



Request for Proposal

Project Title: Municipal Facilities Connectivity Project

Request #2019-25

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Municipality of French River
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Confidentiality Statement

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Submission Details

Submission Deadlines and Methods

All submissions for responding to this request must be submitted to our office, as stated below, no later than:

Submissions accepted no later than – August 27th, 2019 at 4pm Local Time

Successful candidate will be notified within 30 days of the proposal closing date

The use of mail for delivery of a tender will be at the risk of the respondent. Submissions sent in electronic format will **not** be accepted.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be clearly marked with the following:

- The Name and Address of the Respondent
- The Request Number
- The Project Title

Administration staff will affix on the sealed envelope:

- Date and time of receipt

Submission Delivery Address, Submission Questions and Clarifications

You may contact the following Lead Person if you have any questions or require clarification on any topics covered in this Request for Proposal. The delivery address to be used for all submissions is:

Lead Person: Carlie Zwiers

Executive Coordinator

Municipality of French River

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Submission Opening

Proposals will be publicly opened and recorded on **August 27, 2019 at 4pm** at the Municipal Office. Staff will review the proposal and the successful candidate will be presented at the Regular Council Meeting of **September 4th, 2019**

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Amendment and Withdrawal of Submission

Requests for withdrawal of a submission shall be allowed if the request is made before the closing time for the contract to which it applies. Requests shall be directed to the Lead Person by letter or in person, by a Senior Official of the company, with a signed withdrawal confirming the details. Telephone requests shall not be considered. The withdrawal of a tender does not disqualify a bidder from submitting another tender on the same contract.

Addendums

The Municipality may, at its discretion, amend or supplement the documents for this request by addendum at any time prior to the closing date for receipt of Proposals. Changes to the request documents shall be made by ADDENDUM ONLY. Such changes made by addendum shall be supplementary to and an integral part of the request. All addendum must be signed and included in the final submission acknowledging all addenda issued by the Municipality. While the Municipality will endeavor to provide notification of the issuance of an addendum to prospective Proponents, the Municipality assumes no liability for the notification, and it is the responsibility of each Proponent monitor and determine whether any addenda have been issued by the Municipality.

Introduction & Background

The Municipality of French River is a vibrant, welcoming and family-based community that is committed to positive, sustainable growth. A scenic environment, friendliness of neighbors, diversity of cultures and small Municipality feel make French River the community of choice to live, work, visit and vacation.

Detailed Specifications/Scope of Work

The Municipality of French River (herein after referred to as the Municipality) is requesting a unique proposal to connect all of our Municipal Facilities within Noëlville to our Broadband network. The detailed specifications are attached in Schedule "A" & "B". Interested proponents are encouraged to be creative and attach any supporting material/ documentation to describe their solution to the intended project including any examples of/or similar projects.

A Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for August 9th, 2019 at 10am. Meeting Location: 44 St. Christophe St. Noëlville, ON

Assumptions & Constraints

The Municipality will not be held liable for any errors or omissions in any part of this Request. The information contained herein is supplied solely as a guideline for responding Proponents. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the Municipality, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in the Request is intended to relieve Proponents from forming their own opinions and conclusions with respect to the matters addressed in the Request. Should the Municipality be contacted, no oral explanation or interpretation will modify any of the requirements or provisions of the proposal documents.

The successful Proponent will provide continuous and adequate protection of all work from damage and will protect the Municipality's property from injury or damage arising from or in connection with this work. The successful Proponent will make good any such damage or injury.

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The successful Proponent will employ only orderly, competent and skillful employees to ensure that the services are carried out in a confidential and respectable manner.

The successful Proponent will ensure all services and products provided in respect to this proposal are in accordance with, and under authorization of all applicable authorities, municipal, provincial and/or federal legislation.

The successful Proponent will, throughout the term of the contract, obtain and maintain in force a General Liability Insurance of not less than \$2,000,000 (per occurrence) inclusive, to indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality of French River against any liability for property damage or personal injury, including death which may arise from the Proponent's operations under this contract; and/or The successful Proponent will be required to provide Professional Liability Insurance coverage in the amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence.

The successful Proponent and its employees may have access to information confidential to the Municipality. This information may include, but is not limited to, terms of this agreement, business methods and systems, contractual terms, pricing, personal information, etc. subject to disclosure by force of law, the successful Proponent agrees that it and its employees who have access to this information will not either during the term of the agreement or at any time thereafter reveal to any third party any of this confidential information or use in any way, whether on the successful Proponent's behalf or on behalf of any third party, any such information

The information, reports, documentation, plans, etc. that are a product of this award by the successful Proponent, will become the exclusive property of the Municipality of French River.

Terms and Conditions

Relating to the submission document:

- Provincial and Federal Taxes (H.S.T.)** - Tenders shall include applicable H.S.T. taxes. This tax shall be shown separate from the unit price. The proponent shall include with the executed documents, at the time of submission, on company letterhead, notification to the Municipality of their H.S.T. Registration Number (if any)
- Costs, Deliverables & Timelines** – as set out in Schedule A & B
- Declaration** - Signed declaration must be submitted
- Other** - Proponents may include any additional information regarding their firm and/or services that may prove beneficial to the evaluation of the proposal. These would be provided in the form of appendices.

Relating to the Successful Candidates:

- **Contract** - The successful proponent may, within ten (10) days after being advised that they are the successful proponent, execute a contract in duplicate to the Municipality. A delivery date will also be agreed upon.
- **Purchase Order** - purchase order issued by the Municipality or French River must be obtained prior to commencement of any work or ordering of materials. The Municipality will not be held liable for any work/materials that do not comply to the details specified on the purchase order.
- **Notice of Acceptance** - Notice of acceptance may be made by fax or telephone, with written confirmation of same to follow, to the successful proponent at the number given by the proponent.
- **Payment** - shall be made upon receipt of invoice following the receipt of the product (net 30 days) with completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Municipality. The security deposit will be released upon completion of any deficiencies and receipt of payment by the Municipality of French River of any late fees owing as per the contract clause above.
- **Servicing manuals** - need to be provided with the final product.
- **Parts and Service** – Parts and services must be available regionally within the (Sudbury or Nipissing district)
- **Price** - The Proponent shall abide by the total price stated in the submission document. No further payments beyond the contract amount will be made for any additional services required to provide a satisfactory deliverable. If additional requirements are requested by the Municipality beyond the original scope of work described in this Request, the cost of these services would be negotiated between the Municipality and the company that has been selected to perform the work. Any additional work will only be undertaken based on a request in writing from the Municipality of French River.
- **Termination** - The Municipality reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract for sufficient cause, including but not limited to such items as non-performance, late deliveries, inferior quality, pricing problems, etc.
- **Warranty** – Details of the warranty need to be provided to the Municipality before the install is commenced.

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- **Public Record** - Any personal information required on the proposal form is received under the authority of the Municipality. This information will be an integral component of the quote submission. All written proposals received by the Municipality become a public record; once a proposal is accepted by the Municipality, and a contract is signed, all information contained in it is available to the public including personal information.
- **Conflict of Interest** - Proponents shall immediately disclose to the official point of contact any potential or real conflict of interest whether direct or indirect in nature as it may relate to the Municipality, it's elected officials, officers, employees and/or the present Bid Solicitation. Where, in the Municipality's opinion, a significant conflict of interest is found to exist and cannot be sufficiently mitigated, the Municipality reserves the right to disqualify the Proponent from participating in the Bid Solicitation.

Health and Safety

General: Contractor must comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), the Regulations for Construction Projects, the Municipality of French River safety policy and as well as complying with the prescribed requirements legislated in the Regulations for Industrial Establishments.

Competent person: Contractor is responsible using their training, knowledge and experience to protect the health and safety of their workers and others, reporting to their supervisor the absence of, or defect in any protective equipment or device, and reporting to their supervisor, any circumstances or conditions that may limit their ability to comply with the requirements of the OHSA and the Municipality of French River Safety policy.

Equipment & tools: All equipment and tools used by the contractor shall conform to Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or manufacture specifications. The Municipality of French River reserves the right to prohibit the use of any equipment and methods or practices that do not conform to acceptable standards. Defective equipment and tools shall be removed from the work site premises immediately.

PPE: All workers must wear appropriate CSA approved eye protection, hearing protection, CSA approved hard hats, CSA approved foot protection and CSA approved gloves at all time while working on the job site.

Fall protection: Safety harness and lanyard are required by anyone working more than 3 meters above a surface. The safety harness must be secured to a fixed support so that a worker cannot fall more than five feet. Proof of certification shall be submitted before starting any work at height.

WHMIS: No hazardous material is to be stored or used on work site by the contractor unless the prescribed requirements concerning labelling material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and worker instruction and training are met.

MSDS: Material safety data sheets for all hazardous products shall be kept on site.

Weekly safety meetings: Contractor shall conduct weekly safety meetings with their workers and identify concerns or potential hazards on the job site. Weekly safety meeting shall be signed by all workers and a copy of the safety meeting shall be submitted to the contract administrator weekly.

Proof of training: The contractor shall submit within five (5) calendar days after the contract award, copies of WHMIS, copies of health and safety awareness, first aid certificate and certificates pertaining to the work being done for all workers working on the job site.

Reporting: Contractor must report immediately to the contract administrator all workplace incidents, near misses, injuries and illnesses and environmental damages. Contractor shall also report accidents/incidents to the ministry of labour or any other appropriate authority required by legislation.

Supervision: Contractor shall comply with OHSA regulations.

Health & Safety Station: Contractor shall provide at all time a dedicated station for workers to have access to the contractors H&S manual, the emergency response plan, the OH&S Pocket book, MSDS sheets, WSIB information, Eye wash stations and emergency aid kit.

WSIB: Prior to commencement of any work herein, the successful proponent shall provide the Municipality with a current WSIB Clearance Certificate within five (5) days of contract award. The successful proponent shall maintain it good standing and shall provide the Municipality current Certificates of Clearance when requested.

Selection Criteria

A combination of quality, experience and price will determine the successful firm. More specifically:

- The Proponent's experience overall and particularly in relation to similar projects.
- The Proponent's project management experience in managing subcontractors and delivering a seamless product to the client.
- The quality of the proposal.
- The quality of the proposed product(s).
- The proven ability to stay within project budget and meet project completion target date.
- **Any additional features or advantages uniquely proposed by the Proponent which the Municipality has not identified in the project deliverables or description.**
- The Proponent's over all financial proposal

The Municipality of French River is not obligated to award the service contract to the lowest or any firm. The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities as the interests of the Municipality may require without stating reasons. The Municipality will not be responsible for any liabilities, costs, expenses, loss or damage incurred, sustained or suffered by any Proponent by reason of the acceptance or the non-acceptance by the Municipality of any proposal or by reason of any delay in the acceptance of a proposal as well Any expenses incurred by the Proponent in the preparation of the proposal submission are entirely the responsibility of the Proponent and will not be charged to the Municipality.

Declaration

To: The Municipality of French River

Sirs: I/We the undersigned acknowledge receipt of and having carefully examined the Request and “Specifications” set forth in schedule “B” and hereby offer to submit this quote/tender in accordance with, and as required by the said documents at the price set forth in “Schedule “A” hereto.

I/We understand and accept that the prices set forth in this Quote Form include full compensation to furnish all labour, equipment, materials and supplies and transportation necessary or incidental to completing the work in strict accordance with said documents.

I/We understand that this Agreement terminates if I fail to perform the work to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

I/We understand that the lowest or any quote will not necessarily be accepted and that TO BE CONSIDERED, Quote Forms must be in the Municipal Office by the Submission Deadlines and Methods.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The respondent shall discharge all liabilities incurred by him for labour, materials and services used or reasonably required for use in the performance of this Agreement on the date upon which each becomes due and all liabilities incidental thereto.
2. The respondent understands and agrees that he is not, nor is anyone hired by him, covered by the Municipality under The Workers’ Compensation Act, and he shall be responsible for, and shall pay all dues and assessments payable under The Workers’ Compensation Act, The Unemployment Insurance Act or any other Act, whether Provincial or Federal, in respect of himself, his employees and operations, and shall, upon request, furnish the Municipality with satisfactory evidence that he has complied with the provisions of any such Act. If he fails to do so, the Municipality shall have the right to withhold payment of such sum or sums of money due to him/her that would be enough to cover his/her default and the Municipality shall have the right to same.
3. The Contractor to supply proof of Workers’ Compensation and \$2,000,000 liability insurance.
4. The respondent covenants and agrees with the Municipality to indemnify it and save it harmless from all claims by third parties arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
5. The price, as proposed by the respondent, includes all limits of the work project.
6. The respondent declares that he has or will pay forthwith all Provincial and Federal Taxes that apply to the said equipment.
7. Notice of acceptance may be made by fax or telephone, with written confirmation of same to follow, to the respondent at the numbers given by the respondent.

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Name and Address of the Respondent

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

The Respondent declares:

- No person, firm or Municipality other than the Respondent, has any interest in this proposal or in the proposed services for this proposal;
- This proposal is made without any connection, comparison of figures or arrangements with or knowledge of any other Municipality, firm or person making a proposal for the same service and is in all respect fair and without collusion or fraud;
- No member of the staff of the Municipality of French River is, or will become interested directly or indirectly; as a contracting party, partner shareholder, surety or otherwise; or in the performance of the service; or in the supplies, service or business to which it relates; or in any portion of the profits thereof; or in any of the monies to be derived there from;
- The content and requirements of this proposal document have been read and understood.
- All prices are quoted in Canadian funds.

All or any proposals not necessarily accepted.

Signed at _____ this ___ day of _____ 2019.

Print Name - Witness

Print – Respondent,

Title - Respondent

Signature - Witness

Signature – Respondent

Schedule “A” Description of Project

Municipal Facilities Connectivity Project

The Municipality would like interested parties to present a unique solution to the Municipality for the ability to share the newly installed Fiber Optic Internet Line at our Municipal Complex (located at 44 St. Christophe St. Noëlville, ON, P0M 2N0), with all of our external Municipal buildings within Noëlville.

Current Connection Information

A dedicated Fiber Optic line was installed by Bell at our Municipal Office and is shared between the three (3) occupants within our Building (Municipal Office, Health Centre and EMS). The Internet line has the capability to have bandwidth up to 1GB.

Currently our bandwidth is set to 100MB and shared between the 3 business users stated above. The successful proponent is encouraged to include how much bandwidth they require within their proposal so that the Municipality can determine any increases in monthly costs.

List of buildings with location information:

Buildings	Location	Current Internet Provider
Municipal Complex	44 St. Christophe St. Noëlville, ON, P0M 2N0	Bell
Fire Hall/ Library	7 Vercheres St. Noëlville, ON, P0M 2N0	Xplornet
MTO Tower Site <i>(Fire Department Communication system)</i>	46°09'10.9"N 80°25'58.1"W	Xplornet
Public Works Office	142 St David St. South, Noëlville, ON, P0M 2N0	Bell
Landfill Site Office	330 Houle Rd. Noëlville, ON, P0M 2N0	Xplornet

Deliverables

- Provide Infrastructure for the connectivity of our main facility to the others listed above as well as a timeline for installation and implementation dates.
- Provide the required bandwidth to:
 - o Connect all buildings and to (in the future) include Voice over IP solutions between all buildings.
 - o Connect all users to a cloud based server with access for all staff from each building

Terms of the Agreement

- An agreeable delivery date will be chosen upon award
- The successful proponent will work with our Technical Consultant (Backer Tilly) to ensure the successful connection of our network, server, and connection speed.
- Follow up interviews/meetings may be held with some or all Respondents. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify the Respondent’s submission

Building Locations

(Image #1)



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(Image #2)



Schedule "B" Cost Deliverables

I _____ do hereby submit the following bid price to perform the
 (Name of Company)

related work as outlined in the Scope of Work.

Scope of Work	QTY	Unit Price	Sub-Total
Infrastructure Costs <i>(Please List items below)</i>			
Installation Costs			
Testing and Labor			
Sub-Total			
HST			
Total			

Proposed project completion target date: _____ (DD/MM/YYYY)
 subsequent to awarding the quote.

Name and Address of the Company

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2019.

 Print - Name & Title

 Signature of person with authority to bind Company