

## Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana Middle Mile Engineering RFP - Question and Answer

Friday, March 21, 2025

Number	Questions	Responses
1	In what file format is the design to be submitted? For example: ESRI shp, AUTOCAD, etc.	Format should be AUTOCAD compliant
2	Is the awardee expected to pay the PE stamp fees or is CTOL consider them included in the design engineering?	A PE stamp is only required if any of the permitting agencies require a stamped design. Please provide a response and cost estimate based on the permitting agencies' requirements. In addition, if the bidder has access to a licensed PE please include this information, along with stated costs in the reponse.
3	Is there a requirement or expectation that imaging (such as LiDAR) be provided as part of the base map?	ESRI or KMZ base maps will be sufficient
4	Is there a TERO tax to be paid to CTOL? If so, what is the rate?	No.
5	What is the target completion date for the design and permitting preparation?	4-5 months from contracting.
6	Will the awardee be submitting the permits on behalf of CTOL or will CTOL or the construction contractor be submitting them?	The expectation is that the awardee will submit and manage permitting, please provide an estimate in the budget template outside of the development of the middle mile design.
7	Construction Drawings Output: Is there a preferred format for the construction drawings? Can they be provided electronically?	They are required electronically. Format should be AUTOCAD compliant and should provide
8	Handhole Specification: The RFP references both Tier 2 and Tier 22 handholes. Can you confirm that Tier 22 is the correct specification?	Tier 22 is the correct specification
9	Shelter Location: Can you confirm the exact location of the shelter? Is it shown in the attached RFP documentation?	Please see KMZ for expected location of the data shelter.
10	Post-Construction Redlines: Will the construction vendor be responsible for marking up the drawings in the field, with the consultant inputting the changes? Or is the expectation that the consultant will conduct a post-construction rideout and audit to create the redlines?	The Construction Vendor will be responsible for post construction redlines.

11	Please provide any notes or files from coordination meetings to-date with DOTD. We anticipate this to be a large permitting scope of work	This is internal to the Tribe and is not public information. Internal conversations and meetings can be discussed after the contract has been signed.
12	It is often beneficial that designers are also part of the construction team. Will prime respondents or subconsultants to prime respondents be allowed to bid on the future construction of this fiber? Or are there prohibitions on designers being allowed to also bid on the construction?	Respondents, and/or their subs, to the Coushatta Middle Mile Fiber Project will be allowed to bid on the construction of the project.
13	Is a certificate of insurance (COI) required with the Proposal? RFP states so in one location but seems to contradict. Please clarify	Yes, a certificate of insurance will be required during contracting. Do not submit a COI as part of the bid.
14	RFP describes project within the US 165 existing r/w, and on the west side of US 165. The UPRR lies fully on the east side. We assume that the UPRR license agreement will be for a crossing within Kinder, LA. Please confirm this is the only location where a UPRR agreement is anticipated	Please the KMZ for rail crossing points.
15	Do you anticipate boundary survey and/or stamped surveyors' plats be necessary for this work?	No.
16	Will geotechnical investigation, engineering, reporting or design be required for this work? Potentially for crossings of drainage ways, etc.?	The RFP lists the potential need for design and/or engineering for listed elements in the RFP.
17	Is there a plan to build to every location shown in RFQ or is it just an option later? The reason we ask is because you need a vault and MST at those locations which adds more to the project. It is very difficult and expensive to go back and add a vault and MST to service a location.	This is a middle mile fiber route. The handholds and vaults have been identified on the KMZ file where future access is roughly expected to be needed.
18	Is there a plan to overbuild on federal government funded CPF project in Fenton that already has fiber project and/or BEAD Fiber project in Kinder? Is this allowed? Can see all the projects at <a href="http://www.connect.la.gov">www.connect.la.gov</a>	This project is a backhaul solution for The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, design and construction considerations are determined based on the Tribe's needs. Any coordination with active projects would be determined at the time of permitting. The Tribe encourages suggestions for "service connections" with other known opportunities.
19	Have the electronics been identified? Nokia, Calix, Adtran etc? Makes a difference in design. please consider and advise	Electronics have not been identified at this point.
20	Please provide the following, which are described in the RFP as "attached" but we do not see: Budget template, KMZ file, Attestation template	Sent when requested and as attached with the Q & A document