

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

February 5, 2025

**The Crossville Telephone Company Connect Illinois CommScope FEC-24 Request for Quotes
Grant Agreement # 21-431010**

The notice to bidders defines general parameters of the Quote.

1. Owner
The Crossville Telephone Company
Attn: Chris Brkla
302 W. Main St.
Crossville, IL 62827
2. Email quotes are due to Finley Engineering Company Inc. no later than **1 p.m. February 14, 2025**.
Email Quotations to: Nancy Allison n.allison@finleyusa.com
3. The CommScope FEC-24 Request for Quotes is for a "Best Value" solicitation; which is a combination of price and timeframe for delivery.
4. There will not be a conference to review the Request for Proposals, if there are any questions regarding the Material Specification and Request for Pricing; please contact Nancy Allison with Finley Engineering. Answers to any questions which result in changes to the Material Specification and Request for Pricing will be communicated to the companies indicating in interest in this Request for Proposals.

Finley Engineering, Nancy Allison: n.allison@finleyusa.com
5. Materials will be for a CommScope FEC-24 to be used in completion of a Connect Illinois FTTH Broadband Project in White County, Illinois. The construction of the Connect Illinois FTTH Project will begin in April 2025.

Please see Attachment A: Crossville CommScope FEC-24 Fiber Entrance Cabinet.
6. Vendors are to provide product data sheet for the CommScope FEC-24 solution.
7. The successful bidder will be required to obtain a Bid Bond for the proposed product.

Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program Requirements

Certain requirements are incumbent on The Crossville Telephone Company, and include certain provisions outlined in Connect Illinois Grant Agreement # 21-431010. It is expected this CommScope FEC-24 will fit the requirements of a Micro purchase and the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program Requirements; therefore we are using an expedited process soliciting quotes for the CommScope FEC-24 Fiber Entrance Cabinet.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.322, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, Grantee must, to the greatest extent practicable under this Award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Lobbying Disclosure and Certification Form indicating.

Grantee certifies that it will not use and has not used Grant Funds to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any government agency or a member or employee of the State or federal legislature in connection with the awarding of any agreement, the making of any grant, the making of any loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any agreement, grant, loan or cooperative agreement. Additionally, Grantee certifies that it has filed the required certification under the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352), if applicable.

If any federal funds, other than federally-appropriated funds, were paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any of the above persons in connection with this Agreement, the undersigned must also complete and submit Federal Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form, in accordance with its instructions.

Grantee warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its subrecipients have complied and will comply with Illinois Executive Order No. 1 (2007) (EO 1-2007). EO 1-2007 generally prohibits grantees and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor's family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments, if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over \$25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year period preceding the procurement lobbying activity.

For fulfilling Procurement Requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, The Crossville Telephone Company is utilizing a full and open procurement for material required to complete Grant Award 21-431010.

Please see below for the scoring rubric for evaluating the best material solutions for Grant Award 21-431010. All vendor proposals will be scored fairly against this scoring rubric.

Qualifications Evaluation Criteria

The Crossville Telephone Company evaluation team will assess each vendor response and rank on a vendor product basis.

Category

Maximum Points

Availability and Delivery of Material:

50

Timelines for delivery of material to The Crossville Telephone Company for an April 2025 project start.

Pricing:

50

Proposed pricing for the required materials, noting any specific discounts and payment terms which are advantageous to The Crossville Telephone Company. Identify individual cost line items for the material and separate cost line items for taxes and shipping. Include the cost of a Bid Bond in your proposed pricing.

Total Points Available

100