

RFI's for Fiber Optic Cable Project:

Please confirm underground rail-crossing permitting will be facilitated by Jackson County.

All permitting will be facilitated by the awarded contractor. However, the County will assist in obtaining and approving permitting when and where possible.

Please advise if the project duration will be increased as required for permitting and/or weather delays.

Yes, the project duration can be adjusted on an as needed basis; either during contract negotiations with the awarded contractor or during construction; provided the awarded contractor can provide confirmation of the delay.

Please confirm all easements and right to access easements will be obtained and provided by Jackson County at no cost to the contractor.

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Please provide routing / pathways inside existing courthouse building.

Please allow us more time to gather this information. There aren't any schematics of the line itself that we have been able to track down however we will be meeting with a gentleman that has worked on the line previously who will provide insight as to where the line is.

Please provide confirm project specifications are contractor's choice OR provide specification for cabling, cabinets and/or terminations.

Yes, except where otherwise stated. (Ex. Cable – 12 Strand Single Mode)

Please advise if compliance with Davis Bacon wage standards and submission of the associated Certified Payroll will be required.

According to FEMA's Contract Provisions Template Chapter 2 Part 4 Section b; this project is not subject to the provision of the Davis Bacon Act as this project is part of the FEMA Public Assistance Program. *"b. Applicability. The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program, Homeland Security Grant Program, Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program. It does not apply to other FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the Public Assistance Program.*

Please advise if sales and/or use taxes are to be included in the proposal.

Yes, the contractor should include all necessary and projected expenses for this project in their lump sum proposal, including sales and/or use taxes that are to be incurred. According to Exhibit 1 Part 10 of the proposed contract *"The contract price shall include all labor, equipment, material, tools, and incidentals required for completing the work."*

Please confirm that quote should include demo and replacement of 12 strand SM fiber end to end using no existing cabling.

Yes, confirmed.

For each end of the termination of the 12 Strand SM fiber is a wall mount fiber housing acceptable?

With this project we are to replace like for like. Please use whatever design was previously being utilized; I seem to remember a wall mount being used previously.

Scope mentions 2 manholes along the route. Can you please verify that quantity and specifications also advise on placement?

We are still checking on this with the original FEMA Scope adjusters to verify the route/placement information of these manholes.

Conduit size and quantity between the 2 locations?

Please utilize the existing conduit size and quantity.

Minimum depth for the conduit? typical 36" of cover or are some areas going to be different?

We do not have a preference on the depth. We would require whatever is required by building or code regulations for laying line.

What type of testing will be required for the new 12 Strand SM?

Testing will include whatever testing as required by code or component requirements as well as a physical testing of the line between the Courthouse and the Jail to ensure the line is working properly.

Will there possibly be an extension on the 9/17 due date so we may gather additional information for the project?

Yes, in an effort to allow the County and contractors to be able to gain additional information for the project the new deadline for the bids to be submitted by as well as the bid opening date will now be **September 29th, 2020 at 2:00PM.**

