

**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

700/800MHz Project – 25 Radio Network

SOLICITATION NUMBER 17-037

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to design and construct a turnkey project to provide the County with a new Project-25 700/800 MHz digital simulcast trunked radio network capable of meeting current and future communication needs, both reliably and functionally. A single site VHF Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) system supports Douglas County 911, Douglas County Sheriff and Fire Departments. The City of Douglasville radio network is comprised of a two-site/7 channel Motorola P25 Simulcast trunked radio configuration connected to a Switch/Core with the Cobb County, GA P25 radio network.

A key desire of the County is to embrace new, emerging radio technology that is in full compliance with Industry-recognized Project-25 open standards and is compatible with other current or future P25 networks within the State of Georgia. A second, critically important aspect of this communications network procurement involves redundancy, infrastructure reliability and hardening in response to heightened terrorism activities, worldwide, and to regional natural and environmental hazards such as earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms, etc.

All information for interested firms and proposal documents may be obtained at the office of the Douglas County Purchasing Department, located on the third floor of the Douglas County Courthouse, at 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, Georgia or by email at bpeacock@co.douglas.ga.us.

All interested qualified firms or teams of firms are invited to submit a formal proposal with pricing information to accomplish the defined work described herein, in conformance with the prescribed format. The proposal is to be signed by a principal of the firm or by a principal of the lead firm if the submittal is for a multiple firm project team.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information in the RFP we recognize that the information may not be complete in every detail and that all work may not be expressly mentioned in these specifications. It is the responsibility of the proposing company to include in their proposal all pertinent information in accordance with the objectives of the County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Proposals MUST be submitted in the format prescribed herein. Failure to comply with the directions listed in this RFP, or omission of requested information could result in disqualification of your firm's proposal. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner:

***“Proposal – RFP 17-037
700/800MHz Project – 25 Radio Network
Closing Date/Time: December 6, 2017, 3:00 p.m.***

PROPOSAL TIMELINE

Release of Requests for Proposal	Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference/Site Visits (1 day)	Friday, November 3, 2017
Deadline for Submission of Questions	Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Answers Provided No Later Than 3:00 PM EST	Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Proposal Due Date and Time 3:00 PM EST	Wednesday, December 6, 2017

The proposals and pricing information will be received at the offices of the Douglas County Purchasing Department:

Douglas County Purchasing Department
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

One (1) unbound original, five (5) copies and one electronic searchable copy of the Proposal and Pricing Information must be received at the Purchasing Department's office not later than 3:00 p.m. December 6, 2017. Absolutely no Proposals and Pricing Information will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. Faxed or e-mailed Proposals and Pricing Information are not acceptable. Proposals and Pricing Information received after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened. Names of submitting firms will then be read aloud at **3:00 p.m. December 6, 2017.** All interested parties and the general public are invited.

ALL QUESTIONS are to be directed to Bill Peacock, Director, Douglas County Purchasing Department, (Fax 770-920-7219, e-mail bpeacock@co.douglas.ga.us). All questions are to be received not later than Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Responses to substantive questions will be provided to all firms who have requested Proposal information.

Proposals and Pricing Information received will become the property of Douglas County and shall be used as the County sees fit. All information contained in the Proposals and Pricing Information will remain confidential until after the award and signing of contract. Douglas County reserves the right to cancel the Request for Proposal or to reject any and all responses received, to waive any technicalities or other minor informalities if it determines, in its sole discretion, that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interests of Douglas County.

COST OF PROPOSAL

Douglas County assumes no responsibility or liability for the costs incurred by the submitting firm to prepare and/or submit a proposal. The entire cost of preparing and submitting Proposals and Pricing Information, or any work in connection therewith will be borne by the submitting firm or team of firms.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPOSER

Request for Proposals must be signed by an authorized official to bind the offeror and it shall contain a statement to the effect that the Request for Proposals is firm for a period of at least ninety (90) days from the closing date for submission.

OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL

Ownership of all data, material, and documentation originated and prepared for the County pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the County.

Ad Dates: 10/18 & 10/20