



**Troy Cablevision, Inc., d/b/a C Spire
NTIA Middle Mile Grant Program
Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program
Connect Alabama**

Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ’s”)

Response Date: February 21, 2025

Reference: MMG020425_OSP Construction Materials

Title: OSP Construction Materials RFP

Issued By: Troy Cablevision, Inc., d/b/a C Spire

Questions will be received through Tuesday, February 25, 2025

All correspondence or questions concerning Proposal submission requirements, terms and conditions or other administrative concerns should be directed to: tc-grantsupport@cspire.com.

In compliance with this Request for Proposal, C Spire provides responses to FAQ’s presented by prospective OSP Constructions Material Respondents who intend to bid on the NTIA Middle Mile Connect Alabama Project.

February 21, 2025

Q: Do we as a supplier need to be Sam certified to submit a bid for this RGQ?

A: Respondents do not have to be SAM certified to submit their bid response. If available, please provide your SAM.gov registration ID.

February 17, 2025

Q: We currently have an NDA in place with Cellular South, dba C-Spire (attached). Is this adequate for the purpose of responding to your RFP, or do we need to issue a new NDA? If we need a new NDA, we would like to use our template if possible to expedite.

A: Complete the included NDA provided with the RFP release.

February 13, 2025

Q: For section 12 of the NDA, I am wondering if C-Spire would be willing to change governing law and venue to either Minnesota or a neutral jurisdiction (Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, or Texas)?

A: No.

Q: Regarding the contents of the RFP, there is an emphasis on the construction of this project. For the purposes of this bid, we would only be providing material distribution services and therefore some sections do not apply. Is it appropriate to only respond to the sections that are applicable?

A: Please provide clarification or reference section to which your question pertains.

Q: For the items below, would you please provide more information in order to quote properly?



Line 126, Splicing, Panel Cleaner ("One Click")

Line 129, Splicing, Heat Shrink

Line 130, Splicing, Heat Shrink

A: Line 126, Panel Cleaner ("One Click") - Fiber Optic Cleaners

Line 129, Heat Shrink - 61mm Splice Protector Sleeves (9HDWCFSP1261)

Line 130, Heat Shrink - 45mm Splice Protector Sleeves (9HDWCFSP1245)

February 12, 2025

Q: Do you have a preferred centralized location for warehousing that would be beneficial to you and if so, where?

A: The warehouse locations for the purpose of this grant are included in the RFP documentation.

Q: What does TW1 Part Number mean in column D of the price sheet?

A: TW1 is our internal control number.

Q: The RFP does not state that the quotes need to be BABA compliant, but the grant terms do. If some of the materials with the requested MFG are not BABA compliant, may we offer a compliant alternate instead of pricing the non-BABA part? Do we still quote the non-BABA compliant part? Do we quote both?

A: Provide pricing for BABA compliant parts. If parts are not BABA compliant and there is no other alternative, note non-compliance on quotation by line.

Q: The instructions also say to quote the requested MFG for PN provided, except for those where the PN is no longer available in which case we can quote an alternate. Can you please provide your preferred MFG for the parts provided? Several of the items are commodity and can be quoted by many manufacturers.

A: Brand names are referenced simply for clarity and understanding. The use of specific brand names does not in any way constitute endorsement. The equivalent for any brand name will be accepted. For additional regulatory requirements, reference FAR 52.211-6, Brand Name or Equal (<https://www.acquisition.gov/far/52.211-6>). Additional space is provided at the bottom of the worksheet to include alternatives, you must reference line of alternative.

Q: The instructions state that we are to quote all material listed. Does this include material with 0 quantity?

A: Yes. Please provide a quote for all items your company can provide.

Q: Since we are under an NDA, when we request pricing, may we disclose your name and the project to the MFG?

A: Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement to be entered into by and between C Spire and Respondent, C Spire will consent to the disclosure of its name only by the Respondent to a bona fide manufacturer for the exclusive purpose of determining whether or not any preferred rates may be offered to Respondent by said manufacturer.

February 11, 2025

Q: Are there any concrete communication shelters required for this project?

A: An RFP for Cabinets will be released later.



February 10, 2025

Q: Is this all equipment C-Spire will be reselling?

A: The provided RFP is for OSP Construction Materials. Equipment and other RFP's will be released later. No equipment will be resold.