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**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**RFP No. 2024-0243-CDD/TJ**  
**BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN**

**ADDENDUM NO. 3**

Dear Proponents,

This addendum is issued to reflect the following immediately. It shall be the responsibility of interested Offerors to adhere to any changes or revisions to the RFP as identified in this Addendum No. 3. This documentation shall become permanent and made part of the departmental files

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Question No. 1: Is the contractor expected to deliver any other product other than the Broadband Strategic Plan?

**Answer No. 1:** Please refer to pages 13 and 14 in the RFP.

Question No. 2: How does the county want to receive documentation of Research and Stakeholder Engagement?

**Answer No. 2:** The respondent is free to choose a method or methods, including existing recent reports, studies and other available materials or to produce their own research materials. Stakeholder engagement should include: identifying key stakeholders and characteristics that make them key; Direct stakeholder outreach, in person and/or online surveys or other methods used to gather and assess responses.

Question No. 3: The timeline on pg. 7 states that there is one-month review time of the draft plan. Will there only be a single round of client reviews? Or will the county expect an iterative review of any other unnamed deliverables?

**Answer No. 3:** Review of materials delivered will be iterative. The one-month review period is intended for finalizing draft materials prior to delivery for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Question No. 4: Does the County prefer to own and operate the broadband network or is this simply for active planning with broadband partners to ensure county support and coverage as described?

Answer No. 4: The primary purpose of the strategic broadband plan is to guide the county on the best approach to broadband expansion to unserved areas of the county in general and to make recommendations on how the county can best leverage its partnership in REDINET. Action on any recommendations regarding ownership or operations of a network will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

Question No. 5: Does the county already have an NTIA license with CostQuest for access to the broadband serviceable location fabric data?

Answer No. 5: The county does not have a CostQuest License. All GIS broadband information utilized so far has been publicly available through: <https://connect.nm.gov/bead.html>

<https://broadband-nm-state.hub.arcgis.com/pages/all-the-maps>

<https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>

Question No. 6: Has the county considered developing and implementing a streamlined permitting process for broadband infrastructure deployment, including specifying what underground construction techniques are permissible for the placement of fiber optic cable such as micro trenching or horizontal directional drilling?

Answer No. 6: The county is open to any recommendations that will expedite the deployment of broadband to unserved and underserved areas and community anchor institutions.

Question No. 7: Does the county have any ARPA ALFRF funds remaining that can be used as BEAD matching funds?

Answer No. 7: The county has previously allocated funds and other in kind contributions when applying for grant funding for broadband expansion with matching requirements. The county is open to considering the use of this model in any potential BEAD funding requirements, contingent on appropriations and authorization by the Board of County Commissioners.

Question No. 8: What data sources do you have for creating the GIS database? If you do not have it, can we purchase them and bill to the county?

Answer No. 8: The respondent is free to identify resources and services needed to complete the scope of work and bill those costs within contract amount agreed upon.

Question No. 9: Section II. Introduction B. Scope of Work: Work with the County to develop an outreach strategy to engage local and regional partners, ISP and other stakeholders for input and recommendations. Does the County have a list of stakeholder identified that can be shared?

Answer No. 9: The county will work with the respondent to identify key stakeholders that should be included in outreach efforts.

Question No. 10: Section II. Introduction, B. Scope of Work: Identification and GIS (Geographical Information System) mapping all county owned broadband assets...Does the County own all the data sets wanted and will the County provide them to the selected offeror for the map creation? Is it expected that selected offeror will research and create all the data sets requested? What system/platform does the County use for GIS?

Answer No. 10: The county uses Esri ArcGIS Enterprise Server (v11.2) and ArcPro Desktop (v3.3). GIS data, if generated for the project, shall be provided by the Contractor in ESRI feature classes file geodatabase or shape file formats compatible with ArcPro Desktop (v3.3). All GIS datasets will reference the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD1983\_HARN in units of U.S. Survey Feet (NAD\_1983\_HARN\_StatePlane\_New\_Mexico\_FIS\_3002\_Feet).

Please add this Addendum No. 3 to the original proposal documents and refer to proposal documents, hereto as such. This and all subsequent addenda will become part of any resulting contract documents and have effects as if original issued. All other unaffected sections will have their original interpretation and remain in full force and effect. Responders are reminded that any questions or need for clarification must be addressed to Tammy Jim, Procurement Specialist Senior, at [tjim@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:tjim@santafecountynm.gov).