REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – BEAD CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

RFQ 2026-019

Matanuska Telecom Association, Inc. ("MTA") is soliciting bids from pre-qualified contractors to perform broadband construction services within MTA's service areas. This Request for Quotation ("RFQ") describes the procurement process, bid requirements, award method, and BEAD-related obligations. The MTA Unit Price Agreement and its exhibits will be provided with this RFQ and, upon execution, will govern performance of the work.

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) funds the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD). The State of Alaska was awarded $1,017,139,672.42; The State subsequently awarded MTA a subaward through the Alaska Broadband Grant Program. Under this subaward MTA will deploy fiber broadband to unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations in Big Lake, Eagle River, Healy, Palmer, Talkeetna, Wasilla, Willow.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected contractor shall provide unit-price construction services in various service regions. Each assignment ("Job") will include one or more bid units identified in Exhibit A. The contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, transportation, tools, and equipment required to complete assigned Jobs, except for materials expressly identified as MTA-furnished.

The selected contractor must be an IBEW 1547 signatory.

All work shall be performed in accordance with the executed MTA Unit Price Agreement, MTA OSP Construction Standards, project job prints, digital staking sheets, permits, schedules, and applicable exhibits. The Unit Price Agreement governs construction methods, safety, traffic control, environmental protection, locating, right-of-way and property coordination, materials, restoration, documentation, testing, acceptance, warranty, invoicing, and contractor performance requirements.

3. SERVICE REGIONS

Big Lake, Eagle River, Healy, Palmer, Talkeetna, Wasilla, Willow

4. COMPLIANCE

The selected contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. NTIA and Alaska Broadband Office requirements shall apply to the contractor. Contractor shall read and comply with all applicable requirements in the MTA Unit Price Agreement, State of Alaska Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Alaska Broadband Grant Program Grant Agreement, project permits, and written MTA directives, including, but not limited to:

- Build America, Buy America ("BABA") requirements and supporting material documentation
- Environmental and historic preservation requirements;
- Labor, workforce, and project progress reporting requirements;
- Insurance coverage requirements; and
- Record retention, audit support, and access-to-records requirements

The contractor shall timely provide records, certifications, invoices, daily reports, material documentation, test results, as-built information, and other supporting information reasonably requested by MTA to demonstrate compliance and support reimbursement, reporting, inspection, or audit activities.

5. BID FORMAT AND PRICING

Bids must be submitted on the Unit Price Contract Bid Sheet (Exhibit A). All bid sheets must be signed and dated. Bid prices shall remain valid through December 31, 2026. Any qualifications, exceptions, exclusions, or proposed changes shall be clearly identified with the bid. MTA is not obligated to accept bidder exceptions.

6. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted by email to MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com. When MTA determines that a response may materially affect the bidding process, the question and MTA's response may be distributed to all bidders. **Deadline for all questions is Friday, October 9, 2026 by 5PM**.

7. BID CLOSING AND DELIVERY

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MTA NO LATER THAN 5PM ALASKA TIME ON Friday, October 16, 2026.

Bids received after the deadline may not be considered. Bids may be submitted the following method:

- Email: MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com

8. AWARD METHOD

Bids will be opened privately. MTA intends to select one or more preferred contractors based on pricing, demonstrated experience, capacity, past performance, schedule capability, compliance with the solicitation requirements, and MTA's best interests. MTA may execute a Unit Price Agreement with each selected contractor. Except as required by law or policy, MTA does not intend to disclose bid prices or unsuccessful bidder information.

9. RIGHT OF REJECTION AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

MTA reserves the right, when in its best interest, to accept or reject any or all bids; waive informalities or minor irregularities; request clarification or additional information; negotiate with one or more bidders; modify or cancel this solicitation; and award all, part, or none of the work. Issuance of this RFQ does not obligate MTA to award a contract or reimburse any bidder for proposal preparation costs.

10. COLLUSION

Evidence of agreement or collusion among bidders intended to unlawfully restrain competition, fix prices, or otherwise compromise the integrity of the procurement may render the affected bids void and may disqualify the bidders from future MTA business for a period determined by MTA.

11. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

If a conflict exists among the solicitation documents, the executed Unit Price Agreement and written amendments issued by MTA shall control over this RFQ. Job-specific permits, plans, and written instructions shall control only as to the specific Job and only to the extent they impose more specific requirements consistent with the Unit Price Agreement.

14. RFQ CONTACT

MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com

15. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS :

Contractor submits:

a. NAICS code
b. Health & Safety plan/manual
c. Site specific health & safety plan
d. Training records/certifications of employees (fall protection, confined space, OSHA 30, etc.) to ensure workers are properly trained (and less likely to be injured) in their field of work
e. Previous three (3) years OSHA Logs (2023, 2024, 2025) for injury types & causes for evaluation
f. TRIR from previous three (3) years: (example: 2023, 2024, 2025)
g. Three-year TRIR average
h. Current TRIR (Jan. 1 – submittal date)

16. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Bidder shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of any governmental authority, and will obtain at its expense all permits and licenses pertaining to its obligations under this Order. Unless exempted, Bidder shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 and all applicable rules, regulations, and relevant orders pertaining to Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Section 4212 of the Vietnam Era Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended.

17. INDEMNIFICATION. Bidder agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Buyer, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) for injury or death of persons or damage to any property which may result, in whole or in part, from any act or omission on the part of Bidder, its agents, employees or representatives, or arising from any Bidder furnished goods or services, except to the extent that such damage is due solely and directly to the negligence of Buyer.

18. CONTRACT / PO MODIFICATIONS: Following a contract award, MTA reserves the right to modify any portion of this RFQ or amend terms and conditions if it becomes necessary. Any modification which affects this RFQ, or period of performance, will be negotiated with the Bidder to determine the cost impact and Bidder's capability to accept the modification.

19. QUOTE ERRORS: MTA shall not be liable for any errors in the quote. MTA reserves the right to make corrections or amendments due to errors identified within the quote. This type of correction or amendment shall only be allowed for such errors as typing or any other obvious error.

20. WRITTEN ADDENDUM: No verbal modification or interpretation of any provision contained within this RFQ will be held as legally binding, unless supported by written addendum as issued by MTA. It shall remain the responsibility of the Bidder to acknowledge and comply with all issued addenda in the Bidder's quote.

MTA separately reserves the right to reject all proposals and to negotiate with a respondent or other party to obtain service. MTA retains sole discretion to determine what proposal best suits its interests and enter into an appropriate contract.

21. SAMPLE CONTRACT OR MINIMUM MANDATORY CONTRACT PROVISIONS :

In addition to carefully reading all of the information in the RFQ, all Bidders must carefully read and review the attached sample Unit Price Agreement (EXHIBIT C). The successful Bidder shall be required to provide proof of state certification and insurance as well as enter into an Agreement with MTA which will be substantially similar to the sample.

Therefore, the Bidder must make any proposed changes to the sample Agreement which the Bidder desires. All changes must be made legibly and conspicuously on all copies submitted. The rationale for all changes must also be provided by the Bidder.

IF NO CHANGES ARE MADE, THE BIDDER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE SAMPLE AGREEMENT. IF CHANGES ARE MADE BY THE BIDDER, SUCH CHANGES WILL BE CONSIDERED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH MTA. CHANGES MADE TO THE SAMPLE AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED DURING QUOTE EVALUATIONS.

ATTACHMENT: Attachment 1 – Alaska Broadband Grant Program, MTA Grant

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A – Unit Price Contract Bid Sheet. Must be completed as issued – no changes or modifications.
- Exhibit B – Warehouse Requisition Procedure
- Exhibit C – MTA Unit Price Agreement and Applicable Construction Requirements
- Exhibit D – Sample Job Documents
- Exhibit E – Service region maps
- Exhibit F – Project data

Please contact MTA-Contracts@mtasolutions.com for the full RFQ documents.