



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CONSTRUCTION OF OUTSIDE PLANT FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE

CPUC BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT PHASE 2

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

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ISSUED BY:

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Tribal Council

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1. Project Summary:

The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to furnish, install, splice, and test outside plant (OSP) fiber optic infrastructure for its broadband deployment. The project supports CRIT’s broader goal of creating and expanding reliable, high-capacity broadband services to its communities.

The selected vendor will be responsible for furnishing, installing, and testing high-quality materials in accordance with recognized industry standards, attached specifications, and attached construction plans, ensuring timely execution to meet project schedules, and providing appropriate documentation and warranties.

2. Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is to solicit qualified contractors from persons and firms who by reason of their resources, experience, and capacity can provide the materials and team necessary to construct CRIT’s broadband network.

3. Scope of Work

a. Introduction and Project Location

The Colorado River Indian Tribes invites proposals from qualified vendors to furnish, install, and test outside plant fiber optic infrastructure for its broadband infrastructure deployment within Riverside County and City of Blythe in the state of California.

b. Key Tasks and Deliverables

Materials Procurement, Installation, and Testing

The selected vendor will be responsible for furnishing, installing, and testing all required outside plant infrastructure in a timely manner, ensuring that products meet CRIT’s quality standards, comply with applicable codes and federal requirements, and are available to support construction milestones. The material procurement shall to the extent practicable, and consistent with applicable law under the federal award, provide a preference for the procurement or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States as described in 2 CFR § 200.322 and Executive Order 14005, domestic preference for procurements regulations. The construction routing shall be per the attached engineering plans attached to this RFP as Appendix A. The Bill of Materials (BOM) and Vendors Bid List are attached to this RFP as

Appendix B. The Construction Specifications are attached as Appendix C. The awarded bidder will be required to enter into a standard form contract provided by CRIT upon selection.

Materials Supply, Delivery, Warrant

- All materials shall be new, unused, and compliant with applicable industry standards.
- Provide manufacturer specifications, packing lists, certifications, and warranties with each delivery.
- All materials shall be free from defect and meet required specifications.
- Maintain clear labeling and reel documentation for fiber cable.
- Supply digital records of material shipments, lot numbers, and serial numbers as applicable.
- Support CRIT in processing warranty claims, replacements, or returns throughout the warranty period.

All responsibilities under this scope shall be carried out in close coordination with CRIT and its selected vendor to ensure timely delivery, installation, testing, and compliance with funding requirements, and uninterrupted progress of the broadband deployment.

4. Minimum Qualifications and Proposal Requirements

Proposals must clearly demonstrate the proposer's ability to supply, install, and test high-quality broadband construction materials in a timely, reliable, and compliant manner. The selected vendor will serve as a trusted partner in supporting CRIT's broadband deployment, ensuring that materials and installation meet industry standards, project specifications, align with project schedules, and comply with all applicable federal, state, and tribal requirements.

Proposals should be straightforward and transparent, outlining how the proposer will meet or exceed the Scope of Work. At a minimum, proposals should include the following information:

Cost Competitiveness

- Unit pricing and extended price for each bid item
- Total Price
- Proposals must include Tribal Employment Rights Office fees and CRIT Sales Tax on materials. The link to the codes is as follows: https://crit-nsn.gov/crit_contents/ordinances/
- Prevailing wages apply

Delivery Schedule

- Proposed delivery schedule.
- Contingency planning for supply chain disruptions.

Construction Schedule

- Acknowledgement of Construction Duration and Ability to Meeting Project Schedule
- OR, identification of revised construction duration

Contractor Qualifications

- Contractor Contact information, i.e. name, email, and phone number
- Contractor Experience and Background of Proposed Lead Overseeing Construction Activities
- Minimum three Past Similar Projects

- Minimum three Project References on Similar Projects

Indian Preference

See scoring matrix below.

5. Evaluation Factors

| Evaluation Factors | Description | Points |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| Cost Competitiveness | Unit and total pricing. | 35 |
| Delivery Schedule | Ability to meet required schedules, handling of long-lead items, logistics planning. | 15 |
| Construction Schedule | Ability to meet required project schedules for construction, testing, and handoff to CRIT | 15 |
| Contractor Qualifications | Contractor experience and similar projects will be reviewed to determine contractor’s capability to complete the project. | 20 |
| Indian Preference | 15% of the total score is reserved for evaluation of Indian Preference in accordance with the Procurement Policy of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. | 15 |
| Base Score | | 100 |

6. Questions and Responses

Pre-Proposal Meeting will be conducted on **Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 12pm (noon) Arizona Time**. See the following link for the meeting invite for this RFP.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/275808114727567?p=p2rgmUR1Bm4c5Y8KCB>

Meeting ID: 275 808 114 727 567

Passcode: gc6V6A56

It is suggested to contact the Broadband Director Thai Yang and Tino Kehagias from Ackerman Consulting Group to request a direct invite to the pre-bid meeting.

Respondents may submit written questions in advance to thai.yang@crit-nsn.gov and cc: tino@ackermancg.com no later than **Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 12pm (noon) Arizona Time**. Questions submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

All questions received and responses provided during the session will be documented and issued in writing as an addendum to this RFP. Only information provided through such written addenda shall be considered binding.

7. Format and Instructions to Submitter

Vendor Bid Package should be submitted to CRIT and, at a minimum, shall adhere to the following standards and shall be submitted as follows:

1. All responses to this RFP shall be submitted via mail or drop-off. Electronic submittals shall not be accepted. The address for the mail-in or drop-off is as follows:

Attn: Thai Yang
Broadband Department
26600 Mohave Rd
Parker, AZ 85344
Phone: (928) 667-5002

2. Clearly label the envelope package and subject line: **“CRIT CPUC RFP – Broadband Deployment Phase 2”**. No faxed, emailed, or telephone responses will be accepted.
3. Envelopes shall be sealed and tamper proof prior to bid opening and received no later than the due date.
4. All responses must be received by **Friday, May 22, 2026 by 1:00 PM Arizona Time**, at which time they will be opened.
5. Submit one original, twelve (12) hard copies, plus one electronic copy on a flash drive of your proposal in sufficient detail to allow for thorough evaluation and comparative analysis. In the event of a conflict between the original and any hard copy or disk copy, the original shall control.
6. Proposals should be 12-point font, single-sided, minimum 1-inch margins.
7. Proposals should include the completed Vendor Bid Sheet attached in Appendix B, with signature from authorized personnel of submitting firm.
8. This solicitation will be posted for a minimum of 30 days prior to the due date. No proposal received after the submission deadline will be considered.
9. Bids will be opened on **Friday, May 22, 2026 by 1:00 PM Arizona Time** at a location to be determined and issued as part of the addendum.
10. All proposals will be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date the proposals are received by CRIT.
11. Responses should be clear, concise, and adhere to the Minimum Qualifications and Requirements section of this RFP. Promotional materials are not necessary.

12. **Use of CRIT seal, flag, or four tribal seals on proposals is not permitted.**

13. The selected bidder will be required to enter into negotiations with the CRIT standard contract prior to execution.

8. Bonds

The standards under this section shall apply to construction contracts that exceed \$150,000 awarded under sealed bidding. There are no bonding requirements for other purchases or awards. However, the Tribe may require bonds in other purchases and contracts, including construction contracts which are less than \$150,000, when deemed appropriate.

1. Bid Bonds. For construction contracts exceeding \$150,000, offerors shall be required to submit a bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to 5% of the bid prices.
2. Payment Bonds. For construction contracts exceeding \$150,000, the successful bidder shall furnish an assurance of satisfactory completion. This assurance may be any one of the following five:
 - a. A performance and payment bond in a penal sum of 100% of the contract price;
 - b. Separate performance and payment bonds, each for 50% or more of the contract price;
 - c. A 20% cash escrow deposit of the total contract price, subject to reduction during the warranty period, commensurate with potential risk;
 - d. A 25% irrevocable letter of credit of the total contract price, unconditionally payable upon demand of the Tribe, subject to reduction during any warranty period commensurate with potential risk; or
 - e. A 10% irrevocable letter of credit of the total contract price, unconditionally payable upon demand of the Tribe, subject to reduction during any warranty period commensurate with potential risk, and compliance with the procedures for monitoring of disbursements by the contractor.

The determination of which assurance to require shall be in the discretion of the Tribe based upon the scope, complexity, cost or risk of any construction or facility improvements. The determination shall be in accordance with any funding agency requirements under federal or state law or regulation. These bonds must be obtained from guarantee or surety companies acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the State where the work is to be performed. Individual sureties shall not be considered. U.S. Treasury Circular Number 570 lists companies approved to act as sureties on bonds securing Government contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded, and the States in which the company is licensed to do business. Use of companies on this circular is mandatory where required by a funding agency pursuant to federal or state law or regulations.

9. General Provisions

1. Confidentiality: In the course of this solicitation it is possible that certain confidential information will be revealed to the Vendor by the CRIT or that Vendor will obtain knowledge of such confidential information through other sources. Likewise, CRIT may become acquainted with certain techniques and procedures used by the Vendor, which the Vendor considers confidential. The Vendor and CRIT will maintain the confidentiality of, and will not release or allow access to, any information, documents, or material that is confidential to the Vendor or CRIT, except to the extent required per the funding source.
2. Applicable Law/Jurisdiction: Any disputes arising under any contract to be negotiated hereunder or out of the proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall be governed by the laws of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. The Vendor agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enforce the provisions of any contract entered into. The Firm agrees to comply with CRIT law, including but not limited to obtaining a business license under CRIT's Business and Professions Code. Nothing within this RFP shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Colorado River Indian Tribes or its enterprises, officers, agents, and the same term shall bind employees, and the Vendor under any contract negotiated as a result of their response to the RFP.
3. Reservation of Rights: Receipt of proposals and interviews with the Vendor does not obligate CRIT to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in preparing said proposals. CRIT reserves the right to reject any proposals for any reason, waive irregularities, request additional information from any company, revise the RFP, extend or modify any timeframes indicated herein, and to re-issue requests for proposals.

CRIT reserves the right to disqualify, at its sole discretion, any company that fails to provide information or data requested herein or who provides materially inaccurate or misleading information or data. CRIT reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any Vendor based on a real or apparent conflict of interest that is disclosed by the company or discovered by CRIT.

9. Attachments

1. Appendix A: Construction Plans
2. Appendix B: Contractor's Bid Sheet
3. Appendix C: Construction Specifications