

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 21, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Release of Request for Proposals for Broadband and Digital Divide Infrastructure**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) in support of the City's Digital Divide efforts.

The RFP is scheduled for first posting on Thursday, September 28th, 2023, with a second posting on Thursday, October 5th, 2023. Both postings will be made in the Dallas Morning News and will be posted for a total of 14 days. The RFP will close on Monday, November 27th, 2023, but is subject to extension based upon feedback from potential proposers.

The City of Dallas, through the Information & Technology Services (ITS) Department, is seeking proposals to identify qualified telecommunications services vendors to provide the City and its impacted residents in prioritized unserved/underserved areas with the best available high speed, affordable, and reliable internet services by designing, building-out, delivering, servicing, and managing a scalable, agile, open access transport infrastructure in support of Digital Equity. The RFP identifies 23 Census Tracts where the lack of access to the internet is most acute based upon the best available data.

As a reminder, during the solicitation process, there can be no contact or communication with any City staff or Council members with the vendors. The only permissible communication is that between those designated in the text of the Solicitation (named OPS buyer) and the vendor. Non-compliance with this provision will result in rejection of the solicitation proposal from the vendor. In accordance with Dallas City Code and Texas Local Government Code, staff and council will be subject to the penalties listed in these policies, if non-compliance takes place during this or any other active procurement.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, November 27th, 2023, by 11:59 p.m. Once posted, further information can be found at the City's open opportunities website at <https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief Information Officer, Bill Zielinski at william.zielinski@dallas.gov or Director of Procurement Services, Danielle Thompson at danielle.thompson@dallas.gov.

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City Manager

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