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Subject: RFP #1229-P: Radio Communications System Consultant – Addendum #2

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Included herein is additional information and clarification for the above referenced request for proposals. Please consider all of this information when preparing your proposal.

- 1. Will we require the consultant to be registered as a Professional Engineer (PE), or be able to provide a PE if needed (e.g. for constructing a tower)? If so; must they be registered in the State of Georgia?** Yes, this is a Georgia State Law. Either option will be acceptable.
- 2. Do you have a main dispatch center and a backup dispatch center?** Yes. The main 911 Center is located at 100 Volunteer Way in Fayetteville Georgia. Currently there is not a backup Center; however there is funding set aside to establish a true backup Center.
- 3. How many positions do you have (911)?** The 911 Center currently operates with 8 positions, but was designed to be able to add 2 additional positions as we grow.
- 4. Are you considering a stand-alone or regional system?** The purpose of the consultant is to help educate and recommend the best solution for Fayette County.
- 5. Do you own all seven towers? And where are the locations of the towers?**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Prime Site:	
116 Volunteer Way, Fayetteville	Fayette County
Remote Sites:	
431 Porter Road, Fayetteville	American Tower, L.P.
1305 West Highway 54, Fayetteville	American Tower, L.P.
1479 North Highway 92, Fayetteville	Global Signal Acquisitions
365 Swanson Road, Tyrone	American Tower, L.P.
101 Railroad Avenue, Brooks	Sprintcom, Inc.
153 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City	City of Peachtree City

6. **How many user groups are currently on the system Public Safety and Non-Public Safety? What is the total number of users?** There are 7 Public Safety and 4 Non-Public Safety user groups but through the implementation of the new system all user groups will be migrated over. There are approximately a combination of 1800 Mobiles and Portables throughout the county (Public Safety and Non-Public Safety).
7. **Are there any DBE or MBE Requirements for this project?** No.
8. **Is there or can we receive a list of the county supported facilities that would have a system in need of upgrade or assessment? This would help determine man hours and travel expense between site visits etc.?** 911 Communications, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office.
9. **Are we to assume existing Tower and/or roof structures will be re-used for any external antenna upgrades/changes?** The simple answer is yes, but based on the system analysis to be performed, could possibly change the roadmap.
10. **Does the County have a proposed timeline or timetable in which this work will need to commence and cease?** The commencement is based on the SPLOST and if it passes, the Counties plan is looking at a 3 to 5 year plan from now.
11. **Any Low Voltage License requirements for any of the cable infrastructure work for the upgrade phase?** None that we are aware of today, but that is the purpose of the analysis.
12. **Which NEC/NFPA Fire Code has the County adopted? In recent years additional language has been added to the Annex sections that addresses indoor public safety systems?** The NEC is the 2014 Version, NFPA70 and the Fire is 2012.
13. **The RFP does not describe what relative percentage or number of points will be allocated for each evaluation criteria employed by the County. Please advise the relative evaluation difference between the four criteria described by the RFP's indicated Evaluation Plan.**

Evaluation criteria are listed in the RFP in priority order. In an effort to facilitate preparation of proposals, the county is providing the maximum numerical points for each of the criteria as follows:

1. Understanding and approach	Maximum 40 points
2. Project team	Maximum 30 points
3. Firm's expertise and experience	Maximum 20 points
4. Quality of written proposal	<u>Maximum 10 points</u>
Total points for technical merit	Maximum 100 points

As specified in the RFP, the total number of points will comprise 70% of the score for the written proposal as submitted.

A maximum of 30 points will be awarded for proposed prices. If a short list is created for in-person presentations, it will be done at this point, based on the combined technical merit and price scores.

14. **If an oral presentation is requested, what percentage of points will be allocated to that activity?** If we interview two or more companies, we will award up to 40 additional points, which will be added to the technical merit score.
15. **If an oral presentation is requested, will presenters be allowed an opportunity to change or modify any aspect of its previously-furnished, written proposal submittal?** After proposals are opened on the scheduled date and time, proposals cannot be changed or modified. This does not, however, include acceptable and customary negotiation practices such as best & final offers.
16. **The RFP requires proposers to describe the full capability of their firms with respect to projects of the scope and type envisioned by the County. In doing so, should responding firms be required to:**
 - **Disclose and describe, within the past seven years, its failure to complete projects of a similar type and scope and, if any such failures have occurred, the reasons why?**
 - **Disclose if the proposer, within the past seven years, has ever been removed or replaced on a contracted project of similar scope and complexity?**
 - **Disclose if the proposer, within the past seven years, has been involved in litigation or mediation relief sought by a client because of radio consulting services of the type required by this RFP?**

The RFP does not require proposals to address these issues.

17. **Would any of the items described in Question #16 disqualify a proposal submittal during the County's evaluation process?** The RFP does not require proposals to address these issues.
18. **The County cites it is pursuing a special local option sales tax (SPLOST) to fund (in whole or part) this radio project's completion. To more fully understand the project's definition and cost, a response to the following is requested:**
 - **Is the radio enhancement project and cost envisioned by the County that described by the attached document: *911 Public Safety Radio System*? If so, was this information the work product - all or part - of a prior radio consulting firm?** Within the last 2 years the county received a rough estimate for a project of this scope.
 - **Based on this document, is the required completion date for the new radio system July 18, 2018 and, if so, when does the County anticipate a notice to proceed for the new radio consulting firm?** That is based on the March 21st SPLOST vote. If it passes then the process will start, if not the County will re-evaluate the next step.

19. **Does the County currently have their own radio technicians who maintain the system or is this function outsourced?** The County has staff that is trained to program radios, but all other maintenance and support is outsourced.

20. **In the PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS section of the RFP, the requirements state “Proposals must include the following, in the order shown”. Under Section 7 “Quality of Written Proposal”, can you state what information the County would like included?** The referenced Section 7 provides that the Evaluation Team will “consider such factors as effectiveness of communications, relevance of information provided, overall layout, or other factors as may be appropriate.” This part of the evaluation will consider the entire proposal.

21. **In the PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS section of the RFP, the requirements state “Proposals must include the following, in the order shown”. Under Section 8 “References”, this section states “Supply a list of contracts completed in the last twelve months that were of similar nature”. Is it the intention of the County to only collect references in this section to contracts completed in the last twelve months or would the County prefer to see a larger set of references such as for those projects referenced under Section 6? Additionally, can you explain the relationship between the information requested in this section and the information requested on “References” form contained in the RFP?**

All instructions and directions in the Request for Proposals concerning References, and concerning are replaced with the following stipulations:

Demonstrate the firm’s experience and qualifications by listing relevant projects that were similar to the work addressed by this Request for Proposals. Projects within the last five years are preferred, but projects over five years ago may be considered if relevant. Include contact information for each project in your list. This list will also serve as the reference list, and the county will choose which to contact.

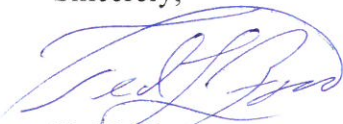
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Note: If this addendum is not returned to the Fayette County Purchasing Department or if it is returned not signed, all responders shall still be responsible for the requirements of this addendum and the specifications or changes herein.

The opening date for this request for proposal has not changed. **The opening date is: 3:00pm, Thursday, March 2, 2017.** Proposals must be received in the Purchasing Department at the address above in Suite 204 on or before the opening date and time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ted L. Burgess
Director of Purchasing

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