

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
ELKHART COUNTY DARK FIBER CONNECTIVITY TO DATA CENTERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Elkhart, Indiana will receive sealed proposals up to 9:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019 for the acquisition of up to 144 strands of dark fiber optic lines offering connectivity to data centers.

The Request for Proposals is on file in the office of the Elkhart County Commissioners and may be seen there and may be picked up there at Elkhart County Administration Building, 117 N. Second, Goshen, Indiana 46526. The Request for Proposals is hereby incorporated by reference.

Suppliers agree to furnish, deliver, and install, ready for service and equipped as specified, the dark fiber optic lines for which its proposal has been accepted. Each supplier shall accompany its proposal with a bid bond or a certified check, made payable to the Elkhart County Commissioners, in the sum of five percent (5.00%) of the total price for the proposed dark fiber optic lines. The Elkhart County Commissioners reserve the right to waive any irregularities in the proposal process and to reject any or all proposals. A non-collusion affidavit required by statute shall be fully executed and provided with the proposal. Any proposal submitted by a trust must identify each beneficiary of the trust and each settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust. The supplier shall also provide requested information with its proposal.

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the proposal, and the name and address of the supplier. No proposal shall be withdrawn after the opening of the proposals. Proposals may be held for up to ninety (90) days. The proposals will be awarded to the responsible suppliers whose proposals are determined in writing to be the most advantageous to Elkhart County, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

Acceptance of and payment shall be made after implementation and installation of the dark fiber optic lines and after a properly authorized representative of Elkhart County has given approval of the satisfactory completion.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2018 at Goshen, Indiana.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF ELKHART, INDIANA

By: Mike Yoder, President

Attest:

Pauline E. Graff, Elkhart County Auditor

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