



ADDENDUM #2

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TO: ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS

FROM: RON VENTURELLA, BUNCOMBE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM #1 FOR RFP HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES

The following changes, revisions, additions, and/or clarifications to the plans and/or specifications are hereby made a part of the original documents.

Addendum # 2

The following questions were asked by potential submitters (listed in no particular order):

- 1. Can the county provide the shape or mapping files that were used to identify the under/underserved parcels in the provided map link? This data would help tremendously with our evaluation.**
<https://unca.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=34a7bf0de90e40a9a46f7ae4ce7d9f39>
 - a. The shape file is available at this link (please copy and paste into your browser if the hyperlink does not work):
<https://unca.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=b0da65a1f3bd4ac58d891daae7cde516>
- 2. The RFP mentions two grants, NC GREAT Grant and USDA ReConnect Grant, as potential sources of funding. Can you please provide commentary around why these targeted areas would qualify and what assistance is envisioned by the county to help secure these grants?**
 - a. Federal and State grant sources typically focus on underserved areas. The eligibility maps for these grant programs may change in the future, but would expect the primary drivers to be underserved areas.
- 3. Has the county approved any monetary contributions for this project? If dollars are required from the county, what is the process and timeline for approval?**
 - a. This project is identified as a priority of the Buncombe County Commissioners during the FY2022 Budget Retreat.
 - b. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded to the provider(s). The contract will identify terms including Buncombe County financial contributions and the schedule of contributions over the project lifecycle. This contract will require Board of Commissioner approval at a public meeting.
- 4. What assistance can be provided in securing access to non-county owned properties and providing necessary backhaul to locations? Will the county ok fast-tracking approvals for the selected provider?**
 - a. The County may work with the provider and non-county owner properties to identify agreements to allow access. The County may leverage relationships with local governments and other entities to facilitate discussions and agreements.

- b. The County will prioritize individual projects, but all projects must adhere to local permitting and planning guidelines.

5. Will the county offer access/co-location on county-owned sites for nominal rents?

- a. The County will consider access/co-location on a case-by-case basis. County may charge Vendor(s) as may be authorized or required by law for access to County assets and infrastructure as required by law.

6. Will county provide maps of existing fiber availability including to county assets?

- a. Buncombe County does not have comprehensive maps of provider fiber networks and availability. Local providers include, but are not limited to, Charter, AT&T and ERC. However, the County has provided a map of underserved areas which provides street level data regarding parcels that do not have access based on the technical requirements of this RFP.

7. Will the county allow construction, where feasible, on any county-owned lands?

- a. The County will consider construction on county-owned lands on a case-by-case basis. All projects must adhere to local permitting and planning guidelines.

8. Do you have a KMZ file or lats and longs of the survey access points and the other unserved / underserved areas for better analysis by our engineers?

- a. KMZ file attached. The KMZ files are mapping files that can be opened by Google Earth, imported into Google Maps or converted to ESRI products using the tools included in their suite.



Buncombe_Broadband_Sufficiency (Q8).kmz

9. Do you have a KMZ file or lats and longs of the Tower data for both 3rd party towers as well as County towers for better analysis by our engineers? The address data is not complete enough to capture every location.

- a. KMZ file attached. The KMZ files are mapping files that can be opened by Google Earth, imported into Google Maps or converted to ESRI products using the tools included in their suite.



Buncombe_Towers (Q9).kmz

10. Do you have a KMZ file or lats and longs of other county facilities (buildings, fiber, etc.) that may be available for a wireless solution as a part of the RFP objective?

- a. KMZ file attached. The KMZ files are mapping files that can be opened by Google Earth, imported into Google Maps or converted to ESRI products using the tools included in their suite.



BuncombeFacilities (Q10).kmz

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