Request for Information RFI
612-14 Rural Cell Service

Due:

August 19, 2014 at 2:00PM Mountain Time

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COLORADO MOUNTAIN JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
RFI 612-14
RURAL CELL SERVICE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Introduction.

Colorado Mountain Junior College District (“CMC”) is a Colorado statutory junior college district established in 1967, and includes three residential campuses, eight commuter campuses, a Distance Learning program and administrative offices. The District covers all or part of thirteen counties in Colorado, encompassing 12,000 square miles. Please visit our website at www.coloradomtn.edu for more information about our college.

CMC is seeking information related to establishing cell service at our Spring Valley Campus.

Our campus at Spring Valley in Glenwood Springs, Colorado (3000 County Road 114, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601) is approximately three miles and 1,000 feet in elevation higher than highway 82 where a strong cell signal is available. The campus has little or no cell coverage at the present time.

Description.

The College is working to establish quality cell phone service for our students and staff. We are interested in evaluating proven solutions to deliver this coverage. The campus serves commuter students and we also have a residence hall with approximately 200 beds. Several relatively small subdivisions near the campus also have limited or no cell phone coverage. Currently we estimate that approximately 70% of CMC cell users are with Verizon, 20% AT&T and everyone else makes up the other 10%. We would like to evaluate the possibilities that exist to obtain grant or other sponsored program funding to offset a portion of the acquisition cost. All vendor ideas regarding this are welcome. Additionally, CMC will be able to participate in funding the solution if necessary. There is no fiber or cable running from highway 82 to the campus at present.

At this point we are trying to better understand our options, which may be followed with an RFP. If you or your firm has experience with a proven solution to our problem we would like to hear from you. Please send an email to our Purchasing and Contracts Manager, Steve Boyd at sboyd@coloradomtn.edu with a description of your firm and your proposed solution. We are asking that you provide an approximate budget for the project, if possible. We understand that you will need to obtain more information before you are able to price your solution, but if a general range of expected cost exists please include it if you can. Nothing submitted in response to this RFI will constitute a commitment from your firm in any way.
Deadlines.

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If you are interested in this project you may send any questions you have to Steve Boyd via e-mail to sboyd@coloradomtn.edu by Tuesday, August 5th at 2:00 PM Mountain Time. All questions will be answered in an addendum posted to the CMC website by 4:00 pm Mountain Time on August 7th.

If you would like to submit your information you may do so by emailing sboyd@coloradomtn.edu BEFORE 2:00 PM MOUNTAIN TIME ON

Miscellaneous Terms.

Contract Terms. Any contract resulting from a selection arising from this RFI shall include CMC’s Terms and Conditions, and any other written requirements of CMC, including but not limited to the CMC Insurance Requirements described on Exhibit A.

Tax and Delivery. All prices must be firm and quoted complete and F.O.B. CMC. Do not include sales and use tax as CMC is a tax exempt entity.

Submission of Quotes. By submitting a response to the RFI, each bidder represents that it has read and completely understands the RFI documents, has answered all of the questions (failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the response) and has signed the response.

Errors. Bidders shall promptly notify CMC of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error, which they may discover upon examination of the RFI documents.

Qualifications of Bidders. CMC reserves the right to reject any bid if evidence shows that bidder is not properly qualified to carry out the obligations anticipated under this RFI; bids will be considered from vendors with a demonstrated history of successfully providing similar goods and services to CMC or other institutions of higher education and evidence of appropriate insurance requirements. CMC shall reject any response to the RFI that makes any material misrepresentation in the response.

Appropriation of Funds. Any contract resulting from a selection arising from this RFI shall be contingent upon sufficient appropriations by the CMC Board of Trustees, in its sole discretion.

Thank you for your interest in CMC and this project.