**Whenever there is a conflict between this addendum and the initial bid documents or plans, the addendum shall take precedence.**

**Broadband RFIs and Answers**

* Do you have a county map to identify “98% of serviceable areas”?

Serviceable areas can be defined as areas where there are citizens of Jackson County. Therefore 98% of citizens within the County will need to be able to have access to the service.

* The summary description states, “…The County will provide funding assistance…”, yet the RFP states the county will maintain ownership of the network. Can you elaborate a little more on how the numbers work here?

The County will provide funding assistance for startup costs that may include Wireless Infrastructure, Network Infrastructure, UPS Installation Tower Lease, Marketing, and installation and purchase of communications equipment but will not provide any funding toward operations of maintenance of the facilities and broadband network. These costs that are required from the County should be listed in the response to the RFP. All equipment or infrastructure procured with County funds will remain the property of the County. The County intends to retain ownership of the equipment to ensure that, in the event of Firm default, the County could take back the assets and seek another Firm to operate and maintain the network. The County will not own the network.

* Is it acceptable to provide a summary overview of the proposal and finalize the proposed amounts (+-5%) when the contract is awarded? I ask this because we can map and gauge network requirements reasonably close, but when we have actual “boots on the ground” we may find obstacles, or more beneficial circumstances to make adjustments to the final price.

Yes, during contract negotiations the County understands that there may need to be a alter the final contract Price and that it may differ from the original proposal. Vendors should make every effort possible to provide accurate numbers, however contract negotiations will take place with the highest ranked contractor.

* Can you explain what funding means? What type of funding is available to the vendor?

There is a potential funding source from several different areas; primarily the County expects to utilize grant funds from State and Federal programs however is open to other investment opportunities should the Firm wish to include that in their proposal.

* Does the County have an approved budgeted funding amount for the project? If yes, how much is available for the project?

The County does not have an approved final budgeted amount for this project. The RFP has been issued in order to help us arrive at the final budgeted amount.

* Will Jackson County purchase their internet service from the company awarded this bid for the duration of the contract? If yes, please provide your current service level.

Yes. The County has approximately 20 different building locations that range in service requirements from: DSL 3 to 40 meg to cable service at 100 meg.

* Does the “Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium” plan to relinquish their award of the 6,838 unserved locations awarded within Jackson County?

The County has no ties to the award amount for the Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium.

* Is there a county height restriction for any of the assets we might use for the RFP?

For any height restriction questions for broadband assets please contact the office of Community Development at 850-482-9637 or visit our code of ordinances for Jackson County regarding tower heights (see attached link and text snippet) . [| Code of Ordinances | Jackson County, FL | Municode Library](https://library.municode.com/fl/jackson_county/codes/code_of_ordinances)

“**Sec. 74-454. Height of telecommunications tower (s).**

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Telecommunications tower over 200 feet in height shall be no higher than the minimum height necessary than to provide the provider's design. In such cases, the applicant's evidence of the necessity of the proposed height may be subject to independent verification by Jackson County. Any objections by Jackson County to the applicant's evidence of the necessity shall be based on competent substantial evidence.