

RFP For Morgan County Broadband POWER/BEAD Project Professional Services

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The Morgan County Commissioners are seeking proposals from qualified professional services to provide the following scope of work: Update the Morgan County Broadband Access map with list of BEAD eligible addresses; Update potential service areas and related financial metrics to understand subsidy requirements from POWER/BEAD; Outreach to ISPs on POWER/BEAD opportunity; Work cooperatively with Broadband Ohio, Morgan County Commissioners, and ARC to identify ISP BEAD proposals that would merit investment using POWER funding in order to recommend BEAD-match opportunities; Identify and quantify post-BEAD gaps to craft future project areas; Utilize OOKLA Speed test analysis to quantify progress on previously funded broadband expansion projects; Assist Commissioners in POWER status reports, management of reimbursement, etc.; And may perform other duties as requested by the Morgan County Commissioners for completion of project.

Responding firms will be evaluated in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Title 1, Chapter 153, Sections 65 through 71. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit two copies of the submitted proposal identifying members of their staff that will be responsible for leading the projects, their technical expertise, the management and staffing capabilities of the firm, related prior experience, professional references and cost for the project.

The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related past experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications may be interviewed. All proposals submitted must include their hourly rate of service and estimated number of hours to complete job, and a will not exceed amount. All proposals need to have an estimated time of completion.

Proposals must be submitted to the following address **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 and will be opened immediately thereafter.**

Morgan County Economic Development
155 E. Main Street Room 135
McConnelsville, OH 43756

The Morgan County Commissioners will afford full opportunity to minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest and response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in award of the professional services contract.

This request for proposal will also be available and may be downloaded by visiting the Morgan County, Ohio website at www.morganohio.com/about/public-announcements/