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**NoaNet Requests Proposals for Audit Services
NTIA BTOP Grant, Round 1 & Round 2**

Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) is soliciting proposals for audit services for its NTIA BTOP Round 1 & Round 2 Grant to be performed in accordance with the requirements of the NTIA. NTIA has stated that the audit will be done in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The audit will cover the fiscal years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011. The audit report will be due by June 1, 2012. Proposals are due to NoaNet by February 17, 2012. Price will not be the sole determining factor on the award of the bid. Additional information regarding the Audit is available at the NTIA web site (<http://www2.ntia.doc.gov/>) and additional information about NoaNet is available at its web site (<http://www.noanet.net>). Please submit your electronic proposal no later than 5:00PM February 17, 2012 to: Greg L. Marney, CEO, gmarney@noanet.net with a copy to Neal Williams, neal@hearthstonecpa.com.

Info and Background on NoaNet

The project funded by the grant is a middle mile project providing support for critical community facilities, community anchor institutions, and public safety agencies by constructing fiber to city, county and state offices, hospitals and medical facilities, community colleges, universities, and K-12 educational facilities, and public safety agencies in underserved communities. Although this project is focused on middle mile in rural areas of Washington State it has been designed to maximize the amount of businesses and homes passed for future last mile deployments.

This project provides the ability to connect these institutions with access to high speed broadband for special access and Internet connectivity. The network will enable these institutions to create private VLAN's between facilities or connect to the DWDM network for interconnecting facilities across the network and across the state. The project also enables future services by providing interconnect access points in many communities across Washington with capabilities of speeds up to 10 Gbps or higher and is only limited by the equipment placed on the network. As technology improves in the future, virtually unlimited bandwidth is available.

If you require any additional information, please contact Neal Williams, at 360-479-4611