

Addendum 2

RFQQ Questions and Answers

FOR

**Fiber Optic and Wireless Network
Infrastructure Engineering, Design
and Construction Management
RFQQ: NN_2026-002-BEAD**

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Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)
Request for Qualifications & Quote (RFQQ) – Addendum 2

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RFQQ_2026-02 Addendum 2 is hereby published in response to questions received by registration of RFQQ by the Close of Business (COB) on May 29, 2026, and disseminated via email to all registered respondents, and posted on the NoaNet website¹.

The overriding purpose of the RFQQ is intended to solicit quotes and qualifications from consulting engineering firms to provide professional services for the design, construction, construction management, and documentation for the buildout of new FTTH and FWA broadband networks and the expansion of existing networks throughout WA state.

Engineering firms are not required to respond to all unit pricing of the Exhibit E – Unit Contract Pricing Sheet – OSP or Exhibit F – Unit Contract Pricing Sheet – FWA.

Detailed information on anticipated volume, and value is not available at this time, and will be determined as NoaNet engages with engineering firms under this solicitation. Counties for which project areas are awarded are Clallam, Cowlitz, Island, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish and Thurston Counties.

Updates and Modifications:

- Exhibit F – Unit Contract Pricing Sheet – FWA
- WSBO Handbook 26-40

¹ <https://www.noanet.net/about/bidding-opportunities/>

Question & Answer Responses

QUESTION	ANSWER
Will these be 100% collos on existing towers or will there be some rawland builds?	Yes, all installations will be on existing structures, and no new construction is anticipated.
There are some Crown Castle in the RFP. We are curious if all sites will be collos on Crown towers or will other assets be utilized?	All sites are expected to be owned by Crown Castle, but detailed engineering has not been completed, and alterant owners such as American Tower might be required depending on location and availability.
We didn't see any references to site visits. Should we provide a price for site walks or assume that existing site plans will be provided?	Yes, please provide costs for site visits.
Should pricing for tower structural analysis and/or mount analysis be included?	Yes
What is the estimated volume of sites?	A total of 83 sites is estimated, but detailed site count won't be available until engineering has been completed.
Can Firms submit qualifications for select services only? For example, we would submit only for the environmental and permitting categories.	Yes as indicated in the RFQQ Engineering Firms are not required to respond to all unit pricing of Exhibit E or Exhibit F.
On page 7 of the RFQQ under "RFQQ Response Requirements," what is the distinction between Item #4, "Reference Sheet of Similar Projects," and Item #6, "References"? I assume Exhibit C – Client References corresponds to Item #6 but wanted to confirm whether these are intended to be separate submittal components. If so, could you clarify what specifically should be included for Item #4?	Exhibit C corresponds to Item #6 in response to requirements for list of references. RFQQ also calls for a Reference sheet of similar projects which can be provided as part of proposed response separate from list of references provided.

Is a KMZ, KML, GIS shapefile, or other geospatial dataset available identifying the project area boundaries, planned routes, or targeted Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs)? If so, how may registered proposers obtain it?	Not yet. NoaNet has not signed the contract with the state.
'Marketing' is listed as a required professional service. Can NoaNet describe the anticipated scope of marketing services — for example, subscriber outreach campaign design, collateral production, digital/social media, community engagement coordination, or ISP partner marketing support?	Marketing will consist of promotions, paid social media, direct mail, community events and door-to-door sales for all passing/serviceable connections.
What is the anticipated total number of Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs), project areas or miles of fiber to be served under this program, and what is the approximate split between FTTH/PON and FWA (CBRS) deployment?	Only high-level designs have been completed. Detailed information on anticipated volume and value is not available at this time, and will be determined as we engage with engineering firms under this solicitation. Award notifications provided as public notice by WSBO can be found on the following link: https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/xysbvt5djin2clvboq8dirtw7z0m3d5ih Project areas that have been awarded to NoaNet show multiple project areas throughout WA state. Project area map provided shows areas as linked to WSBO web site here: https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/xysbvt5djin2clvboq8dirtw7z0m3d5ih Counties for which project areas awarded are Clallam, Cowlitz, Island, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish and Thurston Counties. The total number of anticipated BSLs is 25,461, with approximately 20,436 FTTH/PON, and 5,025 FWA/CBRS.
Does NoaNet anticipate awarding to a single prime Engineering Firm, or is it possible that multiple firms will be selected (e.g., by geography, technology type, or service category)?	NoaNet may, at its option, decide to negotiate a contract with single or multiple firms as review and selection is made by committee.
Are subcontractors required to be identified by name in the	Prime firms submitting proposals may identify subcontractor categories and qualifications, with specific named in negotiation if selected by committee.

proposal submission? Or may the prime firm identify subcontractor categories and qualifications, with specific firms named post-award?	
Are Exhibits E and F pre-populated with specific line items by NoaNet, or is the Engineering Firm expected to define its own unit price line items? If pre-populated, are the exhibits included in the RFQQ documents available on the website, or provided separately	Unit contract pricing sheet is provided by NoaNet to identify pricing per line item. As only high-level designs have been completed adjustments may be made once contracts are finalized with the state broadband office. This is a request for qualifications and quote from eligible engineering firms.
For Exhibit J (Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages), which prevailing wage trade classifications does NoaNet anticipate will apply to this project (e.g., telecommunications, inside wireman, laborer, operating engineer)?	Refer to Section 8.7 Labor Standards/Prevailing Wages of the attached WSBO Handbook for clear definition. All projects are required to pay all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such WA state prevailing wages per RCW 39.12.
Are licensed Washington State Professional Engineer (PE) stamps required on design drawings and construction packages? If so, are there specific disciplines required (e.g., civil, structural, electrical)?	Final documents prepared and distributed for public filing, construction, final agency approval, or client use must include the seal/stamp, signature, and date of the licensee who prepared or directly supervised the work. "Document" includes plans, specifications, plats, surveys, reports, and as-built documents. For plan sets, every page must contain the seal/stamp, signature, and date of the licensee responsible for that sheet. If multiple engineers are responsible for different portions, the sheet should clearly show each engineer's responsibility. (WAC 196-23-020 — Seal/stamp usage). OSP construction typically falls under civil engineering.
Has any NEPA or NHPA review work been initiated for any of the planned project areas? If so, can NoaNet share the current status and any completed environmental documentation?	The WA state Broadband Office (WSBO) has hired an EA Engineering as the NEPA and Historic Preservation Services contractor to assist BEAD subgrantees in completing both requirements. We are unsure of any initiation by such consultant at this time. Subgrantees may be required to provide information to assist in such review which will be considered in pricing of engineering firm making proposals to this RFQQ.

Can NoaNet indicate the anticipated total construction value of the program, or provide guidance on the E&O insurance coverage limits it considers 'commensurate with a project of this size and nature' (per Response Requirement #5)?	Only high level designs have been completed. Detailed information on anticipated volume and value is not available at this time, and will be determined as we engage with engineering firms under this solicitation. Counties for which project areas are awarded are Clallam, Cowlitz, Island, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish and Thurston Counties. The total number of anticipated BSLs is 25,461, with approximately 20,436 FTTH/PON, and 5,025 FWA/CBRS. E&O insurance coverage limits will be part of contract negotiation. Proposers must however provide information on ability to provide such insurance.
Does NoaNet have a target date for initiating detailed design work in CY 2026? Is there a preferred mobilization timeline following contract execution?	All project areas will be under the same contract start date, but individual scope release for bid readiness may be staggered based on NEPA/SEPA completion and Environmental Clearance.
Can you specifically confirm or provide a copy of the applicable Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) Handbook referenced in the WSBO Funding Requirements item of the RFQQ doc, since that page has multiple handbooks depending on the year and job?	Attached as exhibit to Addendum - 2.
Page 2 of the RFQ specifically mentions submitting our terms for the services. Would you prefer that to be via redlines, an addendum, or just a simple conditional statement that we'll negotiate if awarded to us and our bid's expressly conditioned on the right to negotiate?	A simple conditional statement may be provided by proposers.
The RFQQ mentions Engineering, Design, and Construction Management. However, Exhibits E, F, & G have several line items for Construction. Is the intent behind this RFQQ to be a turnkey vendor for engineering and construction?	NoaNet is looking for Quote and Qualification for multiple services and proposals may also include construction quotes.

<p>I've identified the following Unit Items specifically related to Engineering in Exhibit E is this a correct assumption of the required line items for engineering? EASM CROW WROW RROW PLA TCP-Complex UPDA-1 UPDA-2 FDCD FDCD-1 FDCD-1 PREFED</p>	<p>All units are OSP engineering used for permitting only.</p>
<p>Exhibit F contains only one line item related to engineering in row 41 "Prepare Construction Drawings" is this correct?</p>	<p>Exhibit F - FWA has been updated to include RF propagation modeling.</p>
<p>"As a Public Works project contractors must be registered, bonded and insured with specific bond amounts set by RCW 39.08.0107" Is a BOND required for Engineering and permitting?</p>	<p>Section 8.8 and 8.9 of the attached WSBO handbook addresses license, bonding and insurance for contractors. These requirements pertain to contractors and subcontractors, workers and suppliers.</p>
<p>Under General Information for Proposers on page 3-4 there is mention of Network Deployment, Marketing, and Project Closeout to include inspection and testing of materials as as-built design. Would it be possible for you to elaborate to the expected scope of each of these?</p>	<p>Only high level designs have been completed. Detailed information on anticipated volume and value is not available at this time and will be determined as we engage with engineering firms under this solicitation. Marketing will consist of promotions, paid social media, direct mail, community events and door-to-door sales for all passing/serviceable connections.</p>
<p>I am not seeing anything in the RFQQ mentioning who provides the material. Can you respond to who will provide the material.</p>	<p>This RFQQ is for professional services only. OSP material is out of scope for this solicitation and handled in a separate RFQQ recently published by NoaNet.</p>