

Notice to Proposers

RFP# 23-001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DESOTO COUNTY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM FOR DESOTO COUNTY, MS

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors (the County) will be accepting Proposals for an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to provide broadband wireline service for the **DeSoto County Broadband Connectivity Program** in the unserved or underserved areas of DeSoto County, through a federal and/or state funded grant program, until **10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on the 19th day of December 2022.**

Specifications are on file in the Office of Procurement, DeSoto County Administration Building, 365 Loshier Street, Suite 340, Hernando, Mississippi, during normal business hours. Information concerning this request for proposals ("RFP") can also be found on the Procurement Page @desotocountymiss.gov at no cost or from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com for a fee. All proposals must comply with the specifications provided. DeSoto County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all having requested RFP packets from the DeSoto County Office of Procurement.

The County will evaluate submissions from qualified respondent(s) and make its selection based on information that appears to best serve the interests of DeSoto County. Upon completing the selection process, contract negotiations will proceed with one or more respondents based upon a competitive ranking process, that may include, but not be limited to, the responsiveness to the RFP; the estimated overall costs; overall satisfaction of the functional specifications and requirements set forth in the RFP; experience of the proposer (personnel qualifications and experience, past performance and quality of service); demonstrated ability to provide services; financial stability and capabilities as outlined in the proposers statement of qualifications. After selection of the most qualified proposal or proposals, the County may negotiate and enter agreements with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals and such agreement may not necessarily be limited to the terms of the proposals submitted.

DeSoto County will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at **2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 29, 2022** in DeSoto County Administration Building, 3RD Floor Board Room 365 Loshier Street, Hernando, Mississippi 38632. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly encouraged for all interested in submitting Proposals.

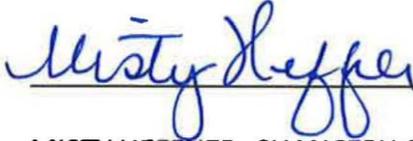
Any questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing and delivered via email to procurement@desotocountymiss.gov with DeSoto County Rural Broadband Connectivity Program listed in the subject line. All questions will be responded to by Addendum. The deadline for submission of any questions to DeSoto County will be 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 6, 2022.

All proposals must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the proposal envelope as instructed in the package and delivered to the Office of Procurement, 365 Loshier Street, Suite 340, Hernando, MS 38632 or electronic submissions can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com . For any questions regarding electronic submission, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any informalities.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of November, 2022.



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MISTY HEFFNER, CHANCERY CLERK
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED:

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