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MINUTES: Regular Session – June 28, 2022

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the June 21, 2022, meeting.

Tom Grossmann – present

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the June 14, 2022, and June 21, 2022, meetings were approved.

- 22-0933 A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to Jodi Davis, within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department.
Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0934 A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to Krystal Powell, within the Warren County Commissioners' Office.
Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0935 A resolution was adopted to appoint Shawna Jones as the Director of Warren County Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0936 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting for Deputy Director Position, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02(A). Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0937 A resolution was adopted to approve reclassification of Morgan Lowing from Protective Services Caseworker I to Protective Services Caseworker II within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-0938 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Emily Luti, Protective Services Caseworker II, within Warren County Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, effective July 6, 2022. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0939 A resolution was adopted to hire Breanna Brunzman as Protective Services Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0940 A resolution was adopted to appoint Courtney Wilson into the role of Temporary Child Care Scholarship Program Supervisor within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0941 A resolution was adopted to hire Caitlyn Russell as Temporary Child Care Scholarship Program Caseworker, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0942 A resolution was adopted to hire Brenda McKinney as Eligibility Referral Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0943 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Shawn Brinson, Water and Sewer Utility Clerk II, within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department, effective July 6, 2022. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0944 A resolution was adopted to hire Kane Dempsey as Wastewater Treatment Plant Technician, within the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0945 A resolution was adopted to approve pay increase for Arron Tate, Water Distribution Worker III within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0946 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “Community Manager” position, within the Telecommunications Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02(A). Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0947 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Kelley Wilson, Customer Advocate I, within Warren County OhioMeansJobs, effective June 28, 2022. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0948 A resolution was adopted to authorize request for proposals for Monitoring and Maintenance Services of Security Information and Event Management for Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0949 A resolution was adopted to advertise for bids for the Lower Little Miami Wastewater Treatment Plant Overhead Door Project. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-0950 A resolution was adopted to approve emergency repair to the generator located at Dick's Creek Sewer Lift Station. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0951 A resolution was adopted to authorize the President of this Board to sign a satisfaction of mortgage for Ida Bicknell. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0952 A resolution was adopted to enter into a youth worksite agreement on behalf of OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0953 A resolution was adopted to approve extension of the agreement between Easter Seals Tristate, LLC and the Workforce Development Board of Ohio's 12th Local Workforce Development Area. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0954 A resolution was adopted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the OhioToWork grant with Sinclair Community College, Fiscal Agent for OhioToWork Grant and the Area 12 Workforce Development Board. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0955 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize OhioMeansJobs/Butler-Clermont-Warren Extension of Memorandum of Understanding and amendment. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0956 A resolution was adopted to enter into a temporary entrance and work agreement with Shadowcreek Farm, LLC for the bridge replacement project on Middleboro Road. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0957 A resolution was adopted to enter into an exclusive and permanent standard public highway easement with American Tower Asset Sub II, LLC for the Butler Warren Road Widening Project from Bethany Road to Princeton Road. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0958 A resolution was adopted to approve replacement of Culvert WA 12-6.04 on Oregonia Road under force account. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0959 A resolution was adopted to authorize acceptance of quote from Central Square on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications for Enterprise CAD RapidSOS Interface annual subscription. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0960 A resolution was adopted to sign ethernet intrastate-only traffic certification form and authorize Paul Kindell, Warren County Telecommunications Director, to request service orders on the State of Ohio Service-Now portal. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0961 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0962 A resolution was adopted to approve a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security release with M/I Homes of Cincinnati, LLC for Hudson Hills, Section 3, Block "D", situated in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous

- 22-0963 A resolution was adopted to accept an amended certificate, approve an operational transfer and repayment of cash advance in order to finalize the Edwardsville Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project and close Fund 4432. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0964 A resolution was adopted to accept an amended certificate and approve supplemental appropriation within Gas Rotary fund #665. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0965 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriations into OhioMeansJobs funds #2254 and #2258. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0966 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriations into Board of Elections fund #11011200. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0967 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Common Pleas Court Community Based Corrections 2284. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0968 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Commissioners general fund #11011110 into Juvenile Court fund #11011240. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0969 A resolution was adopted to approve an appropriation adjustment within Prosecutor fund 11011150. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0970 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Board of Elections fund #11011300. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0971 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Telecommunications Department fund #11012812 into 11012810. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0972 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Telecommunications Department fund #4492. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0973 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within County Court fund 2283. Vote: Unanimous
- 22-0974 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present for a work session and discussed the following matters:

1. Bear Run/Fosters Lift Station Improvements—Mr. Brausch presented the attached PowerPoint presentation relative to proposed improvement to the Bear Run/Fosters Lift Station Improvements. He reviewed the previous discussion relative to the desire to eliminate the pump stations and stated the consultant has completed the study and presented the following options:
 - a. Microtunnel under the river which eliminates the pump stations—proposed cost of \$14.9 million
 - b. Open cut the river (which will likely not be permitted by the EPA)—proposed cost of \$9.3 million
 - c. Continue to pump across the Terwilleger Bridge--\$7 million

Mr. Brausch discussed in detail the proposed options and stated his recommendation to continue running the lift stations and make the recommended upgrades while utilizing the existing hanging pipes on the bridge. He stated that the cost of the maintenance and upkeep of the pump stations will not justify the \$14.9 million expenditure in his opinion.

The Board discussed possible ways to ensure the water quality of the river in the event of damage to the bridge and/or pipes.

2. US EPA Health Advisory for PFAS—Mr. Brausch presented the EPA Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and discussed the Montgomery County concerns which led to the Ohio Governor testing all the water within the State of Ohio.

Mr. Brausch stated that one treatment plant had reportable levels when tested and explained that the levels within the plant equated to a single piece of paper when reams of paper are stacked all the way to the moon. He then explained that regulations are proposed to be established sometime this fall but at this time, there is no treatment available to eliminate these chemicals.

Bruce McGary, Assistant Prosecutor, stated he has been consulted many times relative to joining a class action lawsuit relative to PFAS.

Mr. Brausch stated he will keep the Board updated on the matter as information becomes available.

3. Mr. Brausch provided an update to the Board relative to online payments. He stated they are moving forward with a new vendor that will give more options to customers on how they pay their bill which includes ACH payments.
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Commissioner Young discussed the major staffing shortage within the Water and Sewer Department, stating that mission critical jobs are vacant as well as the need to address the problem.

Commissioner Jones stated that the same scenario with vacant jobs apply to all the departments as all the jobs are mission critical. She then stated the need to discuss and address the problem for all of the departments.

Matt Schnipke, Economic Development Director, was present along with our consultant, Jeremy Elrod, Morley Corporation, to provide an update and discuss the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) relative to the Broadband Infrastructure Project.

Mr. Schnipke stated that they are currently under contract with Morley as the consultant hired to help create the RFP to solicit internet providers. He presented the draft RFP as well as provided a list of questions needing answered to finalize it.

Commissioner Young stated his concern relative to duplication of efforts with Warren County allocating funds when direct funding is available through the budget bill.

Commissioner Jones stated she does not want to duplicate efforts but desires to utilize the ARPA funds to enable Warren County to have a voice at the table when it comes to available service within Warren County.

Mr. Schnipke explained his goal of “marrying” all the available funding together in order to have the best possible services available to everyone in Warren County.

Mr. Elrod explained that the funding through the budget bill is still not determined and if the Board desires to have an immediate impact, this project is the way. He then stated that the Board would have the ability to do additional projects in the future or, should the funding within the budget bill be clearer soon, the Board could always determine to not proceed with the project and reject all proposals. He stated that 5-7% of Warren County desperately need internet services and that the remainder have service but some are underserved.

There was discussion relative to the State of Ohio administering the Federal funding provided in the budget bill. Commissioner Jones stated her opinion that, based upon the maps, it will be a long time before the State views Warren County as a priority for funding.

Paul Kindell, Telecommunications Director, stated he is looking forward to seeing this project proceed and feels Warren County can do a better job than the Federal government.

There was discussion on how the Board desires to proceed with the ranking of submitted proposals. Upon discussion, it was determined that staff would provide a technical review and make recommendations with the Board conducting interviews and final rankings.

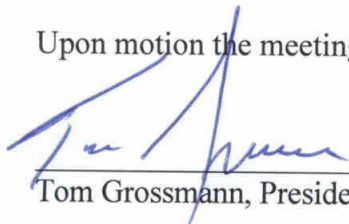
There was discussion relative to the scope of the project including only the unincorporated areas of the county or all areas, working with the municipalities to incorporate their available funding opportunities.

The Board stated their desire to have an impact on availability of services within the entire county, not just the unincorporated areas.

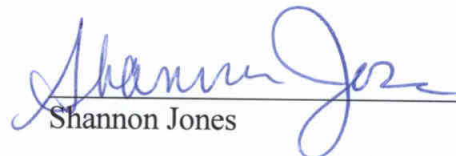
Upon further discussion, the Board stated their desire to proceed with the project as discussed.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered executive session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss personnel matters relative to hiring and compensation within the Water/Sewer Department and Children Services pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) and to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel present pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) and exited at 12:22 p.m.

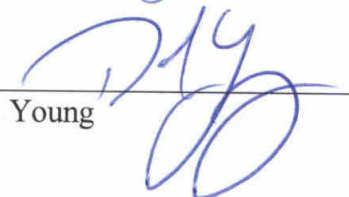
Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



Tom Grossmann, President

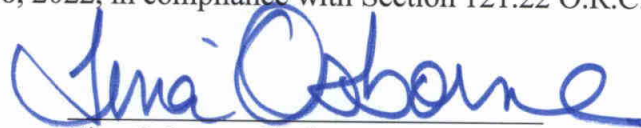


Shannon Jones



David G. Young

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on June 28, 2022, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio



Water & Sewer Department Work Session

June 28, 2022

AGENDA

- Bear Run Improvements
- EPA Health Advisory
- Online Bill Pay



Water & Sewer Department



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BEAR RUN / FOSTERS LIFT STATIONS
June 28, 2022

IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

- Gravity by Microtunnel Under River - \$14.9 Million
- Gravity by Open Cut of River - \$9.3 Million
- Pump across Bridge - \$6.5 to \$7.0 Million



BEAR RUN / FOSTERS LIFT STATIONS
June 28, 2022

EPA Announces New Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFAS Chemicals, \$1 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to Strengthen Health Protections

Agency establishes new health advisories for GenX and PFBS and lowers health advisories for PFOA and PFOS

June 15, 2022

What are the Health Advisory Levels?

- Interim updated Health Advisory for PFOA = 0.004 parts per trillion (ppt)
- Interim updated Health Advisory for PFOS = 0.02 ppt
- Final Health Advisory for GenX chemicals = 10 ppt
- Final Health Advisory for PFBS = 2,000 ppt

Other EPA Actions Related to PFAS and Drinking Water

As outlined in EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap, released in October 2021, the Agency is developing proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). EPA expects to issue a proposed rule in Fall 2022 and a final rule in Fall 2023. As EPA undertakes this action, the Agency is also evaluating additional PFAS and considering actions to address groups of PFAS.



Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFAS Fact Sheet for Communities

On June 15, 2022, EPA released four drinking water health advisories for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In releasing these drinking water health advisories, EPA is acting in accordance with its mission and responsibility to protect public health and keep communities informed when new science becomes available. EPA is committed to partnering with states, Tribes, territories, and water utilities, and the agency's new health advisories represent a key input that can be used to inform actions to address PFAS in drinking water, including water quality monitoring, changing sources of drinking water or modifying treatment to reduce exposure to these substances. EPA also announced that it is inviting states and territories to apply for \$1 billion – the first of \$5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant funding – to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in drinking water, specifically in small or disadvantaged communities.

What are PFAS?

PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. There are thousands of different PFAS, some of which have been more widely used and studied than others. One common concern is that PFAS generally break down very slowly, meaning that concentrations can accumulate in people, animals, and the environment over time.

Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) are two of the most widely used and studied chemicals in the PFAS group. PFOA and PFOS have been replaced in the United States with other PFAS in recent years. In chemical and product manufacturing, GenX chemicals are considered a replacement for PFOA, and perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS) is considered a replacement for PFOS.

What Is a Health Advisory?

Drinking water health advisories provide information on contaminants that can cause human health effects and are known or anticipated to occur in drinking water. EPA's health advisories are non-enforceable and non-regulatory and provide technical information to states agencies and other public health officials on health effects, analytical methods, and treatment technologies associated with drinking water contamination.

EPA's lifetime health advisories identify levels to protect all people, including sensitive populations and life stages, from adverse health effects resulting from exposure throughout their lives to these PFAS in drinking water. The health advisory levels were calculated to offer a margin of protection against adverse health effects. EPA's lifetime health advisories also take into account other potential sources of exposure to these PFAS beyond drinking water (for example, food, air, consumer products, etc.), which provides an additional layer of protection.

What Is the Basis for EPA's New Health Advisories?

The interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS are based on human studies in populations exposed to these chemicals. Human studies have found associations between PFOA and/or PFOS

exposure and effects on the immune system, the cardiovascular system, human development (e.g., decreased birth weight), and cancer. The final health advisories for GenX chemicals and PFBS are based on animal studies following oral exposure to these chemicals. GenX chemicals have been linked to health effects on the liver, the kidney, the immune system, and developmental effects, as well as cancer. PFBS has been linked to health effects on the thyroid, reproductive system, development, and kidney.

Why is EPA Issuing Interim Updated Health Advisories for PFOA and PFOS?

Consistent with EPA's mission and responsibility to protect public health and keep communities informed when new science becomes available, EPA is issuing interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS in light of new scientific information on these chemicals' health effects. These interim health advisories will be in place until EPA's forthcoming PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation is in effect.

What are the Health Advisory Levels?

- Interim updated Health Advisory for PFOA = 0.004 parts per trillion (ppt)
- Interim updated Health Advisory for PFOS = 0.02 ppt
- Final Health Advisory for GenX chemicals = 10 ppt
- Final Health Advisory for PFBS = 2,000 ppt

What Does this Mean for Communities?

The agency recognizes that these new health advisories may raise many questions. EPA encourages people who are concerned to learn about PFAS, including actions that may already be underway and opportunities to reduce exposure. EPA has created [answers to a list of important questions](#) related to this announcement to help members of the public learn more.

If you are concerned about PFAS in your drinking water, EPA recommends you contact your local water utility to learn more about your drinking water and to see whether they have monitoring data for PFAS or can provide any specific recommendations for your community. EPA recommends that public water systems that find PFOA or PFOS in their drinking water take steps to inform customers, undertake additional sampling to assess the level, scope, and source of contamination, and examine steps to limit exposure.

In many communities, public health officials have taken steps to reduce exposure to PFAS in drinking water. Current science indicates that **lower levels of PFAS exposure present less risk**, so those efforts help protect public health.

Drinking water systems have reduced exposure to PFAS by closing contaminated wells, changing the rates of blending of water sources, or installing technologies that remove PFAS from the water (such as granular activated carbon or reverse osmosis).

If you are **concerned about PFAS in your drinking water**:

- Learn about testing and actions your water system may have taken, or request testing.
- If you have a home drinking water well, ensure you are protecting and maintaining it: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>
- Consider any resources and recommendations from your state: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/us-state-resources-about-pfas>

- Review EPA's Meaningful and Achievable Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Risk:
<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/meaningful-and-achievable-steps-you-can-take-reduce-your-risk>
- Review EPA's questions and answers about these drinking water health advisories:
<https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/questions-and-answers-drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>
- Follow EPA's progress in developing a PFAS National Drinking Water Regulation:
<https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>
- Learn about EPA funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to reduce PFAS in water:
<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-emerging-contaminants>.
- Learn more about PFAS and review the agency's PFAS Strategic Roadmap:
<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-strategic-roadmap-epas-commitments-action-2021-2024>

* List of Acronyms: Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA); Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS); Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid and its Potassium Salt (PFBS); Hexafluoropropylene Oxide (HFPO) Dimer Acid and its Ammonium Salt (GenX Chemicals)

requirements. The consequences of not collecting this information are that the Commission would be unable to fulfill its statutory mandate under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to:

- Establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal

authorizations required for a project, and

- Compile a record of each agency's decision, together with the record of the Commission's decision, to serve as a consolidated record for the purpose of appeal or review, including judicial review.

Type of Respondent: Agencies with federal authorization responsibilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden² and cost³ (rounded) for the information collection as follows:

FERC-606 (NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION), AND FERC-607 (REPORT ON DECISION OR ACTION ON REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION)

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
FERC-606	1	1	1	4 hrs.; \$348	4 hrs.; \$348	\$348
FERC-607	1	1	1	1 hr.; \$87	1 hr.; \$87	87
Total	2	2	5 hrs.; \$435

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: June 14, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP22-979-000.

Applicants: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2022 Negotiated and Non-Conforming SA Blue Flint to be effective 7/15/2022.

Filed Date: 6/14/22.

Accession Number: 20220614-5030.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/27/22.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: June 14, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 9855-01-OW]

Lifetime Drinking Water Health Advisories for Four Perfluoroalkyl Substances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the release of health advisories for four perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including interim updated lifetime drinking water health advisories for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), and final health advisories for hexafluoropropylene oxide (HFPO) dimer acid and its ammonium salt (together referred to as "GenX chemicals") and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid and its related compound potassium perfluorobutane sulfonate (together referred to as "PFBS"). EPA's health advisories, which identify the concentration of chemicals in drinking water at or below which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur, are: 0.004 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA, 0.02 ppt for PFOS, 10 ppt for GenX chemicals, and 2,000 ppt for PFBS. Health advisories are non-regulatory and reflect EPA's assessment of the best available peer-reviewed science. The interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS supersede EPA's 2016 health advisories for PFOA and PFOS.

¹ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

² Annual public reporting burden based on respondents over the last three-year period.

³ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the formula: Average Burden Hours per Response * \$7.00 per hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure comes from the

FERC average salary plus benefits of \$180,703 per year (or \$87.00/hour). These estimates were updated in May 2021. This figure is being used because the staff thinks industry is similarly situated in terms of average hourly cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Euling, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Water (Mail Code 4304T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 566-2717; or email: euling.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. What are PFAS, and specifically, what are PFOA, PFOS, GenX chemicals, and PFBS?**

PFAS are a large and diverse structural family of compounds used in myriad commercial applications due to their unique properties, such as resistance to high and low temperatures, resistance to degradation, and nonstick characteristics. Although PFAS have been manufactured and used broadly in commerce since the 1940s, particular concern over potential adverse effects on human health grew in the early 2000s with the discovery of PFOA and PFOS in human blood. Since that time, hundreds of PFAS have been identified in water, soil, and air. Many PFAS are environmentally persistent, bioaccumulative, and have long half-lives in humans, particularly the longer-chained carbon species such as PFOA and PFOS. Most uses of PFOA and PFOS were phased out by U.S. manufacturers in the mid-2000s although there are a limited number of ongoing uses. In addition, some currently used PFAS break down into PFOA and PFOS in the environment. PFAS with fewer carbon atoms, such as GenX chemicals and PFBS, were subsequently developed to replace PFOA and PFOS, respectively, and integrated into various consumer products and industrial applications because they have the desired properties and characteristics associated with this class of compounds but are more quickly eliminated from the human body than PFOA and PFOS.

II. What health effects are associated with exposure to PFOA, PFOS, GenX chemicals, and PFBS?

The interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS are based on human epidemiology studies in populations exposed to these chemicals. Human studies have found associations between PFOA and/or PFOS exposure and effects on the immune system, the cardiovascular system, human development (e.g., decreased birth weight), and cancer. The most sensitive non-cancer effect and the basis for the interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS is suppression of vaccine response (decreased serum antibody concentrations) in children.

While there is evidence that PFOA is likely to be carcinogenic to humans, EPA has not derived a cancer risk concentration in water for PFOA at this time. There is suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential of PFOS in humans. Cancer analyses are ongoing for both PFOA and PFOS.

EPA's final health advisories for GenX chemicals and PFBS are based on animal toxicity studies following oral exposure to these chemicals. GenX chemicals have been linked to health effects on the liver, the kidney, the immune system, and developmental effects, as well as cancer. The most sensitive non-cancer effect and the basis for the final health advisories for GenX chemicals is a liver effect (constellation of liver lesions). There is suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential of oral exposure to GenX chemicals in humans, but data are insufficient to derive a cancer risk concentration in water for GenX chemicals at this time. Animal studies following oral exposure to PFBS have shown health effects on the thyroid, reproductive organs and tissues, developing fetus, and kidney following oral exposure. The most sensitive non-cancer effect and the basis for the final health advisory for PFBS is a thyroid effect (decreased serum total thyroxine). There are no known studies evaluating potential cancer effects of PFBS and so the potential for cancer effects after PFBS exposure could not be evaluated.

III. What are drinking water health advisories?

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA may publish health advisories for contaminants that are not subject to any national primary drinking water regulation. 42 U.S.C. 300g-1(b)(1)(F)). EPA develops health advisories to provide information on the chemical and physical properties, occurrence and exposure, health effects, quantification of toxicological effects, other regulatory standards, analytical methods, and treatment technology for drinking water contaminants. Health advisories describe concentrations of drinking water contaminants at which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur over specific exposure durations (e.g., one-day, ten-days, and a lifetime). Health advisories serve as technical information to assist Federal, state and local officials, as well as managers of public or community water systems in protecting public health. They are not regulations and should not be construed as legally enforceable Federal standards. Health advisories may change as new information becomes available.

IV. What are EPA's interim health advisories for PFOA and PFOS?

EPA is releasing interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS based on data and draft analyses that indicate that the levels at which negative health effects could occur are much lower than previously understood when the agency issued its 2016 health advisories for PFOA and PFOS (70 parts per trillion or ppt). Human studies have found associations between PFOA and/or PFOS exposure and effects on the immune system, the cardiovascular system, development (e.g., decreased birth weight), and cancer. These data and draft analyses, which were released publicly in November 2021, are currently undergoing EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) review. EPA is concerned about the public health implications of these preliminary findings and is therefore issuing interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS. The interim updated health advisories for PFOA and PFOS are 0.004 ppt and 0.02 ppt, respectively. The interim updated health advisories replace the 2016 final health advisories for PFOA and PFOS which were both set at 70 ppt. EPA is reviewing and will respond to the SAB comments as the Agency moves forward to develop Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) to support the Safe Drinking Water Act National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFOA and PFOS, which is expected to be proposed later this year.

V. What are EPA's final health advisories for GenX chemicals and PFBS?

EPA is also releasing final health advisories for GenX chemicals and PFBS for the first time, based on EPA's 2021 final toxicity assessments for these PFAS. In chemical and product manufacturing, GenX chemicals are considered a replacement for PFOA, and PFBS is considered a replacement for PFOS. Animal toxicity studies following oral exposure to GenX chemicals have reported health effects in the liver, kidney, immune system, development, as well as cancer. For PFBS, animal studies have reported health effects on the thyroid, reproductive system, development, and kidney following oral exposure. The final health advisories for GenX chemicals and PFBS are 10 ppt and 2,000 ppt, respectively.

Radhika Fox,
Assistant Administrator.

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Commissioners,

Good afternoon. In advance of my work session next Tuesday, I wanted to send a brief note outlining the main points I hope to address. The hired consultant on this project (Morley) will also be present at the meeting to answer questions.

Over the past few weeks, we have been working with Morley to craft the RFP for issuance to providers. We have a draft that is in near final form and will be included in your packet. The work session Tuesday is to get your feedback on any desired changes you would like to see as well as answers to (at least) the following questions:

- 1.) If the amount of funds available will not expand access to the entire County, how would the Board wish to approach municipalities and townships regarding partnership?
 - a. Economic Development conducted a survey that founds interest from municipalities/townships in partnering.
 - b. One main questions posed in survey responses was how local jurisdictions could ensure ROI on their ARPA dollars and not subsidize broadband in other areas of the County.
- 2.) How involved does the Board wish to be in the review process?
 - a. Does the Board wish to form a review committee or conduct the interviews/scoring directly?
- 3.) \$5 million has been proposed on the framework, but this amount will need to be confirmed prior to issuance of the RFP.
- 4.) Does the County have a deadline for completion of the project besides that listed in the ARPA requirements?

In addition to these questions, I will plan to walk through the process/timeline. After receiving feedback from the Board, I will work with the Prosecutor's Office to get the RFP in an acceptable form and out for public bid. **For Tuesday's work session, there will be no action sought beyond feedback. Once the feedback has been incorporated, the authorization to put the RFP out for bid would come back in front of the Board as a consent agenda item.**

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Warren County Broadband Infrastructure Project

**Warren County, Ohio
Request for Proposals (RFP) Notification
For
Internet Service Provider(s) to Deploy, Operate, and Maintain a
Broadband Internet Network Which Delivers High-Speed Broadband
to Currently Underserved Premises in Warren County**

Project number: 12049.1.001A

Issued:
July 17, 2022



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Request for Proposals

Project Location: Warren County, Ohio

Response Due Date and Time: By 5:00 PM EST – Friday, August 26th, 2022

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is official notification of needed broadband services and is being issued to solicit a response and other documents from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) qualified to deploy, operate, and maintain a broadband internet network ensuring that currently underserved premises in Warren County are served by high-speed broadband. A submittal does not guarantee that the applicant will be contracted to perform any services but only serves notice that the applicant desires to be considered. Warren County, Ohio (“County”) is not responsible for any costs incurred by the Applicants for the preparation of any materials required for responding to this RFP.

Submittal Requirements:

RFP responses shall be submitted via physical copies, with blue ink signatures, to the Warren County Economic Development office listed below, and include a USB flash drive containing a electronic copy (PDF format) of all submitted documents. Morley has been retained by Warren County to assist with managing the RFP process, distribution, and Q&A. All inquiries related to the RFP shall be directed to both contacts listed below.

Morley
Attention: Jeramy Elrod, P.E.
4800 Rosebud Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630
Phone: 812-464-9585
Email: jeramy@morleycorp.com

Warren Co Economic Development
Attn: Matthew Schnipke
406 Justice Drive
Lebanon, OH 45036
Phone: 513-695-2090
Email: matthew.schnipke@co.warren.oh.us

Selection Procedures:

Proposals will be received, reviewed, and scored accordingly by an evaluation committee, whose members shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and any such Applicant(s) selected shall proceed with subsequent contract negotiations with the County. The County may make one or multiple awards but is not required to make an award.

Funding for broadband projects will be through the County’s allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and all funded projects shall meet the eligibility requirements of the Final Rule as published by the Department of the Treasury.

Informational Webinar:

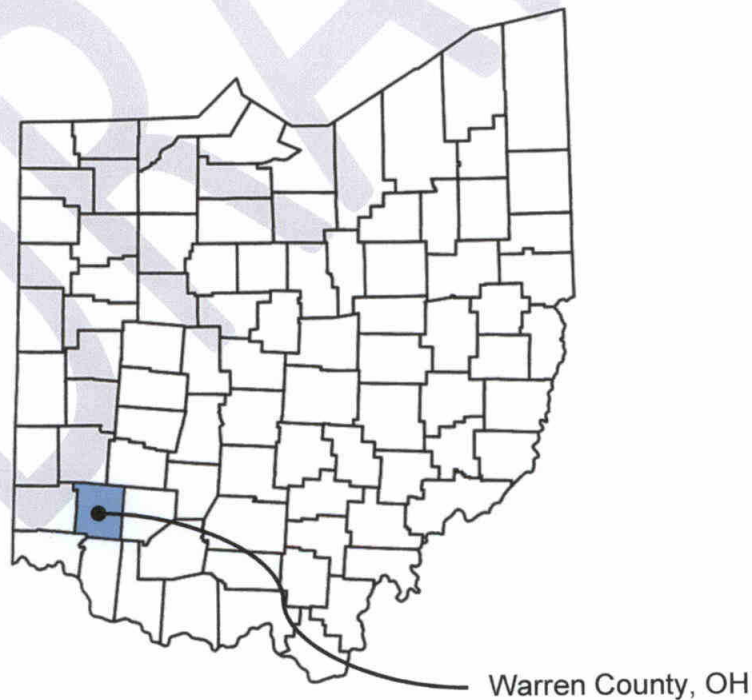
An informational webinar will be held at the time and date listed in the RFP. The purpose is to familiarize interested Applicants on the contents of the RFP and the goals of the project. Interested Applicants are *strongly* encouraged to attend. Attendees will also have the opportunity for open discussion and asking questions. Please contact Jeramy Elrod via email at jeramy@morleycorp.com to receive invitation details to the webinar.

1 Project Overview

This RFP reflects the commitment of the County to ensure high-speed broadband is available to as many local residents and businesses (collectively “premises”) as possible. The successful Internet Service Provider(s) or other organization(s) responding to this RFP (hereinafter referred to as “Applicant”) will be expected to deploy a network that meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the Final Rule of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The purpose of the RFP is to seek innovative or traditional broadband solutions from one or more Applicants proposing one or multiple solutions over all or portions of the County. From these RFP responses, the County will select the best Applicant(s) to finalize project details by creation and execution of a contract with the County.

The County is offering direct capital funding of up to \$5 million to qualified and committed private sector partners to support deployment. The purpose of the direct capital funding will be to defray the cost of the infrastructure necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP, which might include construction or improvement of fiber optics, cabinets, pedestals, poles, pole attachments, towers, wireless equipment, CPE, etc. (collectively this infrastructure is hereinafter referred to as “Assets”).



2 Eligibility Requirements

This RFP does not dictate which technologies or solutions the Applicant should select or build, but rather leaves it to the Applicant to propose technologies that are suitable for deployment and able to reach the target areas while also achieving the following eligibility requirements:

- A network which serves locations without access to reliable wireline 100/20 Mbps broadband service (meaning service that reliably provides 100 Mbps download speed and 20 Mbps upload speed through a wireline connection).
- A network which reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds. In cases where it is not practicable, because of the excessive cost of the project or geography or topography of the area to be served by the project, the network may be designed to reliably meet or exceed 100/20 Mbps and be scalable to a minimum of symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds.
- The ISP must either participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers that provides benefits commensurate to ACP.
- System designed to 99.9% uptime.
- All products proposed MAY NOT contain monthly data caps or bandwidth/speed reduction due to metered usage.
- All eligibility requirements as set forth in the Final Rule of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- In general, use of County contributed funds shall not be applied to areas already targeted by state or federally funded broadband projects or commitments.

Open Access Requirements: There are no requirements for open access related to this RFP.

Network Construction Standards:

Applicants should expect that upon successful completion of a negotiated contract for deployment of a broadband network, and commencement of work by the selected Applicant, the County may provide inspection oversight to ensure compliance with design and deployment standards per the negotiated contract.

The selected Applicant will fully engineer and permit the project prior to commencement of construction as a function of the negotiated contract.

Deployment of all fiber and fiber-related infrastructure must comply with all National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) codes and laws at the local, state, federal, and private land levels as they pertain to communication installations.

Should wireless technology be selected for deployment, all towers, antennas, and other components utilized to deliver wireless broadband must comply with all FCC regulations regarding tower construction, spectrum registration, and applicable state/County authority over zoning and land use regulations.

The selected Applicant will be expected to have all routes and tower sites surveyed by a licensed surveyor as well as provide the County with GIS/CAD mapping showing the locations of all facilities deployed and service areas of engineered coverage design(s). The County has available certain GIS layers that may prove useful to the applicant, which can be found at: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/warrens/gis/>. However, Applicant shall note that GIS layers for parcel lines, public easements, and right of ways do not suffice as a survey for public routes or tower sites.

Other construction requirements that are the responsibility of the Applicant include:

- Work with all appropriate agencies to obtain all required right of way approvals.
- Obtain all required permits and private easement approvals.
- Coordinate project deployment with all utilities.
- Coordinate and resolve third party or private claims.
- Repair any and all damages to private property.
- At all times, maintain an adequate staff of experienced and qualified employees for efficient performance.
- At all times, furnish or perform any services in a safe, proper, and workmanlike, manner.

The Applicant will be required to demonstrate network performance to specified test standards. These standards will need to be met for services offered and infrastructure built or contracted. Speeds will be tested and proven as negotiated in the contract.

3 General RFP Information

Available funding for project is up to \$5 million.

Funding will be released upon completion and acceptance of agreed upon project milestones as stipulated in the negotiated contract.

Any awards and/or contracts resulting from this RFP will be subject to availability of funds, which may require appropriations or other governmental proceedings to make available.

Applicants may submit multiple responses to this RFP for proposals that differ in service areas, technology, requested County contribution, timing of deployment, eligibility requirements or any combination thereof.

The County does not intend to enter the broadband business as a competitive service provider.

The County does not intend to own or operate the network infrastructure Assets it financially supports through this RFP process.

This RFP does not constitute a contract for services performed or to be performed.

The County is not required to accept the lowest cost proposal.

The County reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Applicant fails to satisfy the County that such Applicant is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein.

The County reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, to reissue a request for proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any proposal, and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the County.

The County may make such investigation as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Applicant to perform the work, and the Applicant shall furnish to the County all such information by the date specified by the County.

The submission of an RFP response will constitute representation by the Applicant that it understands and has complied with the requirements of the RFP. Submission of a response indicates the RFP information provided was sufficient in scope and detail to convey understanding of anticipated terms and conditions for performance of the work.

The information contained in proposals submitted for consideration by the County will be held in confidence only to the extent allowable by law.

The Applicant will be expected to execute a contract within 45 days of notification they have been selected by the County as an awarded candidate. The County reserves the right to select other candidates if a contract is not executed within the 45-day timeline. There is no guarantee a contract will successfully be awarded related to a winning Applicant's response.

The County may require the successful Applicant(s) to post a letter of credit, performance bond, or other surety to support its performance obligations as part of the negotiated contract.

4 Service Areas

The County seeks to close the broadband availability/reliability gap throughout its limits. Of highest priority are residents and businesses without access to wireline internet providing speeds which exceed 100/20 Mbps.

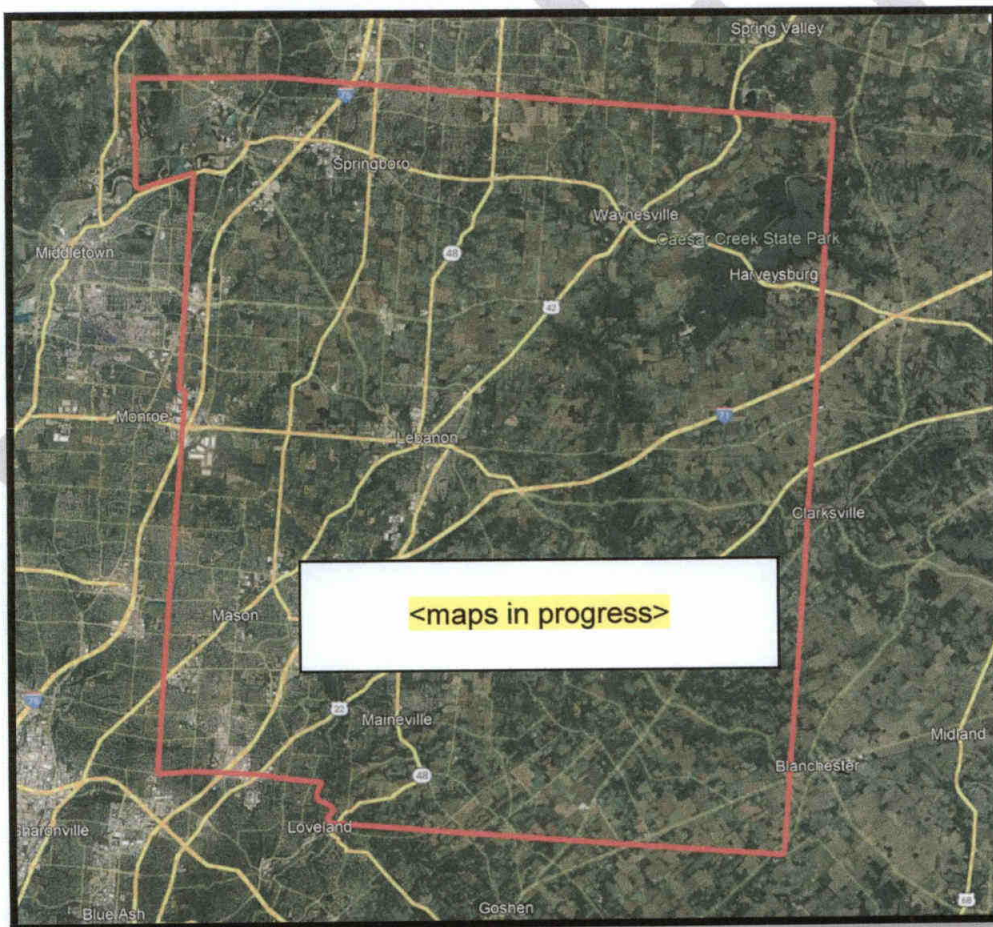
<insert additional identified needs areas>.

Several exhibits are shown below. Applicants are encouraged to supplement this data with other available sources or using proprietary data.

Applicants are encouraged to provide response information engineered to the highest level of detail possible for an RFP of this nature.

Contiguous geographic areas are not required.

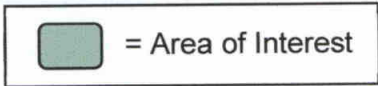
The County acknowledges that the successful Applicant may need to install Assets originating from outside of the County; however, Applicant shall only count premises within the County's when estimating the total number of customers served.



Kmz or .dwg/.dxf files of County and Municipal Limits are available upon request.



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5 RFP Submittal Process

The RFP Schedule is as follows:

RFP Publication and Post Date:	Sunday, July 17th, 2022
RFP Informative Webinar:	10:00 AM EST - Wednesday, July 27th, 2022
Written Questions Due:	By 5:00 PM EST – Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022
Written Answers Delivered:	By 5:00 PM EST – Friday, August 12th, 2022
RFP Response Due Date:	By 5:00 PM EST – Friday, August 26th, 2022
RFP Public Reading:	Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 (Anticipated)
Analysis and Scoring Complete:	Expected by Friday, September 9th, 2022
Notice of Award:	Expected by Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

RFP Submittal process:

Final RFP responses will **only** be accepted in physical form, with blue ink signatures, and including a USB flash drive containing an electronic copy (PDF format) of all submitted documents. Documents should be well organized and presented as this will be part of the scoring for completeness of RFP.

Responses received after the specified due date and time shall result in disqualification of the Applicant's RFP submittal and will not be accepted.

Applicants are responsible for confirming receipt of RFP submittals.

RFP Question and Answer Process:

Outside of the informational webinar, RFP Applicants must submit any technical or procedural questions related to the RFP in writing via e-mail at jeramyem@morleycorp.com

All questions related to the RFP must contain in the subject line of the e-mail the following identifier:

"Warren County – Broadband RFP – Questions"

All submitted questions will receive a written response. Additionally, any Applicant who submits a question, attends the webinar, or inquires about the RFP by contacting jeramyem@morleycorp.com will receive the final Q&A document.

RFP Response Format

In an effort to expedite the evaluation of the RFP responses received, Applicants are encouraged to organize proposals in the sequence below.

There is no restriction on the number of pages submitted in the proposal.

- A. Company Name, Profile, and History
- B. Executive Summary of Scope of Work
- C. Project Team
- D. Statement of Qualifications
- E. Technical Approach and Work Plan
- F. Product Offerings
- G. Cost Proposal
- H. Schedule
- I. Appendices

A. Company Name, Profile, and History

Provide the full legal name of the Applicant, including any previous names or doing-business-as names. The final response shall include the signature of an owner, corporate officer, or agent authorized by the Applicant. Include a designated contact person. Provide a brief history of the company and its work in the broadband industry as an internet service provider.

B. Executive Summary of Scope of Work

Applicant shall provide an overview of the major features of the RFP submission. Include any suggestions, conclusions, recommendations, or assumptions the Applicant believes are significant to the understanding of the RFP.

C. Project Team

List key personnel involved in the planning, management, oversight, deployment, operation, and maintenance of the project with a brief description of each members qualifications and ability to contribute to a successful project.

D. Statement of Qualifications

Provide a description of (up to) three (3) projects similar to the one described in this RFP that your company has deployed within the last five (5) years. Outline services offered, geography covered, network design utilized, and customer types served. For each project provide the contact information for the primary reference for each of the projects including: the company/organization name, a primary point of contact, their title, and their phone number.

E. Technical Approach and Work Plan

Provide a detailed technical approach and work plan for the project. Describe proposed project location(s).

Provide coverage area map(s) and narratives outlining Asset placement as applicable to support the proposed design that demonstrates coverage of the project location within the specified area(s).

Clearly state how many premises will be covered and at what levels of service.

F. Product Offerings

Provide a list of product tiers to be provided as part of the project. For each product being proposed please provide the following information as applicable:

- Downstream speed
- Upstream speed
- Monthly recurring cost (MRC) – inclusive of estimated taxes and fees.
- One-time non-recurring installation costs (NRC) – inclusive of estimated taxes and fees.
- Narrative of installation requirements/process.
- Service level agreement and performance metrics for each.

All proposals are required to include a description of the services required as the Applicant's organization would address support of the deployment, operation, and maintenance for the delivery of broadband Internet network products and services throughout the County. Provide a narrative of your current and/or intended presence in the County (i.e., sales, administrative, customer service personnel) in support of the internet infrastructure established as a result of this RFP.

G. Cost Proposal

Applicant shall provide a detailed breakdown of the total project cost, then clearly indicate the requested County contribution and Applicant's contribution. Total project cost shall not include ongoing fees such as licenses, O&M costs, or lease/rent expenses. Should any scope alternatives be included for the County's consideration, a separate cost proposal should be included for each alternative.

H. Schedule

Applicant should provide a proposed schedule for design, permitting, construction, and initiation of broadband services to the specified areas of the County. The timeline schedule should include key milestones and phasing plans. Should any technical alternatives be included for the County's consideration, a separate schedule should be included for each alternative.

The County intends the project be deployed in a continuous fashion commencing immediately upon contract execution.

The County desires that all projects be completed prior to **December 31st, 2024**, preferably sooner, or by the negotiated date of the contract with the County. Applicants shall provide a proposed schedule for implementation that reflects the most expeditious timeline possible, including engineering, permitting, licensing, construction, and validation.

I. Appendices

Applicants can attach such documentation as desired to support the RFP response to assist the County to better assess the Applicant's RFP submission. If used, Appendices must be clearly labeled with a purpose for submission.

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6 Scoring Criteria

An evaluation committee will be formed and have its members approved by the Board of County Commissioners, to determine if the proposal(s) is in the best interest of Warren County.

The evaluation committee will initially check the proposals to validate that all information required to conform to this RFP is included. Absence of required information or nonconforming proposals may result in rejection.

The evaluation committee may, at their discretion, schedule selected Applicants for interviews of their proposals. The evaluation committee will evaluate the proposals using the scoring criteria listed below as a guide, and formulate a recommendation to the Warren County Board of Commissioners. The Warren County Board of Commissioners may, at their discretion, require additional steps before an award is made.

Criteria	Points	Score
Project Costs and County Contribution	30%	
Overall County contribution – priority given to projects that provide highest value per County dollar contributed		
Proposed Solution	40%	
Number of premises served		
Overall deployment timing - priority given to projects that can be done the quickest		
Product Offerings – priority given to variety of product tiers, competitiveness of pricing, and maximum available speeds		
All fiber network, with last-mile connections		
Overall coverage, topology, and resiliency elements		
Applicant Background, Qualifications, and Capabilities	20%	
Relevant projects		
Knowledge, team, and technical competence		
Proposed local presence/customer support		
Completeness of RFP	10%	
Total	100%	

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