

Intended Single Source Purchase: Broadband Capacity Analysis Services/Service Provider Facilitation/Digital Equity Program Design and Grant Application Assistance

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The description of services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with section 3.9, Procurement Ordinance 23-21 and will be posted for a minimum of 15 business days.

Commodity or Service Required:

Broadband Capacity Analysis Services/Service Provider Facilitation/Digital Equity Program Design and Grant Application Assistance

Description:

Lee County Strategic Resources & Government Affairs is seeking to execute a single source for analysis and planning for the Lee County Local Technology Planning Team's (LTPT) broadband services initiative. Work includes the refinement and documentation of the programs and activities recommended In the LTPT's Broadband and Digital Equity Plan that was submitted to the State's Office of Broadband. Activities will include working with the LTPT Extended Team Members, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and the State's Office of Broadband regarding fiber and broadband access program designs, and assistance with writing and submittal of grant applications to provide necessary funding in support of the identified broadband programs and projects. Grants available for upcoming application submittals include the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity, Adoption, and Use 'Competitive' grant programs, and the State's Digital Equity, Adoption, and Use 'Capacity' grant programs.

Intended Single Source:

Dense Networks

Justification for Single Source Acquisition:

Lee County has worked with Dense Networks since the start of both the Broadband Services Gap Analysis American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) Project and the LTPT's Broadband Services Project in support of the State's Office of Broadband. Continuity is essential to time sensitive grant application submittals.

Recommended Procurement Approach:

For the reason(s) stated above, Lee County Procurement Management intends to utilize the Single Source Procurement method to purchase from Dense Networks for supplying the above.

Respond to:

If your firm feels they have the ability to supply the above, please contact Jennifer Brewer-Dano, Lee County Procurement Management at jbrewer-dano@leegov.com for review.