

Category 1 RFP & Bidding Instructions/Requirements

1. Include the Form 470 application number and name in the subject line of email.
2. Bids received by email 11:59pm EST prior to the Allowable Contract Date will be evaluated. Bids received on or after 12:00am EST of the Allowable Contract Date may be disqualified.
3. DO NOT contact the applicant by telephone; respond by email **ONLY** to the person shown as "Technical Contact" on the Form 470.
4. DO NOT contact the Consultant, either by telephone or email, except to report that the applicant did not respond to your inquiries.
5. Respond to the specific services requested.
6. Bids for specified services requested should clearly specify:
 - If the applicant's signature on the bid/quote is sufficient to bind the vendor to deliver the proposed services by July 1, 2022.
 - The service start date. (preferred USAC delivery of service guideline of July 1, 2022)
 - The contract term, including expiration date and any extensions.
 - Details of optional speed increases during the term of the contract (see below).
7. Proposal for internet services should include a provision for the applicant to increase their bandwidth during the term of the contract. The increased speed provisions should allow the applicant, at their option to increase their bandwidth, up to the maximum speed listed on the applicant's Form 470, at then-current prices.
8. Include a valid SPIN and confirm SPAC with all bids.
9. Descriptions of services or equipment requested on this form 470 are defined to include the phrase "or greater".
10. Preference may be given to vendors who commit to begin Internet Access Service(s) on July 1, 2022 ("Special Construction Projects excluded).
11. Vendor must offer Applicant the option of SPI or BEAR invoicing.