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March 11, 2026

TO: All Interested Proposers

FROM: 
Avis Jimm, Contract Administrator

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM #1 NOTICE

Let this memorandum serve as a notice of updated information regarding the “2026 Fiber Optic Construction”.

As originally stated, below are questions collected from interested firms in this Request for Proposal (RFP) with NTUA responses as follows:

1. Question: Is this a blanket contract for the various types of work, or is this specific to one project? **RESPONSE:** More like a blanket for various sites and type of work.
2. Question: Are there any prints available? **RESPONSE:** No prints at this time.
3. Question: Will NTUA supply all materials, including consumables?
RESPONSE: RFP clearly states NTUA will provide all materials; what kind of consumables?
4. Question: Will this be awarded to more than (1) contractor and if so, what is the process for determining individual project size and who will get that specific project?
RESPONSE: No, one contractor.
5. Question: Do the awarded contractors have the ability to decline individual work orders? **RESPONSE:** No.
6. Question: Are the FTTH build to 500 homes, the 200 miles of E-Rate construction, and the 50 miles of miscellaneous builds all anticipated to be completed in 2026?
RESPONSE: No.
7. Question: Who is doing the engineering on these projects?
RESPONSE: NTUA In House Designers.
8. Question: Will aerial fiber be placed in communication space or power space?
RESPONSE: Yes, comm.
9. Question: Does NTUA already have pole attachment agreements in place with the pole owners?
RESPONSE: NTUA owns the poles.



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10. **Question:** Can you share who the pole owners are?
RESPONSE: NTUA owns the poles.
11. **Question:** If prints are not currently available, can you provide a KMZ that outlines the route(s)?
RESPONSE: Not at the moment; ROW process takes a while, and most routes are not confirmed until ROW is completed.
12. **Question:** Will the winning bidder be required to perform any make ready work as part of the aerial construction scope. **RESPONSE:** No.
13. **Question:** What size conduit do you plan to place in the Underground portion?
RESPONSE: 2" orange conduit.
14. **Question:** On page 15, Item 1, "Installation of Fiber Optic Cable including the following tasks/equipment, (footage cost), inclusive of...".
 - a. We assume this is the aerial work. Does this include placement of strand AND Fiber? **RESPONSE:** Cost can be broken out to type.
 - b. If placement of strand is required, please answer the following:
 - i. What size strand does the tribe plan to use? **RESPONSE:** ¼".
 - ii. Will placement of anchors/downguys, grounding and bonding also be needed? If so, should this be included as an "all in" cost on item 1?
RESPONSE: No, NTUA will provide.
 - c. For the fiber placement, does the tribe plan to install MSTs? **RESPONSE:** Part of equipment, NTUA is responsible.
 - i. If so, should the cost to install the MST's be included in the Item 1 cost estimate?
15. **Question:** Will the winning bidder need to perform Fiber Splicing & Testing as part of the scope of this work? **RESPONSE:** No, NTUA's responsibility.
16. **Question:** On page 15, section 3, "Cost for Underground Installation in conduit (cost per foot)": Is this to place fiber into EXISTING conduit or is this to place conduit underground via trench/plow? **RESPONSE:** Include trench/plow.
 - a. If this item is to place conduit, do you want the winning bidders price to include the installation of fiber into this newly placed duct? **RESPONSE:** yes.
 - b. If this item is to place fiber into EXISTING conduit, can you share how old the conduit is, the conduit size, the distance between vault locations, and whether the conduit currently has a pull rope installed? **RESPONSE:** Only new install.
17. **Question:** Will a rock adder be acceptable as an adder for underground construction work or is the tribe looking for an "all in" underground price?
RESPONSE: Include cost for rock.



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18. **Question:** For the E-RATE segment, will the tribe need the winning bidder to perform inside path construction work at the building sites?
RESPONSE: No, NTUA responsibility.
19. **Question:** is there a map of this project that you could share?
RESPONSE: At this time, there are none. We're simply asking for the footage cost.
20. **Question:** In Section III – B – it is stated that the drawings will be provided by NTUA. When will we receive the drawings?
RESPONSE: When contract is awarded.
21. **Question:** Will a KMZ be made available to us?
RESPONSE: Not at this time; just asking for footage cost.
22. **Question:** Do TERO taxes apply?
RESPONSE: As noted on the bid form, there is Navajo Nation 6% Tax.
23. **Question:** Can NTUA provide estimated total linear footage for the FTTH work (500 homes), the ERATE routes (200 miles), and Miscellaneous projects (50 miles) broken out separately?
RESPONSE: FTTH - 10 miles; all others are already separated by distances; just need cost/footage/mile.
24. **Question:** Can NTUA provide estimated total linear footage for the FTTH work (500 homes), the ERATE routes (200 miles), and Miscellaneous projects (50 miles) broken out separately?
RESPONSE: TBD.
25. **Question:** What is the anticipated terrain type for the majority of the aerial work — flat desert, canyon, mountainous, or mixed?
RESPONSE: Varies (mix); Navajo Nation terrain (sandy, flat, rolling hills, small arroyos, no mountains in this job).
26. **Question:** Is messenger/support strand already installed on the existing poles where aerial lashing is required, or will any strand installation be needed? If strand is needed, is that in scope for the contractor?
RESPONSE: There is existing strand on backbone; routes in rural area, normally adss; spurs are adss.
27. **Question:** Are the existing poles already loaded/permitted for the additional fiber attachment weight, or will make-ready work be required prior to fiber installation?
RESPONSE: NTUA responsible for MR before project is constructed.
28. **Question:** What is the approximate average pole spacing along the routes?
RESPONSE: 350-400 after makeready is completed.



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29. **Question:** Item 1 of the Cost Estimate requests a footage cost but does not provide an estimated quantity. Should bidders provide a per-linear-foot unit rate only, or should a total estimated amount also be calculated using an NTUA-provided quantity?
RESPONSE: An estimated cost for footage for all encompassing work associated with job is requested.
30. **Question:** Since NTUA provides materials, what is the process for material pickup, inventory tracking, and replacement of damaged items?
RESPONSE: BOM (Bill of material) is sent to NTUA warehouse and warehouse packages the material for pick up; coordination with contractor will happen.
31. **Question:** What are the access rules for remote areas, and are escorts or community notifications required?
RESPONSE: Access will be provided when necessary.
32. **Question:** Are there weather-related blackout periods or ground-disturbance restrictions?
RESPONSE: Safe working environment is essential, so weather related stoppage is possible; all permits / line locates are requested prior to u/g work.
33. **Question:** Are there limitations on night work, weekend work, or access to schools for E-Rate segments?
RESPONSE: Work is 7-6pm daily; access will be coordinated as necessary.
34. **Question:** Will NTUA issue milestone-based payments tied to footage, segments, or functional acceptance?
RESPONSE: Yes, there is a possibility of length or duration is long.
35. **Question:** How will NTUA handle unforeseen conditions such as rock, utility conflicts, or reroutes?
RESPONSE: Will handle these if unforeseen with contractor.
36. **Question:** Are there Navajo Nation labor requirements or hiring preferences?
Response: Yes.
37. **Question:** Where will materials be stored, and will NTUA provide secure laydown yards?
RESPONSE: Once contractor gets material, they are responsible for their safe keeping.
38. **Question:** For overbuild or replacement segments, how will NTUA schedule and approve planned outages?
RESPONSE: For outage or service affecting work; time and procedure is established by owner and the NOC.
39. **Question:** How does NTUA prefer to handle subsurface unknowns, especially in remote or rocky terrain?
RESPONSE: Notification to owner (NTUA) point of contact is required.



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40. **Question:** What KPIs does NTUA use to evaluate contractor performance on fiber builds?

RESPONSE: Upon completion of project; inspection is done by Outside Plant Designer/Engineer and in closing our project, the Inspector does another inspection of the completed line.

41. **Question:** Are as-built formats intended to integrate with NTUA's GIS or asset-management systems?

RESPONSE: Yes.

42. **Question:** Is there a preliminary map/Design showing anticipated Quantities in specific locations across the Community?

RESPONSE: Not yet.

43. **Question:** Will prevailing Davis Bacon Wages apply to this project?

RESPONSE: No.

44. **Question:** In SECTION IV: Cost - Estimate are there base estimated footages to extend to the amount Is the amount a lump sum or is it a unit rate extended by a est qty.

RESPONSE: The unit price is multiplied by the distances of fiber installed, so it should be encompassing all aspects of work involved. Separation of other extending circumstances like U/G, Boring, etc.

In acknowledging this addendum, ensure a signed copy is included within the proposal response. Thank you.

ADDENDUM NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Company Name/Address

Signature/Title

Date