



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP #: RFP-2611

For: Technical Compliance Consultant for Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Projects

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) seeks bids for a consultant to lead, coordinate, and implement the Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Technical Compliance, as detailed below, consistent with the U.S. Department of Treasury’s (“Treasury”) Capital Projects Funds (“CPF”) Program and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s (“NTIA”) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) program.

This document constitutes a Request for Proposal (“RFP”), in a competitive format, from qualified firms. This request is an offer by the Corporation to underwrite, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP, the services proposed by the successful firm(s), by contract. The respondents (“Proposers”) to this RFP shall provide a proposal, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, to provide the services to the Corporation that are described in the Scope of Work.

Important Links and Guides

The CPF and BEAD programs are governed by State and federal rules, statutes, and regulations. All work conducted under this agreement must be managed in accordance with all applicable rules, including but not limited to the Treasury CPF program and NTIA BEAD program guidance. The Corporation recommends reviewing these websites and documents before beginning a Proposal, as well as prior to submission, as federal and/or state program guidance may be updated.

- [The State of Rhode Island General Laws](#)
- [Rhode Island CPF Program Plan](#)
- [Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds: *For State, Territories & Freely Associated States*](#)
- [SLFRF and CPF Supplementary Broadband Guidance](#)
- [Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Approved Rhode Island BEAD Final Proposal \(Deployment\)](#)
- [BEAD Reliable Broadband Service and Alternative Technologies Guidance](#)
- [Broadband BEAD Technical Assistance Hub](#)

Project Overview

Treasury awarded the State of Rhode Island \$112.3 million, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) CPF. The State’s General Assembly allocated \$24,956,500 to invest in high quality broadband infrastructure. These funds are administered through the State’s Pandemic Recovery Office (“PRO”) and are implemented by the Rhode Island Executive Office of

Commerce (“EOC”) acting through the Corporation, which is responsible for the delivery, reporting and compliance related to these funds.

Through a competitive RFP process, the Corporation selected two subgrantees (“Subgrantees”) to provide end-to-end fiber infrastructure to twelve (12) Project Areas (“PAs”), which includes approximately 16,500 unserved or underserved broadband serviceable locations (“BSLs”) across 27 Rhode Island communities. *Appendix B provides a complete list of CPF vendors and projects.*

The BEAD program provides Rhode Island with \$108.7 million for the purpose of broadband deployment and, as funds are released, approved “non-deployment” projects. This program is administered through the NTIA and includes \$10.8 million for deployment projects across 14 Project Areas (PAs). Through a competitive bid process, the Corporation selected three subgrantees (“Subgrantees”) to provide a minimum 100/20 Mbps service to the fourteen (14) PAs, supporting approximated 2,600 unserved or underserved BSLs. *Appendix C provides a complete list of vendors and projects f BEAD.*

This RFP is to lead, coordinate, and implement the technical oversight and monitoring of vendor network design and builds, ensuring that networks deliver the required minimum speeds of 100/100 Mbps for the Corporation’s CPF subgrantee agreements and Treasury’s CPF requirements and 100/20 Mbps for the Corporation’s BEAD subgrantee agreements and NTIA’s BEAD requirements.

Background

This project is being supported, in part, by federal award number CPFFN0169, awarded to the State by Treasury.

The Corporation works with public, private, and non-profit partners to create conditions for businesses in all sectors to thrive and to improve the quality of life for the State’s residents by promoting Rhode Island’s long-term economic health and prosperity. ConnectRI, the Corporation’s broadband effort, has the following goal, as written in the Broadband Strategic Plan approved by the State’s Broadband Advisory Council:

Leverage a best-in-class, resilient, sustainable, and scalable broadband infrastructure to propel the state’s 21st century economics, education, healthcare, civic and social engagement, and quality of life, by ensuring all Rhode Islanders have access to affordable, high-speed internet in their homes, at their places of employment, and at public facilities by 2027.

Rhode Island has the opportunity to capitalize on its small geographic size, population density, flat terrain, and middle-mile fiber infrastructure to expand broadband access to its residences and businesses. This contracted work will support this goal by ensuring all infrastructure deployments adhere to federal, state, and local requirements.

Scope of Work:

The Corporation is seeking a third-party broadband infrastructure deployment contractor firm or company (“Selected Proposer”) to lead and coordinate the Broadband Infrastructure Monitoring Program for the CPF and BEAD programs, ensuring consistency, accuracy and

adherence to both CPF and BEAD technical compliance requirements at the federal, state, and local levels, as applicable to individual Project Areas.

The Selected Proposer will review Subgrantees' last-mile network projects to ensure they meet all applicable technical requirements. This includes: 1) review of Subgrantees' network designs to assert whether the networks can deliver, upon project completion, service that reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical download and upload speeds of 100 Mbps and latency of less than 100 Milliseconds for CPF-funded projects and speeds of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload and latency of less than 100 Milliseconds for BEAD-funded projects, 2) advice and recommendation to the Corporation throughout network build, and 3) confirmation and approval of final network architecture and deployment capabilities, including recording proof of required programmatic network speeds, as required by the CPF and BEAD programs. For CPF projects, substantial completion must be completed by December 31, 2026, meaning services operations and management systems infrastructure must be operational for all PAs and all CPF Requirements must be achieved (*Refer to [SLFRF and CPF Supplementary Broadband Guidance](#)*). BEAD projects must reach substantial completion within four years of project commencement. (*Refer to [BEAD Technical Assistance Hub](#)*.)

Specific Tasks:

Task 1: CPF Broadband Project Technical Compliance Certifications

- Review CPF broadband infrastructure guidance and reporting requirements, state reporting requirements (via the Corporation and the State's Pandemic Recovery Office out of the RI Department of Administration), CPF Subgrantee contracts, and Subgrantee network designs and build plans. Use these to provide an initial analysis of CPF Subgrantee network capacity to deliver 100/100Mbps service with 100 Millisecond latency. (Month 1)
- Review and certify Subgrantee attestations and backup documentation, including speed test validations, for CPF-funded network capacities as these networks are completed and service is turned on to eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs). (Months 2-5)
 - Rhode Island CPF program includes twelve Project Areas, which are being completed on a rolling basis.
 - Subgrantees must perform speed testing and network validation of each PA demonstrating the PA's ability to receive broadband services with 100 Mbps download, 100 Mbps upload (with ability to scale to 1 Gbps download and 1 Gbps upload), and latency less than 100ms, based on a random sampling at customer premise to Subgrantees' network edge
 - Subgrantees must show evidence of the optical power level of all PA network segments
- Review and certify Subgrantee final technical specifications of network for each PA upon project completion; conduct network verifications as required to certify network capacities, including, as needed, physical site visits.
- As needed, provide feedback to the Corporation on validity of invoice requests related to product capacity to deliver upon approved network designs.

Task 2: Creation and implementation of a BEAD Infrastructure Deployment Monitoring Plan, including project- and technology-based timeline of activities.

- Create a plan for BEAD technical monitoring that includes the following:
 - Outline of network deployment and technical performance monitoring activities, including a timeline for network design review, site visits (on-site), desktop reviews, on-going technical meetings with Subgrantees, and network speed test performance verifications.
 - Checklist for elements to be reviewed during technical compliance monitoring, templates for speed testing and other technical compliance reporting for the Subgrantees, and network design certification documentation.
 - Process for identifying any potential infrastructure capacity challenges and escalating those issues to the Corporation for review and resolution.
- Review low-level network designs for all BEAD Project Areas for feasibility of the networks to reliably deliver 100/20 Mbps service with 100ms latency; provide recommendations to the Corporation for potential remediation of network designs, as applicable.
- Participate in meetings and conferences with subrecipient entities of the Corporation related to construction and network design requirements.
- Engage in on-site field visits, desktop reviews and additional subgrantee meetings on a schedule approved by the Corporation for all BEAD-funded Project Areas.
 - At a minimum, projects should be inspected on-site at least once during construction and once at project completion.¹
- Review and certify, on behalf of the Corporation, BEAD Project Area speed test submissions by Subrecipients, at a cadence and in alignment with BEAD Guidance (see [BEAD Program: Performance Measures for BEAD Last-Mile Networks Policy Notice Primer](#) and subsequent Guidance).

Results for all activities, with appropriate documentation (including progress pictures of activities, if appropriate), must be reported to the Corporation within one week of completion. *Any issues requiring immediate attention within 24 hours with an overview of the issue and proposed recommended resolution.*

- Upon Subgrantee certification of project completion, the Selected Proposer shall assess completeness and performance, including validation of network speeds and final engineering reviews, and make a recommendation on subgrantee attestation certification to the Corporation. *If approval is not recommended, notification to the Corporation must be made within 24 hours, with a rationale for the recommendation, proposed next steps for remediation, and a timeline for resolution.*

Task 3: Provide Expert Ongoing Broadband Infrastructure Consultation Support

- Maintain an on-going review of Treasury CPF requirements and NTIA BEAD guidance, ensuring all new CPF and BEAD guidance is evaluated and integrated into the Corporation's oversight activities.

¹ Projects that are completed ahead of this contract execution will only require final one on-site visit. The Corporation will provide this information to the Successful Proposer for integration into the monitoring timeline.

- Advise on and participate in necessary escalation procedures to resolve any broadband infrastructure challenges.
- Provide infrastructure deployment and related BEAD program technical expertise and advisory support to the Corporation, as required and requested.

Task 4: Project Management and Close Out

- Develop and submit weekly updates on contract activities, participate in weekly or biweekly project meetings, and provide updates, as requested by the Corporation.
- Proactively identify needs and next steps to ensure achievement of all compliance activities and timelines. Create and maintain a schedule of activities that is updated monthly for each Project Area for BEAD and CPF.
- Maintain accurate records of all infrastructure designs, site visit activities, reviews, and approvals, to be transmitted to the Corporation at the completion and certification of build out for all CPF and BEAD Project Areas. This information should include a record of all documents, responsibilities, and knowledge that will enable the Corporation to preserve and revisit this broadband infrastructure monitoring and compliance work, integrating the expertise that was gathered over the course of this contract.

Qualifications

Proposers responding to this RFP must meet the following requirements:

Required Qualifications

- Extensive knowledge of broadband infrastructure deployment, including the technical expertise to review design plans, material and equipment lists, and engineering plans.
- Ability to engage in periodic and planned on-site technical reviews.
- Demonstrated knowledge, skills and experience with local, state, and federal broadband infrastructure requirements.
- Ability to work with evolving federal funding requirements, with a focus on understanding and incorporating new guidance accurately and efficiently.
- Record of experience in providing similar services to other clients
- Demonstrated familiarity with both US Treasury’s CPF program and/or NTIA’s BEAD program; knowledge of other federally funded broadband programs preferred but not required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working within the State of Rhode Island or other state broadband offices, with a demonstrated ability to partner with and support state agencies.

Project Timeline

- May 11: RFP Posted
- May 20: Deadline for Submitting Questions
- May 22: Responses to Questions Posted
- June 8: Deadline for submissions
- June 30: Proposers notified of award
- July 20: Anticipated contract start date

The successful Proposer(s) will enter a contract for services with the Corporation. The duration of the initial contract between the Corporation and the successful Proposer is expected to begin upon

the date of contract execution and be in effect until all CPF and BEAD broadband infrastructure projects are completed and such completion is approved by the Corporation. The Corporation reserves the right to amend this agreement if UST or NTIA Guidance alter required completion dates or technical review requirements for broadband infrastructure projects.

Budget

Proposers to this RFP shall provide a proposed fee structure for providing services necessary to complete the proposed scope items. Proposers shall include a total, maximum price to accomplish the scope items incorporated in the proposal and shall itemize costs per task in the Scope of Work. Proposers shall provide an estimate regarding the duration and number of hours to complete each task. Additionally, proposers shall provide a personnel schedule which includes job title and billing rate for any work which may be undertaken under this contract. Proposers shall also provide job titles and rates for any subcontractors that the respondent is including in this response, as applicable. If the Proposer contemplates any purchases or pass-through charges during the engagement, any mark-up rate above actual cost shall be identified as a separate line item in the budget. The Corporation reserves the right to adjust both the budget and related services.

The Corporation anticipates a budget of no more than \$30,000 to complete Task 1 and no more than \$200,000 to complete Tasks 2-4.

In addition to showing how you will meet the requirements outlined above, Proposers should also provide information regarding the following:

- **Research & Analytics:** Provide an overview of how you determine success. What are the analytic tools or services that you use, and what type of information will you be reporting back to the Corporation as it relates to meeting our objectives?
- **Travel and Administration:** The Proposer should estimate any travel costs expected to incur during contract period. Travel must be in line with budget submitted and approved by the Corporation and follow guidance from all relevant Federal and State statutes.

Criteria for Selection

The bidder with the highest score will be selected as per the Corporation’s purchasing guidelines. The goal of this RFP is to select and enter into an Agreement with the Proposer that will provide the best value for the services to achieve the Corporation’s goals.

Responsive proposals for this RFP will be evaluated according to the Evaluation Criteria outlined below.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

	Points
<p>OVERALL EXPERIENCE OF COMPANY & DEMONSTRATED RESULTS</p> <p>Our evaluation will include an assessment of the history of your company, your experience as it relates to the requirements within this RFP, especially CPF and BEAD funding sources/programs, evidence of past performance, quality and relevance of past work, references, and related items.</p>	40
<p>QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL</p>	20

Our evaluation will include an assessment of the qualifications and experience of your managerial team, staff, subcontractors, and related items, as well as a review of the qualifications and commitments of staff that will be working on this project.	
FAMILIARITY WITH RHODE ISLAND Our evaluation will include our assessment of your understanding of our organization and Rhode Island’s historic and environmental regulations and requirements and how you integrated this knowledge into your proposal.	5
STRATEGIC THINKING/PLANNING APPROACH Overall approach and strategy described/outlined in the proposal and firm capacity to perform the engagement within the specified timeframe (prior experience of the firm in meeting timelines will be factored in here)	10
BUDGET APPROACH/COST EFFECTIVENESS Effective and efficient delivery of quality services is demonstrated in relation to the budget allocation.	25
Total	100
MBE/WBE/DisBE Participation (additional potential points)	6 pts

***NOTE:** Designated Corporation staff or selected advisors will evaluate the written proposals. The Corporation may at any time during the evaluation process seek clarification from Proposers regarding any information contained within their proposal. Final scores for each respondent will reflect a consensus of the evaluations. Any attempt by a Proposer to contact a member of Corporation staff or selected advisors outside the RFP process, in an attempt to gain knowledge or an advantage, may result in disqualification of Proposer.*

1. ISBE Participation Evaluation (see below for scoring)
 - a. The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation encourages MBE/WBE/DisBE participation in this Request. In accordance with Title 37, Chapter 14.1, and Title 37, Chapter 2.2 of the Rhode Island General laws, the Corporation reserves the right to apply additional consideration to MBE/WBE/DisBE up to six (6) additional points in the scoring evaluation as provided below:
 - b. Calculation of ISBE Participation Rate
 - i. ISBE Participation Rate for Non-ISBE Vendors. The ISBE participation rate for non ISBE vendors shall be expressed as a percentage and shall be calculated by dividing the amount of non-ISBE vendor’s total contract price that will be subcontracted to ISBEs by the non-ISBE vendor’s total contract price. For example, if the non-ISBE’s total contract price is \$100,000.00 and it subcontracts a total of \$12,000.00 to ISBEs, the non-ISBE’s ISBE participation rate would be 12%.
 - ii. ISBE Participation Rate for ISBE Vendors. The ISBE participation rate for ISBE vendors shall be expressed as a percentage and shall be calculated by dividing the amount of the ISBE vendor’s total contract price that will be subcontracted to ISBEs and the amount that will be self-performed by the ISBE vendor by the ISBE vendor’s total contract price. For example, if the ISBE vendor’s total contract price is \$100,000.00 and it subcontracts

a total of \$12,000.00 to ISBEs and will perform a total of \$8,000.00 of the work itself, the ISBE vendor's ISBE participation rate would be 20%.

c. Points for ISBE Participation Rate:

- i. The vendor with the highest ISBE participation rate shall receive the maximum ISBE participation points. All other vendors shall receive ISBE participation points by applying the following formula:

(Vendor's ISBE participation rate ÷ Highest ISBE participation rate X Maximum ISBE participation points)

For example, assuming the weight given by the RFP to ISBE participation is 6 points, if Vendor A has the highest ISBE participation rate at 20% and Vendor B's ISBE participation rate is 12%, Vendor A will receive the maximum 6 points and Vendor B will receive $(12\% \div 20\%) \times 6$ which equals 3.6 points.

See Appendix A for information and the MBE, WBE, and/or Disability Business Enterprise Participation Plan form(s). Bidders are required to complete, sign and submit these forms with their overall proposal. Please complete separate forms for each MBE, WBE and/or Disability Business Enterprise subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.

Instructions and Notifications to Proposers

1. Potential proposers are advised to review all sections of this RFP carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.
2. Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals that depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this RFP will be rejected as being non-responsive.
3. All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content, shall be borne by the proposer. The Corporation assumes no responsibility for such costs.
4. Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than 120 days following the date set for submission of proposals.
5. All pricing submitted will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.
6. Proposals that are submitted late, misdirected or sent to the wrong email address will not be accepted.

7. All proposals should identify the proposed team of professionals, including those employed by subcontractors, if any, along with respective areas of expertise and relevant credentials. Proposer should also provide a delineation of the portion of the scope of work for which each of these professionals will be responsible.
8. All proposals should include the proposer's FEIN or Social Security number as evidenced by a W9, downloadable from <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.
9. All proposals should include a completed RFP Response Certification Cover Form, included in this document and available here:
https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/rhodeisland/RFP_RESPONSE_CERTIFICATION_COVER_FORM_88d2b6a2-2798-4d0f-81b8-cedbe5692088.pdf
10. The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds and made at the discretion of the Corporation.
11. Awarding this RFP is based on the Evaluation Criteria set forth in this RFP. Vendors are advised, however, that all materials and ideas submitted as part of this proposal and during the performance of any award shall be the property of and owned by the Corporation, which may use any such materials and ideas.
12. Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Corporation's website (www.commerceri.com) on a regular basis, as additional information relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP. Addenda will also be posted to the Rhode Island State Division of Purchases' website at www.ridop.ri.gov.
13. Equal Employment Opportunity (R.I. Gen. Laws § 28-5.1-1, et seq.) – § 28-5.1-1 Declaration of policy – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmative action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies to all areas where State dollars are spent, in employment, public services, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation.
14. In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no corporation organized under the laws of another state or country shall have the right to transact business in Rhode Island until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-3040). This is a requirement only of the successful bidder.
15. The proposer should be aware of the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements, which address the State's goal of fifteen percent (15%) participation by MBE's in all procurements, including a minimum of 7.5% participation by minority business enterprises owned and controlled by a minority owner, as defined in § 37-14.1-3, and a minimum of 7.5% participation by minority business enterprises owned and controlled by a woman. For further information, visit the website www.mbe.ri.gov.

16. The Corporation reserves the right to award to one or more Proposers.

Proposal Requirements

In order to be considered responsive, proposals must at a minimum contain the following:

Technical Proposal Elements

1. Description of the proposed approach and work plan. Activities and timelines should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-oriented. Include a timeline of major tasks and milestones.
2. Person who will be the primary point of contact with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.
3. Qualifications of the Proposer to provide the requested services including capability, capacity, similarly complex projects and related experience and client references. Certification of availability of individuals in proposal.
4. A listing of the staff to be assigned to this engagement and their respective qualifications, past experience on engagements of this scope including resumes, and their role in those past engagements.
5. A description of the outcome monitoring and evaluation plan including a list of tools to track process, output and outcome measures for each component of the application.

Proposal Submission

Responses to this RFP must be received as follows: one (1) electronic (PDF) version must be provided by email to RFP@commerceri.com by **11:59 pm on June 8, 2026**. Submissions that are late, misdirected or sent to the wrong email address will not be accepted. **Note: To ensure transparency, no phone calls pertaining to this RFP will be accepted.**

Questions, interpretations, or clarifications concerning this RFP should be directed by e-mail to RFP@commerceri.com no later than 11:59 pm on **May 20, 2026**. Responses to questions, interpretations, or clarifications concerning this RFP will be posted online via addendum at www.commerceri.com and www.ridop.ri.gov on **May 22, 2026**, to ensure equal awareness of important facts and details.

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation reserves the right to terminate this solicitation prior to entering into any agreement with any qualified firm pursuant to this Request for Proposal, and by responding hereto, no firms are vested with any rights in any way whatsoever.

Rhode Island Commerce Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for not complying with the terms of this RFP.

APPENDIX A
**PROPOSER ISBE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MBE, WBE, AND/OR DISABILITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION FORM**

A. Proposer's ISBE Responsibilities (from 150-RICR-90-10-1.7.E)

1. Proposal of ISBE Participation Rate. Unless otherwise indicated in the RFP, a Proposer must submit its proposed ISBE Participation Rate in a sealed envelope or via sealed electronic submission at the time it submits its proposed total contract price. The Proposer shall be responsible for completing and submitting all standard forms adopted pursuant to 105-RICR-90-10-1.9 and submitting all substantiating documentation as reasonably requested by either the Using Agency's MBE/WBE Coordinator, Division, ODEO, or Governor's Commission on Disabilities including but not limited to the names and contact information of all proposed subcontractors and the dollar amounts that correspond with each proposed subcontract.
2. Failure to Submit ISBE Participation Rate. Any Proposer that fails to submit a proposed ISBE Participation Rate or any requested substantiating documentation in a timely manner shall receive zero (0) ISBE participation points.
3. Execution of Proposed ISBE Participation Rate. Proposers shall be evaluated and scored based on the amounts and rates submitted in their proposals. If awarded the contract, Proposers shall be required to achieve their proposed ISBE Participation Rates. During the life of the contract, the Proposer shall be responsible for submitting all substantiating documentation as reasonably requested by the Using Agency's MBE/WBE Coordinator, Division, ODEO, or Governor's Commission on Disabilities including but not limited to copies of purchase orders, subcontracts, and cancelled checks.
4. Change Orders. If during the life of the contract, a change order is issued by the Division, the Proposer shall notify the ODEO of the change as soon as reasonably possible. Proposers are required to achieve their proposed ISBE Participation Rates on any change order amounts.
5. Notice of Change to Proposed ISBE Participation Rate. If during the life of the contract, the Proposer becomes aware that it will be unable to achieve its proposed ISBE Participation Rate, it must notify the Division and ODEO as soon as reasonably possible. The Division, in consultation with ODEO and Governor's Commission on Disabilities, and the Proposer may agree to a modified ISBE Participation Rate provided that the change in circumstances was beyond the control of the Proposer or the direct result of an unanticipated reduction in the overall total project cost.

B. MBE, WBE, AND/OR Disability Business Enterprise Participation Plan Form:

Attached is the MBE, WBE, and/or Disability Business Enterprise Participation Plan form. Bidders are required to complete, sign and submit with their overall proposal. Please complete separate forms for each MBE, WBE and/or Disability Business Enterprise subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.

MBE, WBE, and/or DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION PLAN

Bidder's Name:

Bidder's Address:

Point of Contact:

Telephone:

Email:

Solicitation No.:

Project Name:

This form is intended to capture commitments between the prime contractor/vendor and MBE/WBE and/or Disability Business Enterprise subcontractors and suppliers, including a description of the work to be performed and the percentage of the work as submitted to the prime contractor/vendor. Please note that all MBE/WBE subcontractors/suppliers must be certified by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity MBE Compliance Office and all Disability Business Enterprises must be certified by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities at time of bid, and that MBE/WBE and Disability Business Enterprise subcontractors must self-perform 100% of the work or subcontract to another RI certified MBE in order to receive participation credit. Vendors may count 60% of expenditures for materials and supplies obtained from an MBE certified as a regular dealer/supplier, and 100% of such expenditures obtained from an MBE certified as a manufacturer. This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted at time of bid. **Please complete separate forms for each MBE/WBE or Disability Business Enterprise subcontractor/supplier to be utilized on the solicitation.**

Name of Subcontractor/Supplier:					
Type of RI Certification:	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Business Enterprise				
Address:					
Point of Contact:					
Telephone:					
Email:					
Detailed Description of Work To Be Performed by Subcontractor or Materials to be Supplied by Supplier:					
Total Contract Value (\$):		Subcontract Value (\$):		ISBE Participation Rate (%):	
Anticipated Date of Performance:					

I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements are true and correct.

Prime Contractor/Vendor Signature	Title	Date
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Subcontractor/Supplier Signature	Title	Date
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CPF Project Areas

		# of BSLS	Miles
GoNetSpeed			
Newport	Newport	4,489	83
GNS Total		4,489	83
Verizon			
Jamestown	Jamestown	1623	44
Westerly	Westerly	429	10
PA-1	Central Falls, Cumberland, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield	758	45
PA-2	Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Woonsocket	523	26
PA-3	East Providence	130	6.5
PA-4	Cranston, Johnston, Providence, Warwick	295	27
PA-5	Coventry, Foster, Glocester, Scituate	613	32
PA-6	Coventry, Cranston, Scituate, Warwick,	560	18
PA-7	Exeter, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Richmond, West Greenwich	417	32
PA-A	Portsmouth	2198	55
PA-F	Tiverton	4283	120
Verizon Sub-total		11829	415.5
Total		16,318	499

Note: BSLS are subject to change based on removals requested by the subgrantees (e.g. non-locations, unable to access, etc.) and approved by the Corporation. All CPF Project Areas are served by fiber.

APPENDIX C

BEAD Project Areas

Project Area	Vendor	Communities	#of BSIs	Technology
1	TruAccess	Glocester	59	CBRS
2	Verizon	Little Compton	552	fiber
3	Verizon	Middletown	143	fiber
5	TruAccess	Prudence Island	391	fiber/CBRS
6	SpaceX	Hog Island	112	satellite
7	Verizon	Warren	276	fiber
8	TruAccess	Foster	98	fiber/CBRS
9	TruAccess	North Providence & Smithfield	36	fiber
10	TruAccess	Warwick	32	fiber
11	TruAccess	East Greenwich & West Greenwich	98	fiber/CBRS
12	TruAccess	Charlestown	237	fiber
13	TruAccess	Narragansett	563	fiber/CBRS
14	TruAccess	Rockville & Hopkinton	23	fiber/CBRS
15	SpaceX	Narragansett (Island)	2	satellite

Note: There is not a Project Area 4.

RFP/RFQ RESPONSE CERTIFICATION COVER FORM

Instruction: To fulfill your RFP/RFQ response, this form must be completed, printed, signed and included with your submission.

SECTION 1 - RESPONDENT INFORMATION

RFP/RFQ Number:

RFP/RFQ Title:

RFP/RFQ Respondent Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Contact Email:

SECTION 2 —DISCLOSURES

RFP/RFQ Respondents must respond to every statement. RFP/RFQ Responses submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive.

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No) for Disclosures 1-4, and if "Yes," provide details below

____ 1. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal governmental authority, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details below.

____ 2. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has had any contracts with a federal, state, or municipal governmental authority terminated for any reason within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details below.

____ 3. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been fined more than \$5000 for violation(s) of any Rhode Island environmental law(s) by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details below.

____ 4. State whether any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent is serving or has served within the past two calendar years as either an appointed or elected official of any state governmental authority or quasi-public corporation, including without limitation, any entity created as a legislative body or public or state agency by the general assembly or constitution of this state.

Disclosure details (continue on additional sheets if necessary):

SECTION 3 —OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

Respondents must provide all relevant information. Respondent proposals submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive.

If the Respondent is publicly held, the Respondent may provide owner information about only those stockholders, members, partners, or other owners that hold at least 10% of the record or beneficial equity interests of the Respondent; otherwise, complete ownership disclosure is required.

List each officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principle of the Respondent, and each intermediate parent company and the ultimate parent company of the Respondent. For each individual, provide his or her name, business address, principal occupation, position with the Respondent, and the percentage of ownership, if any, he or she holds in the Respondent, and each intermediate parent company and the ultimate parent company of the Respondent.

SECTION 4 —CERTIFICATIONS

Respondents must respond to every statement. Responses submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive.

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No), and if "No," provide details below.

THE RESPONDENT CERTIFIES THAT:

___ 1. The Respondent will immediately disclose, in writing, to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

___ 2. The Respondent possesses all licenses and anyone who will perform any work will possess all licenses required by applicable federal, state, and local law necessary to perform the requirements of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation and will maintain all required licenses during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. In the event that any required license shall lapse or be restricted or suspended, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation in writing.

___ 3. The Respondent will maintain all required insurance during the term of any contract pursuant to this solicitation. In the event that any required insurance shall lapse or be canceled, the Respondent will immediately notify the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation in writing.

___ 4. The Respondent understands that falsification of any information in its RFP/RFQ response or failure to notify the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation of any changes in any disclosures or certifications in this Respondent Certification may be grounds for suspension, debarment, and/or prosecution for fraud.

___ 5. The Respondent has not paid and will not pay any bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration to any employee or official of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation or the State of Rhode Island or any subdivision of the State of Rhode Island or other governmental authority for the purpose of obtaining an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. The Respondent further certifies that no bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration has been or will be received from any third party or paid to any third party contingent on the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation.

___ 6. This RFP/RFQ response is not a collusive RFP/RFQ response. Neither the Respondent, nor any of its owners, stockholders, members, partners, principals, directors, managers, officers, employees, or agents has in any way colluded, conspired, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Respondent or person to submit a collusive response to the solicitation or to refrain from submitting response to the solicitation, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or other communication with any other Respondent or person to fix the price or prices in the response or the response of any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost component of the price in the response or the response of any other Respondent, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation or the State of Rhode Island or any person with an interest in the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. The price in the response is fair and proper and is not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Respondent, its owners, stockholders, members, partners, principals, directors, managers, officers, employees, or agents.

___ 7. The Respondent: (i) is not identified on the General Treasurer's list created pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3 as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in § 37-2.5-2(b); and (ii) is not engaging in any such investment activities in Iran.

___ 8. The Respondent will comply with all of the laws that are incorporated into and/or applicable to any contract with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

Certification details (continue on additional sheet if necessary):

Submission by the Respondent of a response pursuant to this solicitation constitutes an offer to contract with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation on the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation and the response. The Respondent certifies that: (1) the Respondent has reviewed this solicitation and agrees to comply with its terms and conditions; (2) the response is based on this solicitation; and (3) the information submitted in the response (including this Respondent Certification Cover Form) is accurate and complete. The Respondent acknowledges that the terms and conditions of this solicitation and the response will be incorporated into any contract awarded to the Respondent pursuant to this solicitation and the response. The person signing below represents, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is fully informed regarding the preparation and contents of this response and has been duly authorized to execute and submit this response on behalf of the Respondent.

RESPONDENT

Date: _____

Name of Respondent

Signature in ink

Printed name and title of person signing on behalf of Respondent