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REQUEST FOR INTEREST (RFI) 2024 FIBER OPITC EXTENSIONS PROJECTS: PORTAGE, BEAR VALLEY AND HURRICANE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is a public corporation and instrumentality of the State of Alaska formed pursuant to AS 42.40 and is the last full service (passengers and freight) railroad in the United States, with a route that runs from Seward and Whittier at tidewater to the interior of Alaska just beyond Fairbanks. The corporate headquarters are in Anchorage. ARRC averages approximately 680 employees (year-round and seasonal), with employment reaching 750 in the summer season.

ARRC is a public corporation of the State of Alaska. More information about ARRC may be found at www.alaskarailroad.com.

Introduction

In early 2024 ARRC Signal and Communications Department will be issuing the solicitation(s) of Fiber optic installation services from a commercial provider. The primary goal of the solicitation(s) will be to provide for the installation of a new fiber optic cable.

This notice is only for an informal site visit to view the locations before the snow cover.

BACKGROUND:

The needs are currently served by an existing twisted pair copper cable or radio that is unreliable and does not provide adequate bandwidth to meet the current demand.

ARRC requires improved IP connectivity for increased reliability of passenger train related services, security systems, and an improved experience for the customer. The solution chosen to resolve the connectivity issues is to replace the existing twist pair copper cable with fiber optic cable.

Important Notice: The Alaska Railroad does not intend to award a contract from this RFI, nor will it be financially responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response for the requested information. This RFI is issued for the sole purpose of providing a non-mandatory site visit to better understand the challenges of each location before the area is covered by snow fall.

Site Visits:

Site Visits will be held at the following locations and times:

Portage; October 24th @ 11:00 a.m. interested parties will meet at Alaska Railroad, Corp's communications facility. Approximate mile post # 64.41.

Hurricane; October 26th, @ 11:00 a.m. interested parties will meet at Alaska Railroad, Corp's communications facility. Approximate mile post # 281.38.

The site will be accessed by ARRC hi-rail vehicles.
Please dress appropriately for weather. PPE including hard hats and safety vests will be required.

RESPONSE INFORMATION

Your response should include brief details on your company's experience, qualifications, and services offered, do not include any pricing, in your emailed response.

Interested firms should indicate their interest by submitting an electronic response (.pdf format is preferable) with the following information:

- Firm Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone number, Email address.
- List of clients similar services have been provided for.

This Request for Interest does not constitute a formal solicitation. ARRC is not responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of responses. The issuance of the Request for Interest provides no guarantee that the ARRC will proceed with a formal solicitation in Q1 of 2024.

Please submit electronic responses no later than 3:00 PM Alaska Time, November 1, 2023 to the attention of:

Alaska Railroad Corporation
Greg Goemer
Sr. Contract Administrator
Email: GoemerG@akrr.com

On the subject line of the email please provide: 2024- FIBER OPTIC EXTENSION PROJECTS

Questions can be addressed by email to the individual listed above.

It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the individual listed above to ensure your response was received prior to the deadline specified above.

Sincerely,



Greg Goemer
Sr. Contract Administrator
Alaska Railroad, Corporation