



Colorado River Indian Tribes

Construction of Outside Plant Fiber Optic Infrastructure Request for Proposals

ABDG BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

ADDENDUM 1

DATE: July 14, 2026

**NOTE: PROPOSER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF
ADDENDUM 1 IN THE COVER LETTER OF THE PROPOSAL.**

Part 1. Answers to the Questions discussed at the Pre-Bid Meeting held on July 14, 2026, at 12:00pm AZ.

Question 1: The RFP states that the successful bidder will execute CRIT's standard construction contract following award. To allow bidders to accurately evaluate contractual risk, will CRIT make the standard construction contract available during the bidding period, including payment terms, retainage, insurance requirements, warranty obligations, indemnification provisions, dispute resolution, and any liquidated damages?

Answer 1: no

Question 2: The RFP requires bidders to include TERO fees and references Indian Preference in the evaluation criteria. Please provide the current TERO fee schedule and clarify any mandatory Indian

Preference hiring, subcontracting, workforce participation, and reporting requirements applicable to this project.

Answer 2: Please visit: <https://crit-nsn.gov/crittero/> for TERO requirements. See section C. Indian Preference Requirements of the of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Procurement Policy.

Question 3: Please clarify whether the Contractor will be required or expected to provide training, apprenticeships, or on-the-job instruction to CRIT tribal members as part of this project. If so, please identify the anticipated scope, number of participants, training requirements, schedule, and whether the associated costs should be included in the bid.

Answer 3: There is no such requirement. Points will be awarded based on Tribal preference as indicated in See section C. Indian Preference Requirements of the of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Procurement Policy.

Question 4: The RFP requires bidders to include CRIT Sales Tax on materials. Please confirm the applicable tax rate and clarify whether the tax applies only to contractor-furnished materials or to the total installed unit-price work.

Answer 4: Contractors shall include applicable CRIT Sales Tax on contractor-furnished materials only. The sales tax does not apply to the labor or installation portion of unit-price work unless otherwise required under applicable Tribal law.

The current CRIT Sales Tax is:

- 2% on the first \$2,500 of the sales price of each single item.
- 1% on the portion of the sales price exceeding \$2,500 for each single item. This tax is imposed on the sale of tangible personal property under the CRIT Tax Code.

Bidders should include the applicable CRIT Sales Tax in the cost of contractor-furnished materials as part of their bid pricing.

Question 5: The construction documents identify existing utilities; however, it is unclear whether underground utility locations were field-verified during design. Were utility locations verified through potholing or Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), or are they based solely on utility owner records? If unforeseen utility conflicts are encountered, how will additional work required to resolve those conflicts be addressed?

Answer 5: The utilities shown are not field verified. The utilities are based on owner supplied data from those entities that provided utility maps. The contractor will be required to conduct utility locates through 811 and pothole prior to installation. Per section 4.0 Method of measurement on page 31 of the project specifications, "Utility potholing shall be included as part of conduit installation and shall not be measured separately."

Question 6: If rock excavation, caliche, unsuitable soils, groundwater, or other unforeseen subsurface conditions are encountered that materially increase installation effort beyond what is reasonably anticipated from the bid documents, will such work be considered eligible for equitable adjustment through the change order process?

Answer 6: Yes, however, these will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and should be justified and approved at the time of installation.

Question 7: If specified manufacturers experience excessive lead times or documented supply chain constraints, will CRIT consider functionally equivalent products submitted for approval prior to procurement, provided they meet or exceed the specified performance requirements?

Answer 7: yes

Question 8: The specifications state that schedule extensions may be requested for material shortages or ordering delays. Please confirm whether documented manufacturer lead-time delays beyond the Contractor's control will be considered excusable delays without assessment of liquidated damages or other schedule-related penalties.

Answer 8: yes

Question 9: The specifications state that bid quantities are approximate and may be increased or decreased by a 'reasonable amount.' Please clarify what CRIT considers a reasonable quantity variation and whether significant quantity changes may qualify for an equitable adjustment of unit pricing.

Answer 9: The increase or decrease of quantities will be determined during construction based on field adjustments and or proposed changes in routing. During construction, the contractor can request with a full justification of revised unit pricing, but that will be subject to review and approval by CRIT or its field representative. For the purposes of bidding on the subject project, per section 1.0, subheader, Interpretation of Quantities in Proposal, "The quantities appearing in the proposal are approximate only, and are to be used for the comparison of bids. Payment to the contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished in accordance with the contract at the unit bid price in the proposal." Furthermore, in sub-header Examination of Plans, Specifications, and Site Work, "Bidders shall make their own investigations and form their own estimates of the site conditions."

Question 10: Please confirm the method of measuring installed quantities for payment purposes and whether quantities will be jointly verified in the field by CRIT (or its Engineer) and the Contractor prior to progress payments.

Answer 10: The contractor will be required to submit daily logs of installed conduit, handholes, fiber, etc. to the CRIT representative. Daily logs will be required to verified by the contractor's representative and may be field verified by the CRIT representative.

Question 11: The Bid Schedule includes a lump sum Traffic Control item. Please confirm whether this item is intended to include all traffic control plan preparation, agency approvals, permits, roadway occupancy fees, flagging, police support (if required), and all other traffic control-related costs, or whether any of these items will be provided or coordinated by CRIT.

Answer 11: As stated in the project specifications section 3.0 the contractor shall be responsible for traffic control devices and personnel including, but not limited to vertical panels, temporary signs, message boards, flagmen, uniformed off-duty law enforcement officers, pilot cars with drivers, and flagmen as required by the permitting agency and the approved traffic control plans during construction activities. All traffic control items shall be measured on a lump sum basis. No separate measurements shall be made for the preparation of traffic control plans, which shall be considered incidental to the item.

Question 12: The project plans reference railroad facilities within the project area. Please confirm whether any railroad permits, flagging, insurance requirements, inspection fees, or coordination are anticipated for this project, and identify which party will be responsible for obtaining and paying for such requirements, if applicable.

Answer 12: The tribe is currently pursuing permitting with the railroad ahead of contractor selection. Said permit requirements will be issued to the selected bidder. The tribe will pay for the crossing permit. The contractor will be responsible for associated traffic control.

Question 13: Please confirm the anticipated progress payment schedule (e.g., monthly), including the required documentation for payment applications and the expected payment terms following invoice approval.

Answer 13: Payment schedule will be monthly. Reporting documentation will follow the requirements of the subject ABDG grant program. This will be discussed in detail with the selected bidder.

Question 14: Please confirm the required acceptance testing documentation, final acceptance criteria, and whether fiber acceptance testing will be witnessed by CRIT and/or the Engineer prior to project acceptance.

Answer 14: See subsection 3) Testing Requirements on page 17 of the project specifications for testing requirements. Testing results will be submitted to CRIT engineer for review and approval prior to acceptance.

Question 15: Because this project will be performed on tribal lands under CRIT jurisdiction, please identify any CRIT-specific laws, ordinances, employment requirements, environmental requirements, cultural resource procedures, permitting requirements, or construction practices that differ from typical Arizona public works projects and are not expressly addressed in the solicitation documents. Additionally, will CRIT designate a project representative or compliance contact to provide guidance regarding these project-specific requirements during construction?

Answer 15: This project will be performed on lands within the jurisdiction of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT). Contractors are responsible for complying with all applicable Tribal, federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits, and ordinances.

In addition to the requirements identified in the solicitation documents, the successful contractor should anticipate compliance with the following CRIT-specific requirements, as applicable:

- **CRIT TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office):** Compliance with the CRIT Labor Code, including submission of required TERO documentation, payment of applicable TERO fees, Financial Services fees (Tax Office), employment preference requirements, and coordination with the TERO Office. The contractor and each sub-contractor shall adhere to this requirement.
- **CRIT Business License:** Contractors and applicable subcontractors may be required to obtain a CRIT Business License before performing work on Tribal lands.
- **Permits and Right-of-Way Requirements:** Contractors shall comply with all applicable Tribal permitting requirements, including permits or approvals issued by CRIT departments and any applicable external agencies having jurisdiction. Where existing utility facilities must be relocated

or replaced, only the respective utility owner or its authorized representative shall perform the relocation or replacement, especially when new rights-of-way or utility easements are involved. The contractor shall be responsible for coordinating with the affected utility owners and obtaining all required approvals before such work proceeds.

- **Environmental and Cultural Resources:** Construction activities shall comply with all environmental and cultural resource protection requirements identified during project permitting and environmental reporting. If previously unidentified cultural resources, archaeological materials, or human remains are encountered during construction, work in the immediate area shall cease immediately, the area shall be secured, and CRIT shall be notified. Work may not resume until authorized by CRIT.
- **Construction Practices:** Contractors shall coordinate work activities to minimize impacts to Tribal operations, utilities, roadways, irrigation facilities, residents, businesses, and environmentally sensitive areas. Any additional project-specific construction restrictions will be communicated prior to or during construction as necessary.
- **Applicable Laws:** Contractors shall comply with all applicable Tribal ordinances, project agreements, grant requirements, and applicable federal regulations governing the project.

CRIT will coordinate with the appropriate Tribal departments, including TERO, Planning, Environmental, Cultural Resources/THPO, Public Works, and other applicable departments, to provide guidance and facilitate compliance with project-specific requirements throughout the duration of the project.

Question 16: Will prevailing wage rates be required? RFP mentions certified payroll but did not see prevailing wage or Bacon Davis called out?

Answer 16: Yes

Question 17: When will the 180 working days start? Permits received or contract issuance?

Answer 17: The 180 days will begin upon contract issuance. Any delay in schedule beyond the contractor's control can be reviewed and discussed with CRIT. The contractor can also propose a revised schedule for approval.

Question 18: Is the entire project on Colorado River Indian Tribe Land?

Answer 18: Yes.

Question 19: During permitting, will any design changes or additional engineering be completed by the original engineer or would the contractor bidding be responsible?

Answer 19: Any design changes will either be redlined by the contractor on site and just as-built, or if substantial changes are required, the design engineer will prepare the revisions with support from the awarded contractor.

Question 20: Will the base map/CAD be provided for the current design?

Answer 20: The CAD files can be provided to the awarded contractor.

Question 21: Will the splice schematic be provided or do we need to include the cost to design fiber allocations/port assignments?

Answer 21: Splice schematics will be provided during construction by the design engineer.

Question 22: Does the 180 days begin after the testing and approvals procedures?

Answer 22: See answer to question 17.

Question 23: Only AZ state licensing is required?

Answer 23: In addition to Arizona licensing, the contractor shall adhere to CRIT business license per question 15.

Question 24: Is this prevailing wage?

Answer 24: see answer to question 16.

Part 2. Revisions to the Bid Opening Location

The bid opening location shall take place at the **Bluewater Resort and Casino in Parker Arizona**. The meeting room is the **Navajo room**. The address of the casino is 11300 Resort Dr, Parker, AZ 85344. **Date:** August 19, 2026 at 1pm

Bid date has been extended and that all received bids can be resubmitted or the bidders who submitted can issue a cover letter acknowledging the addendum and indicate that their previously submitted bids are still active.

All other conditions apply in the original package