stakeholders that the City is particularly interested in engaging with?

Answer: Please refer to Page 18, Task 8 and Page 20, Task 11 for specific information.

- *Two (2) presentations to City Council: one at mid-point and a final*
- *Two (2) meetings with City Staff*
- *Three (3) public presentations (1 virtual, 1 weekday evening, and 1 weekend day)*

Asset Inventory Utilization: Regarding the inventory and assessment of city-owned broadband assets, does the City already have preliminary data available or will this require a comprehensive ground-up survey?

Answer: The city has existing ITS traffic signal fiber throughout most major intersections. Unfortunately, we no longer have a fiber map of these fibers and strands nor their terminations. As part of the scope, we would like to map out our ITS fiber which is currently still functional, but no longer operated.

Policy and Regulatory Environment: Could you clarify if there are any recent changes in local or state regulations affecting broadband deployment that we should consider in our strategic planning and feasibility analysis?

Answer: Please defer to the California Public Utilities Commission website for any updates

Technological Preferences: Has the City identified any specific technological solutions or preferences for the broadband infrastructure, such as fiber-optic vs. wireless technologies, or is the City looking for recommendations based on the community needs assessment?

Answer: We would rely on the findings and recommendations of the study.

Integration with Existing and Future City Projects: How does the City envision the integration of the broadband master plan with other ongoing or planned infrastructure projects? Are there specific projects we should be aware of that could impact or benefit from the broadband plan?

Answer: Please review the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Broadband Master Plan efforts for more information on this question.



Funding and Partnership Models: Could the City provide more insight into preferred funding and partnership models for the broadband project? Are there specific grant programs, public-private partnership structures, or investment models the City is considering?

Answer: The City would not have capital/CIP funding for a full build out, nor a owner-operated broadband solution, and would need to either locate a last-mile broadband grant or engage in a public-private partnership.

Long-term Sustainability and Operation: How does the City anticipate managing the long-term sustainability and operation of the broadband infrastructure? Is there an interest in exploring models that include municipal operation, public-private partnerships, or fully private operations?

Answer: We do not currently have budget capacity to operate a long-term broadband offering. The City would be looking for either an owner contracted solution, or public-private partnership, whether it invests in the running of fiber and lease out to have another company operate, or other recommended feasible solutions.

Digital Literacy and Adoption Programs: Does the City have specific goals or existing programs for increasing digital literacy and broadband adoption among its residents, particularly in underserved communities?

Answer: We do not currently have training or educational digital literacy programs. If there are areas that are deemed underserved, and it is feasible to provide City-provided broadband services to those area, then it would be recommended to perform community outreach.

Environmental and Historical Preservation Concerns: Are there any environmental sensitivities, historical preservation concerns, or specific regulatory compliance requirements that need to be considered in the planning and deployment of broadband infrastructure?

Answer: Not to our knowledge.



Impact Assessment Methodologies: What methodologies does the City prefer for assessing the socioeconomic impacts of improved broadband access, such as job creation, educational outcomes, and healthcare access improvements?

Answer: Our community is generally low-income households, who may be currently in an unequitable state if areas or neighborhoods are deemed as underserved. Areas of impact would be home healthcare and work, online educational options, more accessible international communication capabilities, and ready access to real-time information in the event of a disaster or emergency situation.

Coordination with Other Jurisdictions: Is there a need or opportunity for coordination with neighboring jurisdictions or regional entities in the planning and implementation of the broadband network?

Answer: Yes, close coordination is highly recommended with CVAG (Coachella Association of Governments), as they are concurrently performing a valley-wide assessment and study. The County of Riverside also has a broadband division working on middle mile opportunities in the valley.

Emergency Services and Public Safety: How should the broadband plan address the needs of emergency services and public safety networks? Are there specific requirements for resilience, redundancy, and priority access?

Answer: There are no specific requirements regarding the prioritization of emergency services, public safety or first responders, unless recommended.

Date: Monday, February 26, 2024