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Request for Quote and Qualifications (RFQQ)

for

BEAD Compliance, Monitoring, Tracking, Oversight and Audit services for Fiber to the Home (FTTh) and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) project(s)
RFQQ: 10004

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Contracts
Washington: #26-96212-029 & #26-96212-009
Idaho: #16-20-B117-4
Montana: #CM61-BEAD-MT-4648 & CM61-BEAD-MT-4685

"Inland Cellular, and affiliates, is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer"

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"Small, Minority, Veteran and Women-owned firms are encouraged to submit bids."

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Introduction – Procurement Schedule and Communications

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, is seeking experienced professional consulting firm(s) to provide comprehensive compliance, monitoring, tracking, oversight and audit services pertaining to three states (WA, MT, ID) project areas of buildout for Fiber to the Home (FTTh) and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) telecommunication systems funded by the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.
Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, BEAD is a federal grant program that aims to build infrastructure where it is needed and increase adoption of high-speed internet. BEAD prioritizes unserved locations that have no internet access or that only have access under 25/3 Mbps and underserved locations only have access under 100/20 Mbps.
The selected firm will serve as an independent compliance oversight team. They will ensure that federal funds are spent in strict accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), NTIA Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), state program requirements and Title 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance). All grants must adhere to all internal control compliance and reporting requirements for the use and expenditure of federal funding. Statutory, regulatory and policy requirements are defined in:

- 47 U.S.C. § 1702 (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – BEAD enabling statute)[1]
- 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards)[2]
- The BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)[3]
- The BEAD Program Restructuring Policy Notice
- The General Terms and Conditions for the BEAD Program[4]

***Broadband Design, Engineering, or Deployment services are out of scope to this RFQQ.**

This RFQQ may be obtained on the Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, web site at: https://inlandcellular.com/rfp/.
Advertisement Locations included but not limited to: https://omwbe.wa.gov/ and https://www.seattletimes.com/
Questions Due Date: Proposers may submit questions online at https://inlandcellular.com/rfp/ or direct to RFQQ Coordinator at procurement@inlandcell.com. Questions received by the applicable deadline will be answered by close of business each Friday. All questions and answers will be issued by addendum to the RFQQ and provided to each registered proposer. Proposers are responsible for reviewing all addenda issued during the solicitation period.
Results Posting: All results of apparent successful proposers will be posted on our website, https://inlandcellular.com/rfp

Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities

Publish Request for Quotes & Qualifications	19 Nov 2026
Start of Q&A Period	19 Nov 2026
End of Question & Answer Period	04 Dec 2026
Answers to Q&A posted no later than	COB Fridays up to deadline – Excluding Holidays
Proposals Due	**10 Dec 2026 by 12:00 PM PST**
Evaluate Proposals	11 Dec 2026
Announce "Apparent Successful Firm/Consultant" and send notification via e-mail to unsuccessful Proposers	Dec 2026
Hold debriefing conferences (if requested)	28 - 31 Dec 2026
Negotiate Contract	December 2026 - Q1 2027
Earliest date contract may be signed	Q1 2027

[1] BEAD Supplemental Deployment Policy Notice
[2] eCFR :: 2 CFR Chapter II -- Office of Management and Budget Guidance
[3] Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program | BroadbandUSA
[4] broadbandusa.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2026-01/BEAD_GTCs_11_18_2025.pdf

Delivery Instructions: Responses to this RFQQ must be submitted electronically online at http://inlandcellular.com/rfp in accordance with the delivery instructions specified in the solicitation. The proposer is solely responsible for ensuring that its submission is complete, transmitted to the correct destination, and received by the stated deadline. Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates is not responsible for late, incomplete, misdirected, corrupt, or otherwise unsuccessful electronic submissions. Only one zip file may be submitted online with upload limit of 256 MB. If there is an issue with upload; a message may be made to RFQQ Coordinator e-mail below.

Confidential and Proprietary Information. Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, is dedicated to protecting "Confidential" or "Proprietary Information" and will maintain the confidentiality of the submissions to the best of our ability, solely for evaluation purposes. A proposer must clearly identify and mark each page or specific portion of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary. Marking the entire proposal as confidential is not acceptable. Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, does not guarantee that any material will be withheld from disclosure and will determine whether disclosure is required in accordance with applicable law.

Proposers should allow sufficient time to ensure receipt of the proposal. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration, unless Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, web site is found to be at fault at Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, determination. All proposals and any accompanying documentation become the property of Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, and will not be returned. Any information received as a result of this RFQQ may be collected and considered for continuous improvement purposes.

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQQ, addenda will be provided via e-mail to all individuals who have registered as noted below. Addenda will be published on Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates RFP web page at http://inlandcellular.com/rfp.

Introduction and Regulatory Compliance Requirements

1. **Conflict of Interest**. All respondents shall disclose any actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest associated with this procurement. Failure to disclose such conflicts may result in disqualification from consideration or contract termination.
2. **SAM.gov Registration**. Respondents shall maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) throughout the procurement process and any resulting contract period.
3. **Company Identifications**. All required registrations, licenses, and identification numbers, including the DUNS Number (if applicable), Washington, Idaho, Montana State Department of Revenue Excise Tax Registration Number, Unified Business Identifier (UBI), Washington State Contractor's License, Employment Security Department Number, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Registration Number (FRN), must remain active, valid, and in good standing throughout the entire solicitation process, including the bidding, evaluation, and award phases. Any proposer selected for award must maintain these registrations and licenses for the full duration of the resulting contract, including any amendments, extensions, or renewal periods. Failure to maintain active status, remain compliant with applicable federal, state, and local requirements, or provide proof of good standing upon request may result in disqualification from the procurement process, contract termination, suspension of work, or other remedies available to the contracting entity. Identification requires are contract dependent on Master Services Agreement terms to be negotiated after award notification.
4. **Insurance**. The Contractor is to furnish Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, with a certificate(s) of insurance executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth within the contract if requested. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance coverage which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of the contract. The Contractor shall furnish evidence in the form of a Certificate of Insurance that insurance shall be provided, and, if requested, a copy shall be forwarded to Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date.
    a. $1 Million Per Occurrence Limit

b. $2 Million General Aggregate
c. $1 Million Auto Liability Coverage
d. $1 Million Works Compensation Employers
e. $4 Million Umbrella
f. $5 Million Cyber Security

5. **Record Retention and Audit Rights.** Contractors shall maintain all books, records, certifications, invoices, and supporting documentation related to this procurement for a minimum period required by federal and state regulations and shall provide access to such records for audit, inspection, monitoring, or review upon request.
6. **Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance**. Respondents shall cooperate with all environmental, historic preservation, archaeological, cultural resource, and permitting requirements applicable to federally funded broadband infrastructure projects.
7. **Cybersecurity Requirements**. Vendors supplying broadband network equipment, electronics, software, or telecommunications systems shall comply with applicable federal cybersecurity, supply-chain security, and prohibited equipment requirements.

Proposal Rejection Criteria

The Owner reserves the right to reject any proposal determined to be non-responsive, incomplete, inaccurate, or not in the best interest of the project. Proposals may be rejected if the respondent fails to provide all required documentation, certifications, pricing information, or supporting materials requested within this RFP. Proposals may also be rejected if the respondent is unable to demonstrate the financial, technical, managerial, operational, or compliance capabilities necessary to successfully complete the scope of work and satisfy all applicable Washington State BEAD Program requirements, federal grant requirements, and other regulatory obligations.

In addition, proposals may be rejected if the respondent is found to have provided false, misleading, or materially incomplete information; is debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to participate in federally funded projects; cannot demonstrate the ability to comply with applicable labor, environmental, reporting, cybersecurity, or procurement requirements; or fails to meet any mandatory qualification, licensing, insurance, or performance standards established in this RFP. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any proposal that does not demonstrate a clear ability to deliver the project in a cost-effective, timely, and compliant manner consistent with the objectives of the MT, ID, WA State Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

Proposal Evaluation and Award Criteria

All responsive proposals will be evaluated using a best-value approach to determine the vendor most capable of supporting Inland Cellular, and affiliates, BEAD-funded projects. Evaluation will consider a combination of factors including demonstrated compliance with Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements, product availability and allocation commitments, pricing competitiveness, estimated lead times, ability to guarantee material availability and delivery throughout the life of the project, experience supporting broadband infrastructure projects of similar size and complexity, financial and operational capability, and overall responsiveness to the RFQQ requirements. Submission of the lowest-priced proposal alone will not guarantee award.

By submitting a response to this solicitation, a respondent may be considered for award, whether or not it is selected as the primary awardee. Inland Cellular, and affiliates may keep qualified respondents who are not selected for the primary award as alternate vendors and may contact them on an as-needed basis. This may happen if the primary awardee does not perform, cannot meet the requirements of the engagement, or the engagement ends for any reason. Alternate status does not create a Master Services Agreement or any other contract, and it does not guarantee that Inland Cellular, and affiliates will request work, issue an award, or buy any goods or services. Inland Cellular, and affiliates, may, at its sole discretion, contact an alternate vendor, reissue a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Quotation (RFQ), or choose another sourcing method. Inland Cellular, and affiliates also reserves the right to invite additional vendors to take part in this solicitation, and to add vendors to the pool of eligible respondents at any time. Inland Cellular, and affiliates may also utilize this RFQ vendors for utilization of additional projects outside of the BEAD program.

Award Criteria

Award will be made to the responsible and responsive vendor whose proposal is determined to provide the best overall value to Inland Cellular, and affiliates and the BEAD project objectives. To be considered for award, vendors must submit all required documentation, demonstrate compliance with applicable federal and state requirements, provide acceptable BABA certifications, maintain an active SAM.gov registration, and show the ability to deliver the requested materials within the required project schedule. Inland Cellular, and affiliates reserves the right to negotiate with one or more respondents, request additional information, waive minor irregularities, and make an award based on the proposal that best meets project requirements, schedule, compliance obligations, and long-term project success

General Information for Proposers (Project Background and Objectives)

The RFQQ Coordinator is the sole point of contact with Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, for this RFQQ. All communication between the Proposer and Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, upon release of this RFQQ shall be with the RFQQ Coordinator as follows:

Name	John Holman, Compliance and Public Relations
E-Mail Address	procurement@inlandcell.com

All interested firms may register with the RFQQ coordinator via email (above), including a description of intent and the RFQQ number in the subject line, and the firm's name and contact information in the body of the e-mail prior to submission of the RFQQ response.

All registered proposers will receive updates via e-mail on any changes to the RFQQ, timelines, responses to submitted questions, and any other material information.

Requests for deadline extensions received via e-mail from the RFQQ coordinator (above) before the end of the specified Question-and-Answer (Q&A) period (above) will be considered, and if granted, will apply to all proposers.

Project Background

Inland has received a competitive BEAD subaward from the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) for broadband deployment in a total of forty-eight (48) project areas over 17 counties to serve a total of 33,156 Broadband Serviceable Locations. The total contract amount is $303,689,786 consisting of $243,612,197 in federal BEAD funds and $60,077,589 in required private match contribution. Inland received a competitive BEAD subaward from the Idaho State Broadband Office (IOB) for broadband deployment in one (1) project area in one (1) county to serve broadband serviceable locations using FWA network capable of proving service of not less than 100 Mbps by 20 Mbps. The total contract amount is $1,811,284. Inland received a competitive BEAD subaward from Montana State Broadband Office for broadband deployment for a contract amount of $60,000,000 for 4 awards to serve 4,048 Broadband Serviceable Locations.

Each subaward contract requires Inland to complete the funded deployment within the contract period of performance four (4) years from contract, subject to the terms of the award and any approved amendments. The network expansion is to provide broadband network connectivity to BSLs (Broadband Serviceable Locations) that will require the construction of both buried and aerial fiber middle-mile routes, last mile passive optical network (PON) distribution network infrastructure, and ancillary infrastructure, including facilities to house electronic equipment. Some project areas will augment the last-mile FTTH network by using FWA operation in 2.5 GHz, CBRS and other spectrums to deliver broadband service to BSLs that cannot be served by the FTTH network.

FWA construction activities will involve tower construction, installing and aligning Base Nodes (BN), cabling, and required ground equipment. Fiber backhaul is included for all vertical assets, and the existing site infrastructure, such as conduits, ice bridges, and shelters will be used. Only high-level designs have been completed at this time.

Additional Project details and areas of consideration can be found on the State Broadband Office web page: Washington: https://broadband-wacommerce.hub.arcgis.com/pages/broadband-deployment-funding

Idaho: https://linkup.idaho.gov/idaho-office-of-broadband/
Montana: https://doa.mt.gov/connectmt/
The period of performance of any agreement resulting from this RFQQ is tentatively scheduled to begin Q1 2027 and to end December 2030. Amendments extending the period of performance shall be at the sole direction of Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates.
The selected contracting Firm will perform the work as a contractor to Inland, not as a BEAD subrecipient, unless State Broadband Offices determines otherwise. The contractor must support Inland's federal grant compliance, audit trail, reporting, reimbursement documentation, environmental commitments, and project-area closeout requirements.

About Inland Cellular, and affiliates

Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, is a locally owned and operated telecommunications provider with a long history of serving rural communities in the Inland Northwest. The company began providing cellular service in 1989 and has expanded its communications network throughout portions of eastern Washington and north-central Idaho. Inland Cellular, and affiliates, has remained focused on communities that can be more difficult and costly to serve because of lower population density, distance, terrain, and other rural deployment challenges.
Inland Cellular, and affiliates, and affiliates provides mobile wireless and broadband connectivity and, together with its broadband operations, serves homes, businesses, agricultural operations, schools, community institutions, public-safety users, and other customers throughout its regional service territory. Its continued investment in rural communications infrastructure aligns directly with the purpose of the BEAD Program: extending reliable, high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved locations and creating infrastructure that supports economic development, education, healthcare, public safety, agriculture, and quality of life.
The BEAD projects included in this RFQQ continue that rural-service mission through deployment of broadband infrastructure in the approved County project areas. Inland Cellular, and affiliates, will own and operate the resulting network in accordance with its BEAD award, applicable federal-interest requirements, and the obligations established by Contract No. 26-96212-029, 26-96212-009, 16-20-B117-4, CM61-BEAD-MT-4648 & CM61-BEAD-MT-4685

Quote and Qualification Contents

ELECTRONIC RESPONSES:
To be responsive, submissions must contain all four (4) items below, written in English, and submitted electronically online https://inlandcellular.com/rfp/ in the following order:

1. Letter of Submittal
2. Statement of Qualification (Technical Response)
    a. Executive Summary & Firm Overview: Corporate profile and financial health.
    b. Technical Approach: Proposed methodology for tracking multiple project areas for Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) and handling data correction loops.
    c. Past Performance Case Studies: Three relevant examples of federal grant compliance oversight.
    d. Key Personnel Biographies: Dedicated compliance leads and internal auditors.
3. Cost Proposal – Bidders must provide transparent pricing isolated by task areas. **Sample worksheets (Exhibit F) may be used and modified specific to proposer.** Proposals may utilize blended models consisting of:
    a. All-Inclusive Rate: The fixed fee includes all labor based, administrative overhead, every single anticipated cost, incidentals and materials needed to finalize the plan. Any ongoing subgrantee monitoring, software licensing or post-finalization amendments will be billed separately under the subsequent blended model task areas.
        i. Setup & Internal Control Implementation
        ii. Ongoing Monitoring and Monthly Reporting
        iii. Risk Assessment & Monitoring Framework
        iv. Supply Chain, Procurement and Labor Compliance
        v. Vendor Management

vi. Environmental, Historic & Permitting Oversight
vii. Auditing Support and Attestation – Including coordination with auditing firms
viii. Write and Review RFP/RFQQ solicitations in adherence to federal, state and state broadband office requirements
ix. Engineering Field Verification & Closeout

b. Hourly Rate Matrix: If applicable a fully burdened hourly pricing by organizational tier (e.g., Senior Auditor, Compliance Analyst, Federal Compliance and Grant Auditor, Technical Writer/Quality Assurance Specialist) for routine desk reviews and ongoing programmatic support. **May be modified per Proposer based on organization.**

4. All Exhibits as identified in this RFQQ

Proposals must provide information in the same order as presented in this document with the same headings. This will not only be helpful to the evaluators of the Proposal but should also assist the Proposer in preparing a thorough response.

The Letter of Submittal must be signed and dated by a person authorized to legally bind the Proposer to a contractual relationship, e.g., the President or Executive Director if a corporation, the managing partner if a partnership, or the proprietor if a sole proprietorship.

Along with introductory remarks, the Letter of Submittal must include the following information about the Proposer:

A. Name, address, principal place of business, telephone number, and fax number/e-mail address of legal entity or individual with whom contract would be written.
B. Name, address, and telephone number of each principal officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.)
C. Legal status of the Proposer (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, etc.) and the year the entity was organized to do business as the entity now substantially exists.
D. Federal Employer Tax Identification number and the Washington Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number issued by the state of Washington. If the Proposer does not have a UBI number, the Proposer must state that it will become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparently Successful Contractor.
E. Location from which the Proposer would operate.
F. Narrative of no more than three pages identifying the proposer's relevant expertise, and authorities and controls it expects to monitor, and one example of identifying and resolving a material compliance issue.
G. Project team organization, resumes, licenses, and availability – Organization Chart.
H. Relevant project examples and client references
I. Quality assurance and quality control approach
J. Schedule, workload, and capacity
K. Separate sealed or clearly segregated quotation, if requested, for negotiation support only and not as a qualification scoring factor
M. If available provide a Sample Monitoring plan, checklist, or redacted work product showing the Proposer's approach to evidence collection, testing, escalation, corrective-action tracking, and final acceptance.
N. Demonstration of comprehensive methodology for how the firm will execute monitoring, audits and compliance tracking.

Legal and Regulatory Framework

1. Chapter 39.80 RCW[5]—public announcement, qualifications evaluation, discussions, selection, and negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation
2. Chapter 39.04 RCW[6]—public works definitions, plans and specifications, estimates, records, bidding interfaces, and responsible bidder requirements for later construction procurement
3. Chapter 39.12 RCW[7]—prevailing wage requirements applicable to public works and field activities when triggered

[5] Chapter 39.80 RCW:
[6] Chapter 39.04 RCW:
[7] Chapter 39.12 RCW:

4. 2 CFR 200.318–200.327[8] procurement standards; documented procedures, competition, procurement method, cost or price analysis, contractor oversight, and required contract provisions
5. 2 CFR 200.112, 200.113, 200.214, 200.216, and applicable record-retention, internal-control, audit, and access requirements
6. NTIA BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity, Idaho, Montana, Washington BEAD award terms, approved Initial Proposal, Final Proposal requirements, and subsequent NTIA guidance
7. WA, ID, MT State Broadband Office Handbook
8. Environmental and historic preservation; NEPA, NHPA Section 106, Endangered Species Act, and permitting coordination
9. Civil rights, nondiscrimination, accessibility, labor, debarment, lobbying, and other federal cross-cutting requirements

Evaluation and Contract Award (Minimum Qualifications)

Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates will document a pass/fail determination for each minimum qualification. A failure may result in rejection before scored evaluation. Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates reserves the right to waive an immaterial irregularity when authorized by law and the solicitation but will not waive a substantive minimum qualification or provide an unfair competitive advantage.

These minimum qualifications address eligibility only. Proposals passing this stage will be evaluated under the separately published criteria, including technical approach, team qualifications, past performance, and cost or price, as applicable.

- Proposer must be duly organized, validly existing, and authorized to transact business in WA, ID, MT state when such authorization is required.
- Proposer and its principals and proposed subcontractors must not be suspended, debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible to participate in federal or Washington public contracting. Proposer must be able to provide and confirm active SAM.gov registration, Unique Entity Identifier, debarment and suspension status, insurance as required by legal contract, required Washington registrations, responsibility certifications, conflict-of-interest disclosures, and other mandatory eligibility records.
- Proposer must be independent of entities whose performance it will monitor. The Proposer must disclose all actual, potential and apparent organizational or personal conflicts of interest, including financial interests, affiliate relationships, recent engagements, and proposed work for the BEAD subrecipient.
- Proposer must not have prepared, approved or materially influenced work that it would be engaged to independently validate unless Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates determines that the conflict can be avoided, neutralized or mitigated.
- The Proposer must demonstrate current working knowledge of the BEAD statute and applicable NTIA requirements; the controlling award, special award conditions, Idaho, Montana, Washington program requirements; 2 CFR Part 200; federal procurement and contract provisions; allowable costs and internal controls; records retention; audit readiness; reporting; prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse; and suspension and debarment requirements.
- The Proposer must also demonstrate the ability to monitor requirements applicable to the project, which may include environmental and historic-preservation review, domestic-preference requirements, prohibited communications equipment and services, cybersecurity and supply-chain risk management, permitting, property and federal-interest requirements, deployment deadlines, network performance, and service availability. The final contract will identify the requirements applicable to the funded project.
- Proposer must designate a project manager with at least five years of relevant federal grant, broadband, infrastructure, construction-management, audit or compliance monitoring experience. The proposed team collectively must possess sufficient expertise in federal grants compliance, financial review, project controls, construction or field verification, broadband network implementation, data analysis, and reporting. Regulated services must be performed by appropriately licensed professionals.
- The Proposer must be capable of independently verifying project scope, approved locations, schedule and milestones, construction progress, quantities, invoices and supporting documentation, matching funds, change requests, asset records, testing and acceptance results, network performance, service activation, and closeout documentation. The Proposer must be

[8] eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D -- Post Federal Award Requirements

able to perform risk-based desk reviews and field observations in Idaho, Montana,, Washington and to document exceptions, corrective actions, and resolution status.

- Experience with federally funded projects, 2 CFR Part 200, BEAD, BABA, and environmental review
- The Proposer must have sufficient staffing, management attention, field capacity, and financial resources to begin work by the date stated in the Solicitation and to perform throughout the anticipated term. Substitution of Key Personnel after award will require prior written approval and personnel of equal or greater qualifications.
- The Proposer must have a record of satisfactory performance, business integrity, and compliance with contractual and legal obligations. Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates may consider substantiated contract terminations for cause, material claims, audit findings, criminal or civil enforcement matters, false claims allegations, and professional discipline that are relevant to responsibility.

Evaluation and Selection

Evaluation Matrix — 100 Points

Criterion	Evaluation considerations	Points	Score
1. BEAD and Federal Compliance Expertise	Depth and currency of knowledge concerning applicable BEAD and NTIA requirements, 2 CFR Part 200, award conditions, internal controls, allowable costs, audit readiness, reporting, records, and prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	20	
2. Technical Approach and Monitoring Methodology	Clear, practical, and risk-based approach for desk review, field verification, invoice and milestone testing, issue escalation, corrective-action tracking, acceptance, closeout, and coordination with Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates.	25	
3. Relevant Firm Experience and Past Performance	Similarity, scale, complexity, outcomes, and client satisfaction for federal broadband or comparable infrastructure compliance, oversight, project-controls, and monitoring engagements.	15	
4. Key Personnel and Team Organization	Qualifications, relevant experience, role clarity, availability, continuity, licenses, and collective coverage of grants, financial review, broadband, construction or field verification, data, and reporting disciplines.	15	
5. Quality Assurance, Data Security, and Reporting	Strength of supervisory review, independence controls, documentation standards, secure information handling, audit trail, exception reporting, dashboard capability, and usefulness of proposed deliverables.	10	
6. Capacity, Schedule, and Washington Field Coverage	Ability to mobilize, meet reporting and inspection timelines, scale resources, conduct statewide field work, manage workload, and maintain service continuity.	5	
7. Cost or Price	Evaluated price subject to review for completeness, reasonableness, where realism permitted, and consistency with the technical proposal.	10	
Total		**100**	

Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, may make an award on the basis of the quotes and qualifications initially submitted, without discussion, clarification, or modification, or Inland Cellular LLC, and affiliates, may discuss with the selected proposer(s) options for cost reduction and other elements of the proposer's response. Fee negotiation will occur only after qualifications scoring is complete and the highest-ranked firms are identified.

RFQQ Exhibits

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