



ADDENDUM #1

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TO: ALL POTENTIAL SUBMITTERS

FROM: RON VENTURELLA, BUNCOMBE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGER

**SUBJECT: ADDENDUM #1 FOR RFP
DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

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

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

1. How many County properties (approximately) are included in the scope of the project?
 - a. **That will depend on the viability of the potential sites and will be determined definitively after the award is made and work begins with the selected bidder.**
2. Are Buncombe County Board of Education properties included in the available properties?
 - a. **Potentially. Buncombe County Schools are a separate entity, but we share the same goals when it comes to broadband/wireless coverage. Management for the Schools and Management for the Government have worked collaboratively on similar projects.**
3. How many existing tower leases does the County have with wireless carriers and/or tower companies? Please provide detail which carriers and tower companies the County has contracts with.
 - a. **The County currently transmits from (17) tower sites. Those are broken down as:**
 - i. **(7) are owned outright, meaning the County owns the land and tower**
 - ii. **(4) are County owned towers with revenue-based leases in place to landowners**
 - iii. **(6) are towers where the County is a tenant in all respects**
 - b. **The County currently has leases in place with:**

- i. Verizon**
 - ii. US Cellular**
 - iii. Progress Energy**
 - iv. Crown Castle**
 - v. Global Tower Services**
 - vi. Several private entities**
- 4. How many existing rooftop and non-tower structure leases does the County have with wireless carriers? (We acknowledge that the contract is initially only new towers and not rooftops.)
 - a. No rooftop structures are currently leased with wireless carriers. The County does have its own rooftop transmission equipment on several rooftops.**
- 5. For new individual tower leases, is the County limited to a maximum lease term or should respondents propose the term length for each lease?
 - a. We are not aware of a maximum lease term; we would be interested to see what the selected bidder would propose for lease term lengths.**
- 6. Are the County properties exempt from County Zoning?
 - a. Not specifically but there are mechanisms in place to facilitate the potential erection of telecommunication equipment on County-owned properties.**
- 7. Are the County properties exempt from local zoning in the incorporated jurisdictions?
 - a. No, but to reiterate what was stated in relation to County Schools – we have worked with several municipalities collaboratively on similar projects.**

END OF ADDENDUM #1

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