



COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Issued: Monday, September 15, 2025

Due: Monday, October 13, 2025, 4:00PM Central Time

All bids must be submitted electronically.

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INTRODUCTION

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana is accepting bids to procure specific construction materials to build a fiber to the premise (FTTP) network to 137 structures. The Department of Commerce National Telecom and Information Administration (NTIA) will be funding the construction of the Coushatta Tribal Broadband Deployment Project. Baker Tilly will be providing support to the Tribe for screening bids and is the Owners Representative for the NTIA funded Broadband Deployment project.

All responses must be submitted electronically by **4:00PM Central Time, Monday October 13, 2025**. Any responses received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Additional Documents to Accompany this Advertisement for Bid

The following documents that are intended to accompany this advertisement for bid must be requested separately by contacting [Miriam Gillow-Wiles](#):

1. Construction Materials Bid Budget Template
2. Construction Materials Bid Attestation Template

BID MILESTONES

Responsible Party	Bid Milestones	Date/Time
Tribe	Advertisement of Bid Issued	Monday, September 15, 2025
Interested Parties	Bids Questions Deadline	Monday, September 22, 2025, 4:00PM Central Time
Tribe	Response to Questions	Friday, September 26, 2025, 4:00PM Central Time
Interested Parties	Bid Submission Closes	Monday, October 13, 2025, 4:00PM Central Time
Tribe	Winning Bid Determination	Monday, October 20, 2025, 4:00PM Central Time

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

The Tribe will not hold an open forum for questions. Interested parties and potential respondents should send questions to the address listed below no later than **4:00PM Central Time, Monday, September 22, 2025**. The questions will be collected and addressed and posted as an addendum to this advertisement for bid. Interested parties who submit questions will also receive a copy of the questions and responses.

- Email questions to [Miriam Gillow-Wiles](#)
- Subject Line of Coushatta 2024 NTIA Construction Materials Bid Questions

Responses to questions will be published on or before 4:00PM Central Time Friday, September 26, 2025.

BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All bids must be submitted no later than **4:00PM Central Time, Monday, October 13, 2025**. Document should either be in PDF or Excel formats, including the attached budget template, and must be labeled in the following format, Company and Document Name should be updated:

- CTLA NTIA CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL BID COMPANY DOCUMENT NAME

Note: Any template provided should use the template name for the document name, ex: Budget or Attestation.

How to respond:

- Email bids to [Miriam Gillow-Wiles](#)
- Subject Line: Coushatta NTIA - Construction Material IFB Response - COMPANY NAME
- All documents should be in PDF format
 - Except for the Budget Template, which should remain as MS Excel format
- The Attestation must be signed and dated by an individual of the company with authority to sign.

Any bid received after the date and time of submission requirement will be rejected and not reviewed or scored. Responses that do not follow the other bid submission instructions may also be rejected. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Submitted bids will be acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt. Bids will not be reviewed until after the advertisement for the bid has closed.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Construction Materials Components

Coushatta is looking to procure the following materials. Please include the estimate for each material in the separate budget template provided:

- Fiber, Singlemode, 288 count, Ribbon, Dry, Dielectric (preferred) or 288, Singlemode, 288 count, Loose tube, Dielectric.
- Fiber, Singlemode, 144 count, Loose Tube, Dry Armored.
- Fiber, Single Mode, - 12 count, Drop, Outdoor, Direct Bury, flat drop w/tracer.
- Conduit, Poly HDPE, .75", Single Wall, Smooth SDR 13.5, Per Foot.
- Conduit, Poly HDPE, 1.25", Single Wall, Smooth SDR 13.5, Per Foot.
- Handhole, small/drop, 11"x18"x18", Tier 22, Polymer Concrete
- Handhole, 24"x36"x36", Tier 22 Polymer Concrete
- Handhole, Material 30x48x36, Tier 22 (Softscape).

Bids must include the abovementioned materials and cost associated with each material. All materials must comply with BABA (Build America Buy America Act) requirements. For all outside plant work, we require the use of materials that meet or exceed current industry-standard quality specifications. This is essential to ensure the reliability and longevity of our infrastructure.

Responses that do not include these specifications will not be considered.

BUDGET

The budget for the construction material procurement should not exceed \$623,000.

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana is a Federally recognized tribe and is a tax-exempt entity in the State of Louisiana and will not pay taxes on any materials. Any taxes charged on any materials will be at the expense of the entity selected for this project.

REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Responses will be reviewed after the advertisement for bids has closed at **4:00PM Central Time, Monday, October 13, 2025**. No responses will be reviewed prior to the closing date. After the bids have been received, they will be reviewed and evaluated on price and availability completeness, applicant's qualifications, responsiveness, availability. The Tribe expects to award the lowest cost, qualified bidder. This may or may not be the lowest cost response.

The responses will be scored in the following manner:

Scored Component	Total Points Possible	Percentage of Overall Score
References	10	10%
Time Frame	10	10%
Cost	80	80%
Total Points	100	100%

Reviewers may request clarification or a meeting with any or all of the applicants on an as needed basis. Any engagement after the bid closes does not imply any award and should not be construed as such.

RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS

The Tribe reserves the right to reject any or all bids based on its sole discretion, or to waive any minor defects or minor irregularities in any bid or in the bid process, or to solicit new bids for the same project a modified project which may include portions of the original proposed project as in the best interest of the Tribe.

AWARDS AND AGREEMENT

Upon review and evaluation of the submitted bids, all applicants will be notified no later than **4:00PM Central Time Monday, October 20, 2025**, of the status of their response. Failure to respond in a timely fashion may lead to rejection of the bid and selection of a different consultant. It is expected the consultant will negotiate in good faith. The bids are non-binding; the negotiated and signed agreement will dictate the terms of the work. The selected applicant should be aware that contracting will be solely with the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.