

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
SOMERSET COUNTY FIBER OPTIC EXPANSION  
(CONNECTIVITY WITH ADVANCED VOICE, VIDEO AND INTERNET SERVICES)**

The Somerset County Commissioners in coordination with the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) within the Department of Commerce, are seeking proposals from qualified bidders to design and build a county owned fiber optic network extending to four industrial parks; and then to provision services upon it via an Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) agreement. Any ongoing maintenance, network monitoring or lease costs would be directly recovered by the provider via subscriptions fees.

This project will be partially funded with Federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

This RFP, issued by Somerset County, does not obligate the County to enter into a contract for any network or services. Inquiries, questions and **project documents can be requested in writing to the County's consultant and project manager Michael C. McGrady, MCM Consulting Group, Inc. via email to [MMcGrady@MCMConsultingGrp.com](mailto:MMcGrady@MCMConsultingGrp.com).**

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 12:00 P.M., April 18, 2018, at the Somerset County Commissioners Office, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 500, Somerset, PA 15501, followed by mandatory site visits.

Separate and sealed proposals in response to this RFP shall be due by 3:00 P.M., June 4, 2018, to Sonya K. Augustine, Chief Clerk, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 500, Somerset, PA 15501. Proposals received after by 3:00 P.M., June 4, 2018, shall be returned unopened. No exceptions shall be made. The Somerset County Board of Commissioners is an equal opportunity employer.

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