

Title and Summary
Request for Best Value Bid ("RFB"):
RFBVB Title:

No. FY13-0116
Bowman Outside Plant Splicing Project

RFB Publication:

As follows:
[http://www.orangeburgcounty.org/
bulletin board, 3rd Fl., Admin Ctr.](http://www.orangeburgcounty.org/bulletin_board,3rd_Fl.,Admin_Ctr.)
<http://www.scbo.com>
<http://www.thetandd.com>

RFB Composition:

RFB No. FY13-0116 is composed of the following:

- Title and Summary pages
- Code Articles of Acknowledgement
- Scope of Work to include subparts:
 - Specifications
 - 7CFR1753F-201 (PC-4)
(incorporated by reference)
 - 7CFR1755.900
(incorporated by reference)
- Certified Bid Form
- Fiber Certification
- RUS 274 & 276 Forms
- Evaluation Criteria
- Certification of No Exceptions
- Certification of Preferences
- Addendum Acknowledgement

RFB Amendments:

If any, will be published/posted on the following:

- <http://www.orangeburgcounty.org>
- Bulletin board, 3rd Floor, Admin Center

Contracting Entity:

Orangeburg County, South Carolina ("Owner")
A political subdivision of the State of South Carolina

Owner Contacts:

Procurement Director
Jannella Shuler
Orangeburg County Procurement Office
1437 Amelia St. ("Admin Center")
Orangeburg SC 29115
jshuler@orangeburgcounty.org

Project Engineer Contact
Ethan Beeks
W. Metts Engineering
121 Bridge Street
Branchville, S. C. 29432
ethan@wmetts.com

Pre-Submission of Bids:

- Questions: If vendors have questions, same shall be
Directed to Project Engineer
Mode of Communication via e-mail only
No later than January 14, 2013 at 12:00 Noon

Bids:

- Submission Composition: Each submitted bid is required to be composed of the following, including fully completed and executed forms:
 - Certified Bid
 - Code and Articles Acknowledgment
 - Certification of No Exceptions
 - Certification of Preferences
 - Addendum Acknowledgment
 - Fiber Certifications
- Submission Deadline: 2:00 p.m. on January 16th, 2013
- Submission Location: 1437 Amelia Street County Admin. Center, 3rd Floor,
Procurement Office, Orangeburg, S. C. 29115

Additional Information, Including Special Conditions

To the extent the Procurement Code requires the Procurement Director to take certain action regarding the evaluation of best value bids, recommendations, and award for this RFB, the Project Engineer shall be deemed to have the duties otherwise assigned to the Procurement Director.

Procurement Code Section 1-302.3.a. applies to this procurement. The funding agency's procurement requirements will govern the procurement in any instance in which those requirements conflict with the Orangeburg County Procurement Code. To the extent that is the case, this procurement is exempt from the conflicting provisions of the Orangeburg County Procurement Code.

The funding agency for the Project requires that the funds for this procurement be approved as part of the RUS Form 515. There will be no negotiation or deviation from the RUS Form 515 contract process.

Code and Articles Acknowledgement

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Articles 1 through 7 of the Code are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim in this RFB. As stated in the Code, a submitting vendor agrees that the Code governs this procurement from RFB to solicitation through completion of any resulting contract, including disputes, if any.

ACCESS TO CODE. On November 16, 2009, Orangeburg County Council, the governing body of Orangeburg County, repealed all aspects of its procurement policy and enacted the **Orangeburg County Procurement Code** (the "Code"). The Code may be accessed online without charge at <http://www.orangeburgcounty.org/Purchasing/code.html> A copy of the Code is available for review without charge at the Office of the Procurement Director. If neither of those options meets your needs, a hard-copy of the Code is also available for purchase at the Office of the Procurement Director.

Method of Source Selection.

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The undersigned vendor understands and agrees to be bound to the Code regarding all matters arising from the RFBVB identified above.

Printed Vendor Name

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Title with Vendor of Vendor's Authorized Agent

SCOPE OF WORK

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The scope of services requested by the county for this RFBVB No. 13-0116 are as follows:

In connection with that anticipated procurement, vendors submitting in the RFBVB process are hereby advised that the successful vendor will be given a “List of Owner’s Material On Hand” which will include the necessary closures, pedestal inserts, and major materials. The successful vendor will be responsible for any miscellaneous material not included on the “List of Owner’s Material On Hand”.

Procurement:

Sealed proposals for the splicing, including the supply of necessary labor, materials, and equipment, of a rural telecommunications project as described below.

Owner: ORANGEBURG COUNTY

County: ORANGEBURG

State: SOUTH CAROLINA

The Project shall consist of approximately the following miles [kilometer (km)] of plant (herein the “Plant”):

Aerial Sheath: 0.00 miles (0.00 km)
Buried Sheath: 109.8 Miles (176.72 km)
Number of Service Entrances: 650
Closures: 58
Pedestals: 476

General Information

Any bids as a result of the Request for Best Value Bid shall be binding for sixty (60) calendar days following the opening date. Any proposal determined to deviate from the provided form and provide material list will be deemed unresponsive and will be rejected.

Vendors may obtain the Plans, Specifications, and Construction sheets together with all necessary forms and other documents for the project from the Owner’s Project Engineer, W. Metts Engineering Co., Inc., 121 Bridge St., Branchville SC 29432, upon payment of \$350 (per set) for a paper copy. Electronic copies are available at no additional charge. The Plans, Specifications, and Construction sheets may be examined at the offices of the Project Engineer. Each set of Plans, Specifications, and Construction sheets will have a serial number, assigned by the Project Engineer, and the number of each set with the name of the purchaser-recipient will be recorded by the Project Engineer. Bids will be accepted only

from those vendors attending the Pre-Bid Conference Call on January 9th at 2:00PM. Contact must be made with the engineer prior to the call for information regarding the call.

No Proposal or bid will be considered from a Vendor that does not attend the Pre-Bid Conference Call, unless the Vendor has been notified by the Project Engineer prior to the Pre-Bid Conference Call that attendance is not required. Notes covering the Pre-Bid Conference Call will be prepared by the Project Engineer and distributed to all Vendors attending the Pre-Bid Conference Call.

Certified Bid Form (To Be Returned with Bid)

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UNIT	QUANTITY	LABOR	MATERIAL	LABOR EXTENDED	MATERIAL EXTENDED	TOTAL
BDO4	476		\$0.00		\$0.00	
HBF 450B	40		\$228.02		\$9,120.80	
HBF 450D	17		\$357.04		\$6,069.68	
HBF 600D	1		\$600.00		\$600.00	
HO-1	593		\$0.00		\$0.00	
HO-1-R	528		\$0.00		\$0.00	
HO-1-D	650		\$0.00		\$0.00	
W- BDO4	5		\$0.00		\$0.00	
W-450B	5		\$0.00		\$0.00	
W-450D	5		\$0.00		\$0.00	
W-600D	1		\$0.00		\$0.00	

Total Certified Base Bid Amount \$ _____

By signature below, the submitting vendor certifies to Orangeburg County that:

1. The Total Proposed Amount, above, is inclusive of all costs, including labor, supervision, materials, supplies, transportation, permits, licenses, taxes or any other costs, incidental or otherwise, for complete and proper performance of the scope of work described in Request for Bid FY13-0116.
2. Vendor understands and agrees that, due to budget constraints, Orangeburg County reserves the right to adjust or amend the work requirements and/or negotiate with the lowest, most responsive, qualified, and responsible supplier in an effort to reach a cost that is fair, reasonable, and acceptable to both parties.
3. The foregoing proposal: contains prices that are firm for a minimum of 90 days from the date of opening; is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other submitting vendor; and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Date of Signature

Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Title with Vendor of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Printed Vendor Name

FIBER CERTIFICATION

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The required fiber certifications requested by the county for this RFB No. 13-0116 are as follows:

The Vendor must have the following certifications set forth by the Fiber Optic Association (FOA), as recognized by the Department of Labor.

- Certified Fiber Optics Technician (CFOT)
- Certified Fiber Optics Specialist in Testing and Maintenance (CFOS/T)
- Certified Fiber Optics Specialist in Splicing (CFOS/S)

The vendor hereby certifies that it has the necessary fiber certifications and relevant experience.

Printed Vendor Name

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Title with Vendor of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Evaluation Criteria

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If Orangeburg County decides to go forward with the procurement, the award shall be made to the vendor whose request for bid, it determines to be the most advantageous to the County taking into consideration the evaluation factors stated in this section. The following person is hereby designated as the County's designee, the Project Engineer to substitute for the Procurement Director in the evaluation and ranking duties. The factors to be considered in evaluating are as follows, and are listed in order of relative importance: (see note below)

Factors Assigned Weighting

1. Cost 60%
2. Fiber Certification 10%
3. Related experience on similar projects and references; 30%

Note: The method of selection, Best Value bid, requires numerical weighting for each factor. See Code 5-303-7b

Certification of Preference(s)

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(The Code authorizes specific preferences. See Article 3. If a vendor is qualified for one or more preferences and desires to exercise the preference(s), then the vendor must complete and submit this form with its proposal. If a vendor is either (1) not qualified for any preference OR (2) is qualified, but does not desire to exercise any preference, then the vendor does not need to complete or submit this form with its proposal.

Vendor is qualified for and desires to exercise the following preference(s) as vendor has marked, below:

Preference 1. Vendor is a resident of the State of South Carolina:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Preference 2. Vendor is a resident of Orangeburg County, SC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Preference 3. Vendor is an MBE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

The undersigned vendor hereby certifies that vendor is qualified for the preference(s) above to which the vendor has indicated "Yes". In addition, the undersigned vendor understands and agrees that if it is not qualified for a preference, but claims to be qualified for a preference on this form, the County shall have the right to suspend and/or debar the vendor in accordance with the Code.

Printed Vendor Name

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

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Certification of No Exceptions

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The Code requires vendors to give written notice with a submission if vendor will not accept a term of the Request for Proposal and the incorporated Code as a contract term. See Code §5-304-302. In connection with that requirement, a vendor must complete this certification and include it in its submission.

Vendor certifies the following regarding its bid:

1. Vendor AGREES to all of the terms of the Invitation to Bid (including the incorporated Code terms) and takes NO EXCEPTIONS: Yes No

2. Vendor does NOT AGREE to all of the terms of the Invitation to Bid (including the incorporated Code terms), and a COMPLETE LIST OF VENDOR'S EXCEPTIONS to same are listed and described below:

Yes No

Identification Of Excepted Term	Description of vendor's substituted term	Vendor's Initials
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Exception 1:

Exception 2:

Exception 3:

Exception 4:

The undersigned vendor hereby certifies that the above-listed exceptions comprise the only exceptions vendor has to the Request for Proposal (including the incorporated Code terms). The undersigned vendor understands and agrees that if it is the successful vendor, its attempt to claim any exceptions other than those listed above, shall result in the County having the right to claim the bid security bond, retract the intent to award or award, award to another vendor, and suspend and/or debar the vendor.

Printed Vendor Name

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent

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Addendum Acknowledgement

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Vendor acknowledges receipt of the follow Addendum to the above-described procurement, agrees that same is/are hereby incorporated and made a part of the above-described procurement as if the Addendum had been included in the original procurement documents:

Addendum No.	Addendum Date	Initials of Vendor's Authorized Agent
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Printed Vendor Name

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Printed Name of Vendor's Authorized Agent

Title with Vendor of Vendor's Authorized Agent

BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

To be submitted in accordance with the provisions set forth in "Notice and Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bidding documents for the project.

The undersigned Bidder makes the following representations relating to its proposal to _____

for (Business name, address and Rural Utilities Service designation)

1. The Bidder maintains a permanent place of business at

_____, _____, _____

2. The Bidder possesses adequate financial resources as indicated by the following abbreviated statement:

Financial condition at close of business _____ 20 ____

ASSETS:

(a) Cash in bank and on hand _____	\$ _____
(b) Receivable -- notes, open accounts and interest _____	_____
(c) Stock and bonds _____	_____
(d) Real estate, furniture and fixtures, materials _____	_____
(e) Equipment _____	_____
(f) Other assets (name) _____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ _____

LIABILITIES:

(a) Payable--notes, open accounts and interest _____	\$ _____
(b) Real estate encumbrances _____	_____
(c) Other encumbrances (name) _____	_____
(d) Reserves _____	_____
(e) Capital stock paid up (all classes) _____	_____
(f) Surplus--net worth _____	_____
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ _____

In addition to the foregoing, a complete and detailed financial statement will be furnished if required.

3. The following judgments are outstanding against the Bidder:

	<i>Judgement Creditors</i>	<i>Where Docketed and Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
(a)	_____	- -	\$ _____
(b)	_____	- -	_____
	TOTAL JUDGMENTS		_____

4. In the event the contract is awarded to the Bidder, a surety bond in a penal sum not less than the maximum Contract price will be furnished by:

(Surety Company)

Date _____ (Signed) _____

Representative of Surety Company

5. The Bidder will make available for use in connection with the proposed construction the following construction plant and equipment:

6. The Bidder has had the following experience on other similar work:

7. If awarded the contract for the construction of the Project, the Bidder will employ the construction superintendents and supervisors listed hereunder for work throughout the course of the construction of the Project.

Attached hereto are signed statements of the qualifications of said superintendents and supervisors, including specific experience in supervision of construction of the type of facilities included in the plans and specifications.

8. The Bidder now has the following bonded jobs under contract:

_____ \$ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

9. The Bidder possesses Contractor's License No. _____ for the State of _____ in which the Project is located, and said license expires on _____, 20_____.

10. The Bidder hereby represents and warrants that all statements set forth herein are true and correct. (If the Bidder is a partnership, the partnership name must be signed, followed by the signature of at least one of the partners. If the bidder is a corporation, the corporate name must be signed, followed by the signature of a duly authorized officer and the corporate seal affixed. A typewritten copy of all such names and signatures shall be appended. No alterations, erasures, corrections or interlineations will be permitted.)

(OFFICIAL SEAL}

Name of Bidder

Date Signature Title

Date Signature Title

BIDDERS QUALIFICATIONS FOR BURIED PLANT CONSTRUCTION

INSTRUCTIONS - To be submitted in accordance with the provisions set forth in "Notice and Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bidding documents for the project.

The undersigned Bidder makes the following representations relative to its proposal to _____

for the construction of Rural Utilities Service Project designated _____

The word "it", used herein by way of reference to the undersigned, shall be deemed to mean "he" if the Bidder is an individual and "they" if the Bidder is a partnership.

1. It maintains a permanent place of business at

2. It has completed telephone construction contract(s) for _____ or more RUS Borrower(s). List RUS Borrower(s), if the construction included buried plant of the type contemplated in the project.

NAME OF BORROWER

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF MILES

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. if awarded the Construction Contract it will: (Check one)

- Perform all construction with it's own forces.
- Employ the following subcontractor(s) listed below along with a brief explanation of the construction activities the subcontractor(s) will perform such as plowing, trenching, or installation of pedestals, terminals, service wire, telephone instruments, poles, etc:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBCONTRACTOR

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Buried plant construction experience of the Bidder and its subcontractors listed above includes the following:

COMPANY FOR WHICH WORK WAS DONE	LOCATION OF WORK	APPROX. MILEAGE	OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF WORK DONE	
			NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICIAL	TEL. NO-
				() -
				() -
				() -
				() -
				() -

5. The plow proposed to be used on the Project to perform the buried plant construction is described in the following information about the design and capabilities of the plow and the work the Bidder or subcontractor has done with the plow.

6. It will make available the following other equipment for use in plowing, trenching and other operations related to buried plant.

7. It either owns the plow, and other equipment described in Item 6, or has arranged for equipment as follows: *(List equipment and whether to be bought or leased.)*

8. If awarded the Construction Contract the name of the construction superintendent it will place in overall charge of the proposed construction is _____

Attached hereto is a signed statement of his experience in telephone construction and in supervision of construction of the type proposed.

The names of foremen and other key personnel and brief summaries of their experience in the particular operation such as plowing in which each one will be in charge, are as follows:

9. Listed below are the names of other RUS Borrowers and their Engineers which have found the qualifications of the Bidder satisfactory for bidding buried plant construction.

OWNER

ENGINEER

10. It now has the following bonded jobs under contract:

_____ \$ _____

11. It possesses contractor's license no _____ for the State of _____ in which the Project is located, and said license expires on _____, 20 _____

12. It hereby represents and warrants that all statements set forth herein are true and correct.
(If the Bidder is a partnership, the partnership must be signed, followed by the signature of at least one of the partners. If the Bidder is a corporation, the corporate name must be signed, followed by the signature of a duly authorized officer. A typewritten copy of all such names and signatures shall be appended. No alterations, erasures, corrections or interlineations will be permitted.)

NAME OF BIDDER

DATE

SIGNATURE

TITLE

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