



Request for Quotation

ROAD BORING SERVICES

RFQ# 20-006

Matanuska Telecom Association, Inc. (“**MTA**”) is soliciting bids from pre-qualified contractors to perform road boring services (“**Services**”) within its exchange areas for the upcoming construction season. This Request for Quote (“**RFQ**”) outlines the specifications for the work we are bidding, the bidding procedure and the contract award process.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- A. **REGIONS.** For purposes of this Agreement, MTA’s service area is divided into three (3) regions. The “**Denali Region**” is defined as all areas south of the Parks Highway Mile post 291 to the Parks Highway Milepost 201. The “**Northern Region**” is defined as all areas north of the intersection of Talkeetna Spur (including Talkeetna) and the Parks Highway north to Parks Highway Milepost 201. The “**Southern Region**” is defined as all other areas south of Talkeetna Spur, extending to Eagle River and Sheep Mountain
- B. **UNIT BASE DEFINITIONS.** Each individual job will consist of one or more bores, which will utilize steel pipe and/or HDPE duct. Individual jobs are measured and compensated in terms of a Unit Base quantity. The Unit Base descriptions are as follows:
- “**BM60 ()**”. This Unit Base consists of one (1) linear foot of steel pipe, with the inside diameter (ID) specified in parentheses, installed in place. This unit includes the excavation, pushing of the pipe, backfilling and compaction to permit specifications. The pipe shall be installed at a depth specified by MTA and shall be free of any sharp projections which could damage the outer jacket of the cable or wire upon installation by MTA. Upon completion of the bore, contractor shall cap and flag the ends of the pipe.
 - “**BM60 ()DP**”. This Unit Base consists of one (1) linear foot of HDPE (black with orange stripe) duct, with the ID specified in parentheses, installed in place. The DP designates directional boring and plastic duct. This unit includes the excavation, directional boring and back pull of the duct, backfilling and compaction to permit specifications. The duct shall be installed at a depth specified by MTA and shall be free of any sharp projections which could damage the outer jacket of the cable or wire upon installation by MTA. Upon completion of the bore, contractor shall seal the ends of the duct.
- C. **MATERIALS.** Contractor will be responsible for supplying all materials.
- D. The Agreement will cover all road boring jobs released to the contractor between 4/1/23 and 3/31/24, however this expiration may be extended at MTA’s sole discretion. The prices that you bid must be held firm for the entire term of the Agreement.



2. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- A. **BID FORMAT.** For the Southern Region, your cost per foot will include your mobilization cost. For the Denali and Northern Region, you may include a separate mobilization cost (round trip) as well as a cost per foot for each Unit Base. For each Job the contractor completes in the Denali or Northern Region, the billing will reflect the cost for each bore plus a single mobilization charge. Your bid prices must be good through April 30, 2024. All bids must be submitted using the attached Road Boring Bid Sheet (Exhibit A) and must be signed and dated.
- B. **QUESTIONS.** Any questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing (email) to Alisha Naylor Sr. Contract Officer at MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com If we believe our response to your question is significant to the outcome of the bidding process, your question and our response will be provided to all bidders.
- C. **BID CLOSING.** **YOUR BID MUST BE RECEIVED BY MTA NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON February 17, 2023.** Bids received after this time may not receive consideration. Bids can be hand delivered, mailed, emailed or faxed as noted below:
 - Mail:** 1740 S. Chugach St., Palmer, AK 99645 Attn: Contract Administration
 - Hand Delivery:** 480 Commercial Drive in Palmer
 - Email:** MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com
 - Fax:** (907) 761-2540 (also mail original documents)
- D. **AWARD METHOD.** Bids will be opened privately. MTA will select a “**Preferred Contractor**”. We will execute a Road Boring Agreement with the Preferred Contractor. All bidders will be notified as to the Preferred Contractor within two (2) business days of the bid closing. Other than the name of the Preferred Contractor, we will not disclose bid prices or bidder names.
- E. **PREFERRED CONTRACTOR.** As individual jobs are released, the Preferred Contractor will be notified. Notification will be via email. If, for any reason, the Preferred Contractor (i) does not accept a job within the notification period, (ii) does not complete a job by the agreed upon date, or (iii) exhibits poor workmanship, the contractor will lose its preferred status and a replacement contractor will be selected for the balance of the construction season.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. **RIGHT OF REJECTION.** While it is MTA’s intent to award this business on the basis of the bids received and demonstrated experience; MTA reserves the right, when in its best interest, to accept or reject any or all bids.
- B. **COLLUSION.** Any evidence of agreement or collusion among the bidders acting to illegally restrain freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise, shall render the bids of such bidders void and shall disqualify them from future MTA business for a period not less than three (3) years.
- C. **CONTACTING MTA.** Questions concerning this RFQ or requests for additional information should be sent to Alisha Naylor via email at MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com.

****Revised Exhibit A****

ROAD BORING BID SHEET

The prices shown below are valid for all bores performed by Contractor from April 2023, through April 30, 2024, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.

Unit Base Description	Cost
Mobilization – Denali Region	\$ _____/Job
Mobilization – Northern Region	\$ _____/Job
BM60 (2") (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (4") (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (1.25")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (2")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (2"+1.25")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (2" + 2 ea 1.25")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (2 ea 1.25")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (3 ea 1.25")DP (SDR 13.5) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (3.5")DP (SDR 11) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot
BM60 (5.3")DP (SDR 11) (material & labor)	\$ _____/Foot

By submitting this Bid, Contractor represents that it has taken all reasonable steps to ascertain the nature and local conditions for the services to be performed. Contractor understands that local conditions will vary from job to job.

Bid submitted by:

Bid accepted by:

MATANUSKA TELECOM ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: _____
(signature)

By: _____
(signature)

Name: _____

Name: Wanda Tankersley

Title: _____

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: _____

Date: _____