

SECOND ADDENDUM

to

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

seeking

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT DESIGN and ENGINEERING SERVICES

for

The Puerto Rico Broadband Program of the Puerto Rico Office of Management and Budget

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On January 22, 2023, the Puerto Rico Broadband Program (“PRBP”), of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”), issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to obtain proposals from duly competent firms that can assist the PRBP and/or the Government of Puerto Rico (“Commonwealth”; together with the PRBP and OMB, the “Government Parties”) with the design and engineering of a buried conduit and fiber optic network that will interconnect up to the seventy-eight (78) Municipalities of Puerto Rico and, additionally, up to three (3) planned and one (1) existing subsea landing stations in connection with the PRBP and/or the Strategic Plan – as defined in **Section 1.5** of the RFP – as further defined thereunder in **Section 2.2** (the “Services”, or the “Scope of Work”). Thereafter, on January 5, 2024, the Government Parties issued a First Addendum to the RFP, for the purposes detailed thereunder.

The Government Parties issue this Second Addendum to the RFP (“Second Addendum”), pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the RFP, including, but not limited to, **Section 6** of the RFP, solely and exclusively for revising the following exhibit (“Exhibit 2”):

Exhibit 2 – Technical Evaluation Committee, Evaluation Criteria.

Therefore, this Second Addendum deletes and replaces Exhibit 2 to read as follows (changes from previous version have been typed in color red for ease of identification:

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Exhibit 2 – Technical Evaluation Committee, Evaluation Criteria

Pursuant to **Section 5.1** of this RFP, the Technical Evaluation Committee will consider the following criterion in its assessment of the proposals received under this RFP:

I. Introduction

- A clear understanding of the project requirements and objectives(5 Points)
- Demonstrated knowledge of Puerto Rico's telecom infrastructure challenges(5 Points)
- A concise and compelling introduction to the proposed solution(5 Points)

TOTAL: 15 Points

II. Technical Proposal

A. Design and Technology

- Comprehensive description of the proposed conduit and fiber system design, including open-access Feature..... (10 Points)
- Utilization of cutting-edge technology ensuring high capacity, resiliency, and redundancy (5 Points)
- Explanation of disaster resilience measures, including hardened resiliency and Redundancy (5 Points)

TOTAL: 20 Points

B. Implementation Plan

- Detailed project timeline with milestones, clearly indicating engineering and design phases..... (10 Points)
- Resource allocation and project management approach, emphasizing resiliency Planning..... (5 Points)
- Accelerated timeline for construction drawings off the Target Timeline in section 4.3.....(10 Points)

TOTAL: 25 Points

C. Network Standards, Best Practices, and Quality Control Recommendations

- Develop industry approved network engineering standards and best practices to be utilized throughout the duration of the project..... (1 Point)
- Recommendations for quality control measures for conduit installation and fiber deployment,
- ensuring industry standards are met or exceeded (1 Point)
- Detail recommended testing protocols for the entire system, including redundancy testing.
- Scenarios..... (1 Point)

TOTAL: 3 Points

III. Budget and Cost Effectiveness

- Transparency and accuracy in budget breakdown, including specialized engineering, design, and permitting costs **(5 Points)**
 - Cost-effectiveness of the proposed solution in relation to the project scope, considering long-term maintenance costs **(5 Points)**
 - Demonstrated ability to maximize grant funds and provide value for money **(5 Points)**
- TOTAL: 15 Points**

IV. Socio-Economic Impact and Community Engagement

- Explanation of how the project will create jobs, stimulate the local economy, and support local talent **(5 Points)**
 - Comprehensive community engagement strategies, including public consultations, addressing concerns, and stakeholder involvement..... **(5 Points)**
- TOTAL: 10 Points**

V. Environmental Considerations

- Recommend considerations for environmentally friendly construction practices and materials usage, emphasizing sustainable and recyclable resources **(3 Points)**
 - Identify any potential opportunities to implement energy-efficient infrastructure and equipment selection, minimizing the environmental footprint **(3 Points)**
- TOTAL: 6 Points**

VI. Compliance and Risk Management

- Provide the necessary assurances that the proposer is in good standing with, and possesses all required licensing and documentation to contract with government entities **(2 Points)**
 - Demonstrate compliance to local and federal regulations, standards, and permits, emphasizing safety and legal adherence **(2 Points)**
 - Develop a Risk Mitigation Plan that addresses any potential challenges and delays, focusing on and redundancy and fallback options..... **(2 Points)**
- TOTAL: 6 Points**

TOTAL EVALUATION SCORING: 100 Points

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RFP SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

This Second Addendum does not modify, change, nor alter any the terms and conditions set forth in the RFP, other than the revisions detailed herein for Exhibit 2. The other clauses, requirements, timeliness, deadlines, and other terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain unaltered.

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