

1. We have the provided lats/longs for the towers; can you please provide the heights of these towers?

I currently do not have the height information available.

2. In the RFP, Subcontracts section, the RFP states that only electrical/power and low voltage facility wiring can be sub-contracted. Assuming on-site support of 3 hours, competitive pricing, a favorable track record, and referenced work are all met, would a bid be discarded if we sub-contracted a tower climbing crew? Are the crews W2 or 1099 employees?

Yes a bid would be discarded if the tower crews are sub-contracted; all must be full time w2 employees.

3. The RFP states that there are two existing links:

- Will County NOC to Joliet PSAP
- Joliet PSAP to Laraway Tower

What microwave radios and routers are currently operating on these links? Is it your preference that these links stay in place or by replaced by this RFP?

Currently we have eXalt radios and Cisco routers at these locations. The preference is that they remain.

4. Will interested bidders have the opportunity to walk the sites to accurately bid this project?

There will be no scheduled walkthrough visits of the sites. You are welcome to visually inspect the towers on your schedule from outside but internal site access is not available.

5. Turn-Key definition:

The Term "Turn-key" does not impose that there would be no change orders, we as a reasonable customer would evaluate the need for any changes and address them individually. The term "Turn-KEY" was meant to establish that the vendor would provide a working solution, and that the same vendor would also employ the staff required 'as full time employees' to perform every facet of the maintenance as well as the 24x7 monitoring of the solution. We did not want vendor A to install it and then acquire vendor B to maintain the solution. We feel it is important that the installation partner be able to stand behind and fully monitor and maintain the solution as well.

As far a site access you are free to visit and take any investigative photographs required in your data collection, however due to past experiences and the investigation of information in writing this RFP it is deemed that escorted visits are not required to gather the necessary information to respond to this RFP.

6. Do towers exist at each site?

All sites co-locate with a tower structure except for the 9-1-1 administration office. It will ultimately be the bidder's responsibility to verify adequate structures exist at any installation location.

7. Are all towers 3 sided guyed towers?

Not All towers are 3 sided guyed towers

8. Is there full use of the towers (no existing antennas to contend with or size restriction) at every site for any centerline, azimuth and diameter of dish deemed necessary to meet the RFP's performance requirements?

No

9. Is there sufficient space for 7' or 7.5' equipment racks at each site?

Based on our preliminary investigation there is sufficient space for the most typical equipment required at these locations.

10. Is there a sufficient # of open penetrations for cables/waveguide?

This information is currently not available

11. Is there 30' distance between the tower and the equipment rack?

This information is currently not available

12. Will installers have unimpeded access to sites during their typical work hours from 8am to 6pm?

Yes- Based upon a pre-determined schedule

13. Will site & path surveys occur after award?

NO. In our investigation of preparing this RFP the latest software tools combined with lat and long information is the most accurate way to confirm line of site requirements and should suffice in preparing the response to the RFP.

14. For the current legacy system to be included in this design, is the equipment intended to be re-used or just the path? If the equipment is to be reused please advise who is the manufacturer, model and what are the dish details at each site? This info is needed up front as it impacts the design & services scopes (equipment/antenna placement, installation, frequency coordination, testing and cutover).

Currently we have eXalt Extendair radios and Cisco routers at these locations. The preference is that they remain.

15. Is 6GHz allowed if it is necessary to meet the availability objective for a path?

6ghz is only allowed for WC911 Deemed extension sites with prior approval from WC911

16. What are the existing tower heights?

This Information is currently unavailable

17. Our radios for the bands listed come in several configurations. Do you prefer an all indoor radio solution or split IDU/ODU type?

Provide what you deem as your best solution we have no preference of indoor or outdoor

18. Will there be any other site work (LMR, LTE, etc) performed by others at the same time as this installation?

We have no knowledge of any other concurrent work at the defined locations.

19. Do we have permissions to climb the towers to verify line of sight then?

You do not have permission to climb the towers. In our investigation of preparing this RFP the latest software tools combined with lat and long information is the most accurate way to confirm line of site requirements and should suffice in preparing the response to the RFP.

20. Has anyone verified LOS between all sites yet?

LOS has not been officially verified however a good portion of the sites currently have Microwave links for other systems while the others were unofficially surveyed. It will ultimately be the bidder's responsibility to verify LOS.

21. Has space been verified on towers that may have leases with cellular carriers?

No

22. Who do we coordinate with to gain access to the site locations in order to perform the site survey?

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23. Do all locations have a tower structure currently in place? Will any locations require that a tower of some sort to be installed?

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24. Why can subcontractors be used for electrical work and not for microwave installation?

Subcontractors can be used for electrical and low voltage work only since this work needs to be licensed and bonded in the jurisdiction that they are performing the installation. Microwave installation services including tower climbers and programmers are required in the current RFP to be full time employees of the vendor performing the work since they will be the same vendor providing 24X7X3 support and monitoring and we have found that having the same vendor provide all installation, maintenance and services for the microwave network allows for a timely monitoring and repair of the system.

25. Will a vendor's conference be held?

No vendor conference will be held for this RFP.

26. Will tower heights or evaluation criteria be provided in the request?

No it will be the responsibility of the vendor to determine the required height needed at each site for LOS

27. Where is the questions and responses be posted?

Under the RFP section on the Will County 9-1-1 System website a [www.willcounty9-1-1.com](http://www.willcounty9-1-1.com)