

# NOTICE TO GENERAL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) CONTRACTORS

The Clarksville Light & Water (CLW) Commission of Clarksville, Arkansas is seeking proposals consistent with Act 1989 of the State of Arkansas 85th General Assembly Regular Session 2005, from qualified licensed professionals who are certified by the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board to perform construction management/general contractor services for the construction of an expansion to the existing Clarksville fiber optic network.

The project includes assistance to the Engineer in finalizing the design and then construction of a fiber to the premise network to homes and business in the city as well as the potential for deploying wireless broadband technology to serve customers outside of the city. This project currently has a master plan and initial design; therefore, this solicitation is for consultation for finalizing the design in collaboration with the owner and engineers and for construction services. Clarksville desires the contractor who is awarded the project to play an important role in plan review and to provide input into plan improvements and potential construction efficiencies in order to achieve maximum value for the utility.

Proposals setting out contractors' experience and qualifications will be accepted until October 31st, at 3:30 Central Time. Seven (7) hard copies and one (1) digital copy of the proposals shall be submitted to the Clarksville Light & Water Company, 400 W. Main Street (Post Office Box 1807), Clarksville, Arkansas 72830. All submittals shall be clearly marked "Fiber Network Contractor Statement of Qualifications."

## **Selection Process and Criteria: \***

1. The Clarksville Light & Water Commission will assemble a pre-selection and final selection committee.
2. The pre-selection committee will open responses (at a minimum) on/after 10 working days from the original advertisement announcing the project and select a maximum of five applicants and schedule interviews.
3. The pre-selection committee will schedule in person interviews with the five applicants on or before November 23rd, 2018.
4. After the interviews are completed, the selection committee will make a formal recommendation to the Clarksville Light & Water Commission on or before December 21st, 2018.
5. The minimum qualifications that the Clarksville Light & Water Commission will consider are:
  - Experience in similar projects, and more specifically experience in providing Construction Management Services on a fiber optic network.
  - Record of timely completion of projects with high-quality workmanship.
  - Ability to obtain Payment, Performance Bonds and a two-year maintenance bond.
  - Other similar matters to determine that the professional or professionals will complete the project within the time and budget and to the specifications set by the Clarksville Light & Water Commission.
  - Experience in working on municipal utility projects
  - Innovation in managing and constructing a network along with history and willingness to collaborate with other contractor to deliver a turn key project.
6. Written responses should include as a minimum:
  - Resumes of key personnel, including the superintendent(s) to be used
  - Specific recent project experience on similar projects, including:
    - Information regarding completion time vs. contract time
    - Information on the bid amount vs. the final contract payment amount
    - Owner or reference contact information
  - Be sure to describe how your firm, if you are the chosen Construction Manager/General Contractor, will accommodate the potential USDA/RUS bidding requirements if CLW finances the project via this federal agency.
  - Current and projected workload
  - Current maximum bonding capacity and rate
  - Proof of licensure in the State of Arkansas
  - Acceptable proof of Liability Insurance

If applicants have questions you can contact, John D. Lester at (479) 754-3148 or Andy Heins of Finley Engineering at (417) 682-5531. The Clarksville Light & Water Company will notify selected applicants to schedule interviews.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2018.

John Lester, General Manager, Clarksville Light & Water Company

\*This process shall not guarantee an FTTx project will materialize bearing in mind other variables, known or unknown, may inhibit the actual project. Refer to [www.clarksvilleconnected.net](http://www.clarksvilleconnected.net) for other RFQ documents.