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## High Speed Nevada Phase 1 RFP Vendor Questions and Answers

As of 11/01/2022

**1) Will the awarded vendor be required to provide entrance facilities/conduit when on property or will conduit be provided by the district/state entity?**

**Answer:** In almost all cases, if the served facility is an occupiable building facility, it will have existing conduit entry paths that the provider will be able to access.

Respondents who have questions about specific facilities that are either not in buildings or very remote should provide a cost for building entry construction into the location as separate part of their quote for fiber construction for the location. If it becomes necessary to fund this cost, OSIT or the local government will fund the cost if the vendor is selected as the winning provider.

**2) Since Region 8 is so large in geography, will there be any option to ease the language in the RFP 8\_1 that "Bidders must include bids for all State Facilities within the Eligible Service Area"? Also, this language is absent from RFP 8\_3 for the West Clark County SD - can there be a confirmation that only part of the locations can be bid?**

**Answer:** There is no thought to easing the requirement to bid every site for this RFP. For every region, broadband service providers are encouraged to partner with each other to craft one response to cover all sites, however one of the providers should be designated the lead to interface with OSIT and the local government agencies/School Districts/Libraries.

**3) For RFPs 10\_1, 8\_1, and 1\_1 it says "Services will connect to the State's existing Wide Area Network through the A location of the circuit". We're not seeing where the hub/A locations are listed on the pricing excel documents. Can those be reviewed and provided or can you direct us to where that information is available?**

**Answer:** The map containing these locations and their addresses and longitude's and latitudes is now posted as a separate map on the cover page of the [High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP](#). The link is called High Speed Nevada Phase 1 Interconnect Locations.

Please note that some local governments and school districts have designated interconnect locations for transport circuits/dark fiber segments that are different from the State. The Region 7 pricing sheet for example has some specific A and Z locations for the needed Lyon County Government Broadband Connectivity needs.



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4) **Question: Can OSIT provide some perspective on the requirement to address the surrounding communities last-mile residential service?**

**Answer:** As E-rate guidance allows, the State of NV Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) and the E-rate applicant have published scoring criteria as part of the RFPs, that makes the responding provider's plan to serve the greater community with residential broadband a key part of the applicant's consideration in awarding the School District WAN business. In accordance with E-rate guidance, this factor is not weighted as highly as the Cost Effectiveness to the E-rate fund, but the respondent's commitment to providing for directly or partnering to provide residential service will be a factor in the applicant's decision making process.

OSIT and the applicant are not seeking a fully engineered residential solution as part of the response but are seeking to understand the responding provider's commitment to serve the greater community using the excess capacity the responding provider cost allocates from the School District WAN.

5) **Question: Where can a recording be found for this bidder workshop?**

**Answer:** The link will be posted here when completed. [Governor Sisolak's Infrastructure Summit](#)

6) **In reference to the excerpt appearing below, is the State Facility the referenced Entity name or is there an additional State location that is not referenced?**

**Answer:** The term State Facility in this context means all State Facilities bid as part of this RFP.

**Excerpt:** Services Sought: The State seeks bids for both Leased Lit Fiber Transport Service (Layer 2 and Layer 3) and Leased Dark Fiber Service of 12 strands terminated at the **State Facility** (please note that this leasing arrangement is separate to the State IRU for 36 fibers on all routes for which the State pays for construction).

7) **This excerpt also contains reference to the State of NV requiring a 12-strand dark fiber IRU for each state facility but the presentation at the October 6<sup>th</sup> vendor meeting references a 4-strand IRU for each facility.**

**Answer:** The State is seeking a 4-strand dark fiber lease to serve each facility. The correct reference is in the bid response form. The requirements are as follows for dark fiber IRUs.

For any State or Local Government facility bid as part of one of the ten regional RFP. The State and Local governments will seek to evaluate three types of services:

- Layer 2 Leased Lit Fiber Service
- Layer 3 Leased Lit Fiber Service
- 4 strand dark fiber lease



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For any segment of fiber for which one-time construction contributions are requested from the State, the State will request a 30-year IRU with all maintenance and operations charges for the 30 years included. This is on newly constructed segments only where the vendor requests State funding for the construction of the segment.

**8) Please provide a Z location for ALL sites represented in Column B on the RFP Area #10: Clark County Metro and East spreadsheet.**

**Answer:** The State of Nevada Interconnect or Point of Presence Locations now appear on the Facilities Map posted [here](#).

**9) The specifications for the Clark County School District WAN Bid appear in Addendum 1 to this RFP. Clark County School District maintains the right to award bids under this RFP at its own and sole discretion.**

**Answer:** This is correct. In accordance with E-rate guidance, CCSD maintains the right to award their WAN contract independently from the State and/or local government facilities

**10) The sentence above was listed in the RFP; however, I don't see Addendum 1 in any of the attachments or in the RFP. Are you able to provide addendum 1?**

**Answer:** Appendix G: Map of Eligible Service Areas

For Addendum 1 of the Region 10 RFP, page 2 of the RFP refers to this as the Clark County School District RFP. The Clark County School District RFP is part of the documentation for Region 10.

The reference to the Eligible Service Areas – Appendix G, can be ignored.

**11) When and where will the IRU agreement be uploaded?**

**Answer:** For any segment of fiber for which one-time construction contributions are requested from the State, the State will request a 30-year 36 strand IRU with all maintenance and operations charges for the 30 years included. This is on newly constructed segments only where the vendor requests State funding for the construction of the segment.

The draft IRU agreement is now on the High Speed Nevada Phase 1 RFP web-site.



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**12) If a location is not deemed as unserved or underserved will the provider still have the requirement of 16 pairs (CCSD) or 36 pairs of dark fiber?**

**Answer:** The unserved and/or underserved definition is independent of these requirements.

The actual number of dark strands available at a specific CCSD location will be dependent on the respondent's network design. This includes designs such as ring and sub-ring designs; ring and sub-ring with select laterals to nearby facilities; etc.

The 6 strands required by CCSD will be for the exclusive use of the school location on the location side of the demarc.

For any segment of fiber for which one-time construction contributions are requested from the State, the State will request a 30-year IRU with all maintenance and operations charges for the 30 years included. This is on newly constructed segments only where the vendor requests State funding for the construction of the segment.

**13) Where are the RFPs for the Wide Area Networks for Clark County School District and Washoe County School District located on-line?**

**Answer:** The RFPs can be accessed in two ways. First, the RFP's are posted to the E-rate Productivity Center under the Nevada Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology consortium filing. The Billed Entity Number (BEN) is [17032768](#) and E-rate FCC Form 470 number is 230001394.

The RFPs are also located at the [High Speed Nevada Phase I](#) website. The Washoe County School District RFP under region 1 and the Clark County School District RFP under region 10.

**14) Can you confirm that the awarded BSP as part of these solicitations will be required to engineer diverse entrances into each school site to fulfil the requirement of being a protected service? Or is it sufficient for this requirement that certain segments of the network can be designed as protected?**

**Answer:** The RFP requirement is path resiliency to minimize single points of failure in the Wide Area Network. This does not necessarily include diverse entry into a building unless the respondent feels that this is necessary to meet the standards outlined in the Service Level Agreement.

**15) If a provider connects a school or library with fiber to the state POP, can the provider then use excess fibers to provide service to residences in the area and include those costs in its BEAD application with a local Broadband Action Team (BAT)**



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**Answer:** The E-rate program will only pay for the capacity to serve the school or library entity. Excess capacity to serve surrounding residential and business customers would need to be cost-allocated.

**16) Especially in Region 10, scale is important. How should bidders approach this because the State, County and CCSD can choose their own providers? How can we mitigate against being awarded piecemeal?**

**Answer:** Providers may consider putting a pricing contingency against being awarded all the sites in a region. Please use the pricing sheets in the RFP.

**17) If we were going to propose pricing contingencies and also a standalone option - would it be right to just submit multiple separate sheets with those options separated?**

**Answer:** We ask you to use the pricing sheets in the RFP and if you plan to include a contingency, submit a second contingency.

**18) The State requires a 36-strand IRU. Is it mandatory for all Leased Dark Fiber bids or only for new construction?**

**Answer:** Only for new construction. We do not require a dark fiber IRU if there is existing infrastructure.

**19) For entities that select Leased Dark Fiber, should providers assume that the facility in question already has all the necessary equipment to light it itself? If not, will the facility plan on procuring additional gear?**

**Answer:** State, local, and school district entities will evaluate all bids. If any entity selects the dark fiber solution, it means it has the equipment necessary to light the fiber.

**20) Should providers include a cost to the State for the 36 strand IRU?**

**Answer:** No. The State is assuming it will pay for construction costs and for that will ask for 36-strands on the new fiber

**23) Will there be an opportunity to amend construction costs or monthly recurring costs after a bid is accepted by the State or Local government?**

**Answer:** No. There will be no opportunity to amend bids to add additional construction or monthly recurring costs after the submission of a bid. If a company abandons a bid, the State will take this abandonment into consideration in future State grant opportunities. It will impact how the State especially evaluates that provider's ability to perform which is a significant evaluation criterion.



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#### **24) Is there an opportunity to extend the deadline date for the bids?**

**Answer:** No. OSIT has provided 90 days to submit proposals and believes this is an adequate amount of time to submit.

#### **25) Has OSIT had any coordination meetings with NDOT, BLM, or NV Energy about this RFP?**

**Answer:** Yes. NDOT has been OSIT's planning partner and key NDOT personnel are aware of the volume of permitting requests that may result from these regional RFPs. OSIT has met with the BLM permitting team. The permitting process takes time. The main message that BLM has reinforced to OSIT is that permit applications must be accurate and complete. NV Energy will host a webinar for interested providers regarding use of NV Energy Assets to meet the requirements of this RFP on October 14th. The link to this webinar is in each regional RFP.

#### **26) How will decisions be made regarding winners?**

**Answer:** OSIT will conduct an initial review of the proposals. Proposals that meet the requirements of this initial review will advance to a second level of review by the respective facility owner. The State, local governments, and school districts and libraries will make their own decisions based on the scoring criteria outlined in the RFPs.

#### **27) What about other government facilities that are not listed in the RFP?**

**Answer:** Facilities that are not listed were not selected for this RFP and are not eligible for funding.

#### **28) Do I have to bid to serve every facility in the region?**

**Answer:** Yes. Every State and local government facility, School, and Library must be bid and must be served. Proposals that do not bid every facility will not be considered for funding. \*Unless otherwise noted in Region 1 only.

#### **29) How were facilities chosen?**

**Answer:** Facilities were chosen by the individual unit of government and identified as unserved or underserved.

#### **30) What is the State doing in Workforce Development?**

**Answer:** A commitment to hire and employ Nevada workers is a scoring criterion in this RFP. OSIT is committed to working with providers and organizations that provide workforce development to provide training to Nevadans for in-demand skills and competencies. Providers should reach out to OSIT to share what workforce needs exist and the skills and competencies that are in-demand.

#### **31) Once a bid is awarded, are there construction milestones that need to be met?**



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**Answer:** Yes. The RFP lays out OSIT's construction timeline expectations and OSIT will work with individual winners to establish project-specific milestones. Further, OSIT understands the value of dig once and accomplishing multiple projects at the same time. Thus, OSIT will be flexible with timelines when a provider has been funded to complete multiple projects with different funding sources.

#### **32) Permitting timelines and processes are important considerations for any project in Nevada.**

##### **What support can OSIT offer in this regard?**

**Answer:** OSIT has met with representatives from the various federal landowners in Nevada to inform them of the potential future volume of permitting applications. OSIT will continue to collaborate with all parties to ensure projects are completed on-time.

#### **33) Are partnerships between providers within a region allowed?**

**Answer:** Yes. Two or more providers may form a partnership to serve all facilities within a region. One provider is required to be the lead applicant and assume full responsibility for the completion of all deliverables outlined in the RFP, including the service of every facility in the region and ensuring the requirements of the SLA are met.

#### **34) Are construction contractors required to be licensed in Nevada?**

**Answer:** Yes.

#### **35) When and where will the State require the 36 strand IRU?**

**Answer:** The only place the State will require the 36 strand IRU is on new construction. If a provider bids with its existing infrastructure, a dark fiber IRU will not be required.

#### **36) How are costs and special construction reflected in the scoring matrix?**

**Answer:** Cost is the highest weighted factor and costs are considered over the long-term, up to 20 years. There is no penalty for either including or not including special construction costs. The State values affordable monthly recurring costs.

#### **37) How will award decisions be made if providers must bid to serve every facility but individual levels of government may make their own decisions?**

**Answer:** All governmental facility owners will score proposals using the same scoring matrix. Not every facility owner may choose to subscribe but OSIT expects that only one provider will be awarded per region.

#### **38) Is the decision criteria binding?**

**Answer:** Yes.

#### **39) Could local facilities select different providers for individual facilities?**





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**Answer:** No. The scoring criteria is set up to evaluate the region as a whole and select a single winner.

**40) If a single entity does not approve of any bids, could it solicit bids from a different provider? If a local facility does not like the bids they receive can they go to a local provider to get a competitive bid?**

**Answer:** All government facilities must follow State and local procurement rules.

**41) Are construction-only firms disqualified from bidding on this RFP?**

**Answer:** This RFP looks for services, not necessarily construction. Construction companies need to partner with service providers that will respond to the service specifications in the RFP.

**42). Where can we find the scoring matrix?**

**Answer:** The scoring matrix is in the RFP.

**43). Is there existing State infrastructure from NDOT or other State agencies that could be leveraged?**

**Answer:** The State facilities were selected because they are unserved today and there isn't nearby State infrastructure that could be utilized in connecting them.

**44) How is construction for the Phase I RFPs funded?**

**Answer:** A mix of funding sources will be utilized, including State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, State General Funds, E-rate funds, and local funds from varying sources

**45) Are subcontractors required to adhere to the labor standards outlined in the RFP?**

**Answer:** Yes.

**46) There is a separate bid sheet for E-rate. Can a provider just bid the E-rate facilities in a region?**

**Answer:** No. All facilities in a region must be bid. E-rate has its own procurement rules and there may be some areas where providers provide different information in different formats for E-rate purposes versus the general RFP.

**47) Is Prevailing Wage or Davis Bacon required in the RFP?**

**Answer:** No. The RFP requires strong labor standards by all applicants and any subcontractors. Providers are required to demonstrate how they meet high labor standards.

**48) What level of detail is OSIT looking for in the engineering proposal?**

**Answer:** The State is asking for specific fiber engineering proposals. OSIT's expectation is that, if a provider submits a bid for construction costs for a site, the engineering work has been done to a level of completeness where OSIT can easily and effectively evaluate the application and the price associated is accurate and reasonable for conducting the work. This isn't an engineering RFP, it's a service RFP. OSIT seeks either a dark fiber service or a lit layer 2 or layer 3 service. The solutions are engineered in such a way that there should be no contingencies.





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#### **49) How do we interface with Nevada DOT?**

**Answer:** Nevada DOT will not answer questions regarding the RFP. They will refer those to OSIT. If a potential RFP respondent has questions for DOT about rights of way or potential collaborative builds, the respondent should contact the Nevada DOT IT/Telecommunications/Broadband Team.

#### **50) Can we view NV Energy maps?**

**Answer:** RFP respondents can view NV Energy maps by first executing a confidentiality agreement with NV Energy. The confidentiality agreement can be obtained by emailing Jeff Brigger at [Jeff.Brigger@nvenergy.com](mailto:Jeff.Brigger@nvenergy.com).

NV Energy would strongly prefer to engage with RFP respondents about specific routes of interest. RFP respondents should come prepared to discuss the specific transmission pathways and distribution routes in which they are interested. Once the confidentiality agreement is executed, contact Mike Zaccagnino to set up a meeting to discuss specific routes. Mike can be reached at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

#### **51) NV Energy's timeline for a specific route of interest to a provider may not align with our need to respond to the RFP. How would you handle a situation like this?**

**Answer:** NV Energy has a 10-year deployment plan, but even if a specific route of interest is not being deployed against a timeframe where it will be available for the RFP response, there may be mutual interest in a timelier co-build or other arrangement. Providers should inquire if this is of interest.

#### **52) When should we contact NV Energy?**

**Answer:** RFP respondents should contact NV Energy in a timeframe that allows the respondent the opportunity to meet the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP response deadline date of December 19th.

#### **Clark County School District Specific Questions:**

- 1) Is CCSD looking for a new configuration of their existing dark fiber network? Does CCSD's current dark fiber network configuration satisfy the requirements of this new RFP?**

**Answer:** According to E-rate Guidance, CCSD cannot specify a network design preference. The respondent should include their network design and their certification that the provider can meet or exceed the Service Level Agreement standards for their proposed solution (Lit or Dark Fiber) and must design the network to limit single points of failure.

- 2) This question is in relation to the 16 strands of Dark Fiber required at each facility for the CCSD RFP. If the fibers need to be spliced then we need Z points. Otherwise, will the provider be required to splice every time in the future once we know a Z location?**



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**Answer:** According to E-rate Guidance, CCSD cannot specify a network design preference. The respondent should include their network design and their certification that the provider can meet or exceed the Service Level Agreement standards for their proposed leased dark fiber solution. This includes the specification to limit single points of failure in the CCSD Wide Area Network.

CCSD has adapted their need from the original RFP. While CCSD cannot include a preferred network design there is now a 6-strand per site requirement. This means a minimum of 6 dark fiber strands available for CCSD use at each location after the respondent uses the necessary strands to interconnect the location to the respondent's core network.

The actual number of dark strands available at a specific location will be dependent on the respondent's network design. This includes designs such as ring and sub-ring designs; ring and sub-ring with select laterals to nearby facilities; etc.

The 6 strands required by CCSD will be for the exclusive use of the school location on the location side of the demarc. The respondent must meet the requirements of submitting their network design with their proposed solution, meeting the Dark Fiber service level agreement in the RFP, **and limiting single points of failure in the Wide Area Network with their proposed design.**

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**These are additional questions that were received after the first Q&A was published.**

**53) Question: In the various Region Bid Response Form tabs, the Facilities list tab has more locations than what was listed in the Layer 2 LLF, Layer 3 LLF and LDF tabs. The Regions affected were Regions 2, 3, 7, and 10. What is the reason for this discrepancy?**

**Answer:** For Regions 2,3,7, 10 - the facilities from Tab 1 that are not included in the subsequent Layer 2 LLF, Layer 3 LLF and LDF tabs are school and library facilities that appear on the E-rate facility response forms. These are posted in separate response forms that are included in the region.

**54) In the Bid Response Forms for the State of Nevada regional RFPs for some regions, schools and libraries are included on the RFP Facilities List tab but not on the Layer 2 LLF, Layer 3 LLF or LDF tabs (examples 1.2, 10.2, etc.). Please confirm that bidders do not need to include price quotes for these E-Rate locations on the Bid Response Forms for these State of Nevada regional RFPs.**

**Answer:** The E-rate facilities in each region have a separate bid response form. The reason is these facilities must be evaluated for cost effectiveness separate from the other State and Local government facilities in accordance with E-rate guidance. Even though these facilities have a separate bid response form, they are still part of the requirement to bid every facility in a region.



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**55) Please provide the physical street address with zip code for this location included on 6.2 Appendix C Bid Response Form: Region 6 address: SY003 Virginia City Water Tanks North.**

**Answer:** The Water tower is in a field. Plus code is 886W+9CP Virginia City, Nevada Zip Code is 89440. Here is an aerial photo of the general area. The gray dot is the water tower.



**56) For locations with coordinates only is the expectation to bring to the MPOE? (Example: parking lot sites)**

**Answer:** Yes, Main Point of Entry termination is adequate for these locations. If they bid is awarded the State or Local Government controlling agency will work with the provider to detail the termination.

**57) Will there be a best and final offer process as part of this solicitation?**

**Answer:** The State of Nevada, Local Governments, School Districts reserve the right to conduct a Best and Final Offer process although one is not anticipated at this time.

**58) Question: We are a small regional provider with limited fiber in a specific, mainly rural part, of a large region. How do we make larger providers, who may be able to bid our entire region aware of our fiber assets and potentially partner with larger providers on this bid?**

**Answer:** OSIT will create a link on the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP site where smaller regional providers can post their contract information so their fiber assets can be leveraged by larger providers bidding the region OSIT will likely request a quick turnaround for posting this information because of the upcoming December 19<sup>th</sup> response deadline.



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- 59) **Is it possible that there will be multiple winners in each region because State Government departments, local governments and School Districts can make their own decisions?**  
**Answer:** OSIT does not expect multiple winners in any region.
- 60) **If a provider built new infrastructure within the last two years on a pathway to serve a state facility or school facility that is part of the RFP for region, will OSIT consider reimbursing this construction cost?**  
**Answer:** OSIT will not reimburse any costs incurred prior to an award agreement with the provider.
- 61) **If a provider is adding capacity to existing fiber infrastructure, can the incremental costs of the added capacity be positioned as one time construction costs?**  
**Answer:** If the added capacity is constructed after the award agreement, the answer yes. The proposing Provider should clearly state in its RFP response that it is proposing to add capacity to existing infrastructure and outline the specific improvements it will be making such as adding fiber strands, adding regeneration/In-line amplification huts, adding access points, etc.
- 62) **What is the definition of "new build"? If there is one pole that is not connected does connecting that pole qualify as a new build?**  
**Answer:** Line extensions, adding additional infrastructure to existing fiber routes, any incremental investment can be considered for one-time construction reimbursement under the High Speed NV phase 1 RFP. The added capacity has to be constructed after the award agreement.
- 63) **If locations included in the RFP are within an economical distance, can a service provider use its existing facilities to provide a circuit to the State agencies at a lower cost, rather than spending exorbitant amounts of funds constructing new fiber infrastructure?**  
**Answer:** Service providers with existing fiber facilities are strongly encouraged to leverage these facilities in creating their bids. The RFPs for the regions stress that new construction is not required.
- 64) **Please confirm that the bids for the E-Rate opportunities WAN RFP get submitted to: [highspeedNV@gov.nv.gov](mailto:highspeedNV@gov.nv.gov) and not directly to E-Rate?**  
**Answer:** Correct, all bid responses, including for E-rate applicants, are to be submitted electronically to [highspeedNV@gov.nv.gov](mailto:highspeedNV@gov.nv.gov).
- 65) **There are two locations in remote Elko County that do not appear on the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP list. These are the Tuscarora Maintenance Station and One of Elko School District Independence Valley School. Were these meant to be left off the list?**  
**Answer:** Facilities that do not appear on High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP are not part of the opportunity. Please refer to the answer to question 27.
- 66) **If two companies are partnering to make a bid on a region, who makes the bid?**





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**Answer:** OSIT does require that one of the parties take the lead in submitting the bid. The partnering parties should make the determination which of the partners submits the bid.

**67) What is the state's upper limit of allowable costs to build to a single RFP Designated facility?**

**Answer:** OSIT has not set an upper limit on construction costs for a build. The competitive evaluation process, which considers these costs, will be used to determine project awards.

**68) Answer: Given that there are risks that not all planned funding may materialize, would the State accept any explanation regarding this situation in "notes to financials"? What if a provider does not realize the monthly recurring revenue it expects when it quotes the route?**

**Answer:** OSIT has encouraged respondents to include actual costs of construction of routes and price monthly recurring service in a manner that will maximize uptake of service by State and Local Governments and School Districts. Crafting bids using this guidance should address the concern about adoption of service along a specific route.

**69) Can a Service Provider submit two options for the same location? One using new construction to the requested POP, and another using our existing fiber and connections?**

**Answer:** If a provider has existing fiber, it should bid the service over existing fiber only.

**70) The new location list now shows a column called DWDM. Options are; yes/no. What does this mean?**

**Answer:** This column is for internal planning only. The termination of lit circuits should be layer two or layer three as outlined in the RFP.

**71) Can the terms "resilient as possible" be interpreted that the bidder will make effort to provide alternative physical layer pathways, but the State is open to instances where paths may be collapsed in last mile and/or to a single entrance to facility?**

**Answer:** Vendors should refer to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) standards in the RFP and use these as a guide to determine their network design at the physical layer. General terms such "as resilient as possible" always reference back to the SLA standards.

**72) With the additional strands of fiber, does the State or CCSD plan to service any buildings or residents that are not a part of their network?**

**Answer:** CCSD has no additional strand capacity. The RFP requests strands required to operate their Wide Area Network.

The State has no plans to directly serve commercial buildings or residential locations with the excess fibers leased on the new build network sections. The excess fibers are for two purposes. If the State decides to have a resilient option to serve government needs in the future, the dark fiber will allow capacity to do so. If the service provider fails to meet SLA standards for State and/or local government facilities, the dark strands provide an option for alternative methods of providing



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service. Finally, if the awarded service provider does not meet its stated plan to serve residential customers in a select region, the State will be able to offer fiber to competitive service providers who have a desire to serve residential customers with scalable, affordable broadband service.

**73) Based on the technical definitions provided below, for the dark fiber, do the proposed circuits need to be Resilient or Diverse Paths?**

**Technical Definition of Resilience - infrastructure that provides continuous business operation (i.e., highly resistant to disruption and able to operate in a degraded mode if damaged), rapid recovery if failure does occur, and the ability to scale to meet rapid or unpredictable demands.**

**Technical Definition of Diverse Paths - A diverse connection involves two or more network connections traversing different paths on your telecommunications providers' network. Paths cannot traverse the same conduit or junction cans.**

**Answer:** Vendors should refer to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) standards for lit and dark fiber in the RFP and use these as a guide to determine their network design at the physical layer. General terms such "as resilient as possible", reference back to the SLA standards.

**74) Due to the size of the RFP response and the kmz files requested, is there a website (portal) to submit the RFP instead of emailing it? Or perhaps a physical location for hand-delivery, drop box or SharePoint? There are size restraints on outbound emails that could hinder delivery.**

**Answer:** OSIT appreciates this issue. OSIT will explore alternatives for filing that will ensure proposal delivery.

**75) Will there be a second round to ask additional clarifying questions? If so when will that be?**

**Answer:** OSIT has extended the question deadline to October 31, 2022. This should allow for follow up questions from the current round of questions.

**76) Per given region, the lit fiber services RFPs (State and CCSD), how many locations are anticipated to be 100G or over?**

**Answer:** OSIT views this agreement as a long-term agreement. We cannot predict over 5 to 7 years which sites will need 100G.

**77) A question was asked previously about Z locations and the answer was referencing the POP location maps, on these maps – where are they showing the start and end point? Can you please provide an example of dark fiber connection showing location of points A to Z?**

**Answer:** OSIT has not, other than in a few cases, designated specific A Locations (Points of Presence) where lit circuits or dark fiber paths are terminated. This is to provide Service Providers the flexibility to design fiber pathways to consider last mile residential service in the region they are bidding. These physical pathways are left to the discretion of the provider.



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The cases where both an A and a Z location is designated, like the Nevada Enterprise IT Services circuit from 575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson City, NV 89701 to 1 Superloop Circle, Sparks NV 89437 are at the preference of the agency and should be followed.

**78) We believe there are possible discrepancies with the amount of POPS in certain regions of the RFP, can you please confirm the exact locations for each location that needs service?**

**Answer:** The list of State PoP locations (A locations) where lit and/or dark fiber pathways can be terminated was recently updated. The list is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP [Landing Page](#).

**79) OSIT is requesting Point-to-Point circuits. To clarify: Is OSIT requesting multiple EPL circuits (P2P) with the same A LOC, or is the bid open to an EPLAN configuration (Point to Multi-Point)?**

**Answer:** OSIT is open to both types of delivery. Vendors should refer to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) standards for lit fiber in the RFP and use these as a guide to determine their network design at the physical layer.

**80) Which site is the A LOC for OSIT region 1, 5, 6, and 7? Or do you wish the provider to choose a site, of their choice, from the facilities, list for the A LOC?**

**Answer:** OSIT has not, other than in a few cases, designated specific A Locations (Points of Presence) where lit circuits or dark fiber paths are terminated. This is to provide Service Providers the flexibility to design fiber pathways to consider last mile residential service in the region they are bidding. These physical pathways are left to the discretion of the provider.

The cases where both an A and a Z location is designated, like the Nevada Enterprise IT Services circuit from 575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson City, NV 89701 to 1 Superloop Circle, Sparks NV 89437 are at the preference of the agency and should be followed.

**81) Which site is the A LOC for the leased dark fiber option? Or do you wish the provider to choose a site, of their choice, from the facilities list, for the A LOC?**

**Answer:** OSIT has not, other than in a few cases, designated specific A Locations (Points of Presence) where lit circuits or dark fiber paths are terminated. This is to provide Service Providers the flexibility to design fiber pathways to consider last mile residential service in the region they are bidding. These physical pathways are left to the discretion of the provider.

The cases where both an A and a Z location is designated, like the Nevada Enterprise IT Services circuit from 575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson City, NV 89701 to 1 Superloop Circle, Sparks NV 89437 are at the preference of the State Government, Local Government or School District and should be followed.

**82) For Leased Dark Fiber quotes: If no construction cost is required for a location, can we bid on 4 strands only, or are we obligated to bid on 12 strands of dark fiber?**

**Answer:** Respondents must provide a dark fiber quote for 4 strands where existing fiber will be used.





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- 83) As a regulated Telecommunication Carrier in the State of Nevada, we are planning on bidding locations requested in our region under the phase 1 High Speed NV RFP Initiative, based on the services options available in our tariff. The tariff does allow us to bid on the layer 2 and 3 Lit fiber services. But as of this date, there is no tariff describing how to charge for a lease dark fiber service and it would take more than a year to add this into the tariff. If we only provide bids on lit fiber services, and not the leased dark fiber, will our bid be rejected?**

**Answer:** The State of NV Departments do desire a dark fiber bid. In their proposals, providers should outline everything required to provide dark fiber, including obtaining a tariff. Providers should make this part of the bid contingent upon receipt of ability to obtain a tariff for leased dark fiber. The contingency should outline the process for obtaining the leased dark fiber tariff in addition to the other required information. Please bid a dark fiber option.

- 84) As we indicated earlier, we can bid a Layer 2 and 3 lit fiber service, but we are having trouble visualizing how a layer 3 service would be configured when the RFP requirement is to provide a point to point connections, from the requested site to a State POP location. To help us formalize our bid, could OSIT provide some context and a scenario of how OSIT envisions a Layer 3 lit fiber services would look like? How routing can fit into a point to point configuration?**

**Answer:** While a layer 2 switched transport option is the State's preference for most endpoints, the State would also like to understand if there are fully managed options that route from the State's main Internet Exchange options back to the origin site (Z location). This could potentially save the equipment capital expenses the State would like to calculate and compare. The fully managed Layer 3 option would include linking to one of the State's main Internet Exchange Points in Carson City (575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson City, NV 89701); Switch Data Center – Tahoe Reno Industrial Center ( 2100 NV-439, Lockwood, NV 89434); Zayo/DataBank Data Center 7185 Pollock Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89119; Switch - NAP5 4495 E Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104; or Lumen Data Center 1 Aerojet Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

- 85) There is a requested site on the border of two regions. If a Provider serving the other region has fiber near this site and may be able to provide lit fiber services to the site, how should it approach bidding on this site if serving other facilities in the region is not feasible?**

**Answer:** Providers should utilize the Nevada Broadband Provider Information Sharing section of the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP [landing page](#) to express interest in providing this service to providers bidding in a given region.

- 86) Does the customer have to take all four fibers? Example; I might have 2 fibers available, and I would submit a build estimate for the other two at current rates. That construction might be too**



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**expensive for that entity, but they may like the one or two thread option instead utilizing various SFP types.**

**Answer:** OSIT would accept a bid described like this with a two strand lease without construction fees and two additional strands with construction charges.

**87) Is the requirement a handhold every thousand feet?**

**Answer:** Yes, as stated in Appendix A. The idea is to allow for maximum access points to serve residential locations. Please adhere to this design specification in your bid.

**88) Can we confirm the handhole rating? What specs do we need?**

**Answer:** Many of these builds will be along state highways, US highways and Interstate Highways. The specifications for handholes reflect installations in this high truck traffic areas asking for NDOT approved installations. The specification allows for flexibility on pedestrian ways and non-roadways and railways. Here is the citation from Appendix A of the RFP. Please make certain to follow this guidance.

*On buried routes, all handholes shall be Nevada DOT approved, 45,000 lb. load rated CDR or comparable enclosures on roadways and railways, and pedestrian rated handholes for non-roadways and non-railways*

### Questions specifically for NV Energy

**1) Is there a deadline for NV Energy questions regarding partnership opportunities?**

**Answer:** Service Providers interested in partnership opportunities with NV Energy should contact Mike Zaccagnino as soon as possible. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP landing page. Mike can be reached via e-mail at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

**2) What is NV Energy's SLAs? Do they adhere to the SLAs in the RFP?**

**Answer:** NV Energy will discuss the response SLAs for fiber and other assets leased from NV Energy. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP landing page. Please contact Mike Zaccagnino as soon as possible. Mike can be reached via e-mail at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

**3) If NV Energy doesn't get to the specific address in question, can we splice off and build last mile?**

**Answer:** NV Energy will discuss how a dark fiber handoff to a service provider will be implemented so the provider can build extensions off NV Energy assets. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked



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**4) How many strands can we lease? (Entire path may not be fiber so that will be worked out once we sit down with NV Energy)**

**Answer:** NV Energy will discuss how a dark fiber handoff to a service provider will be implemented so the provider can build extensions off NV Energy assets. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP landing page. Please contact Mike Zaccagnino as soon as possible. Mike can be reached via e-mail at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

**5) Does NV Energy have any sites (Space) where we can install core gear if necessary?**

**Answer:** NV Energy will discuss the existing of space for core and regeneration gear on a case by case basis. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP landing page. Please contact Mike Zaccagnino as soon as possible. Mike can be reached via e-mail at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

**6) Will there be a cost associated with partnership with NV Energy? If so, can we obtain the price schedule?**

**Answer:** NV Energy will discuss costs of leased assets on a case by case basis. NV Energy prefers very specific questions related to the priority routes listed in [NV Energy's Broadband Infrastructure Overview](#) that is linked from the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP landing page. Please contact Mike Zaccagnino as soon as possible. Mike can be reached via e-mail at: [Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com](mailto:Michael.Zaccagnino@nvenergy.com)

**Washoe County School District Questions:**

**1) Which site is the A LOC for the leased lit fiber service for Washoe County SD?**

**WCSD Answer:** There are 3 options for HUB or A locations. These are listed as HUBs on the bid response form. These are:

Administration Building	HUB	425 E 9TH ST	RENO,NV,895122800	39.537743	-119.809843
NSHE Data Center	HUB	900 N VIRGINIA ST	RENO,NV,89503	39.5397801	-119.820194
Washoe Inspire	HUB	1155 CORPORATE BLVD	RENO,NV,895022331	39.511775	-119.750326



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Washoe County School District, according to E-rate guidance, cannot specify a network design so the A termination for each Z location is up to the provider. The design should be resilient minimizing single points of failure and guaranteed to meet the Service Level Agreement standards outlined in the RFP.

**2) For the leased dark fiber, which site is the A LOC?**

**WCSD Answer:** There are 3 options for HUB or A locations. These are listed as HUBs on the bid response form. These are:

Administration Building	HUB	425 E 9TH ST	RENO,NV,895122800	39.537743	-119.809843
NSHE Data Center	HUB	900 N VIRGINIA ST	RENO,NV,89503	39.5397801	-119.820194
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Washoe County School District cannot, according to E-rate guidance, specify a physical layer network design so the A termination for each Z location is up to the provider. The physical design for the leased dark fiber option should be resilient minimizing single points of failure and guaranteed to meet the Service Level Agreement standards outlined in the RFP.

**3) Page 5 of 23 Section 4, states: One essential requirement of WCSD is that the awarded WAN be a compilation of private point-to-point connections over an all-fiber infrastructure with no more than 10% additional length from the most direct point to point path. Can you explain in detail what you mean by, “with no more than 10% additional length from the most direct point to point path”?**

**WCSD Answer:** WCSD wishes in most cases for the provider to follow a pathway of existing roads and right of way between endpoints of segments on the network. This pathway should be the most direct pathway between the origin point and the termination point. This clause of the RFP means that WCSD will accept proposals that vary by no more than 10% in length from the origin point and termination point in each segment.

**4) Page 4, Section 3, Paragraph C: It states, “Contract options being sought include 60 months, 120 months, 180 months, and 240 months terms of service”. Are these terms in addition to the terms on the RPF response form?**

**WCSD Answer:** These terms are for the leased dark fiber option only and they match the terms for leased dark fiber listed on the bid response form.



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- 5) **For Leased Dark Fiber quotes: The RFP states 12 strands in some areas, yet, in other areas, the RFP calls for “up to 12 strands”. Is 12 strands the minimum count for the bid, or can we provide a lower count that can be “up to 12 strands”?**

**WCSD Answer:** WCSD wishes to receive leased dark fiber quotes for 12 strands at each Z location.

**Clark County School District Questions (Set 2)**

- 1) **We are looking for more details to the additional strands of Dark Fiber being requested. Can the Z locations be provided for all the locations where the additional fibers are being requested?**

**Answer from CCSD:** The CCSD dark fiber option requirement is for 6 strands of fiber dedicated at every Z location. These 6 strands are exclusive to the use of the facility and are outside to the requirement of the physical network topology the service provider proposes.

- 2) **The RFP reads that 16 additional strands are required at each site and they can be used at any time. For that stipulation to be possible we need to know the Z ends of each strand. This is required for designs, pricing and time estimates. A dark fiber connection is a point to point, with a start and end location/address. You have provided the beginning locations but we still need the end locations including the end locations for the 16 additional stands.**

**Answer from CCSD:** The CCSD dark fiber option requirement has been adjusted to 6 strands of fiber dedicated at every Z location. These 6 strands are exclusive to the use of the facility and are outside to the requirement of the physical network topology the service provider proposes.

- 3) **Is protected service required at all service locations?**

**Answer from CCSD:** Vendors should refer to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) standards in the RFP and use these as a guide to determine their network design at the physical layer. General terms such “as resilient as possible” always reference back to the SLA standards.

- 4) **For lit fiber transport services:**  
a. **Are you open to alternative delivery methods for remote locations/ current out of footprint locations, such as one (or a mix) of LTE, Microwave, Type II connectivity?**

**Answer from CCSD:** E-rate guidance would require CCSD to bid Self-Provisioned Network and Services Provided Over Third Party Networks to consider alternatives to fiber based connections. CCSD has chosen not to bid these options.



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**5) For leased dark fiber services:**

- a. Are all spans/ fiber segments required to be provider owned, or can this be a mix of leased conduit/ fiber and provider conduit/ fiber?**

**Answer from CCSD:** The provider can use a mixed and owned conduit and fiber to propose a dark fiber solution to CCSD. The provider, must however, agree to the standards of the dark fiber service level agreement no matter the owner of the underlying fiber.

**6) Should the alternative diverse pathways include half of the fiber allocation requested (for example: 16 strands would be 8 strands in each physically diverse path built)?**

**Answer from CCSD:** CCSD has lowered its requirement to 6 dedicated dark strands per site. While CCSD cannot request a specific network design in accordance with E-rate guidance, if the provider has resilient paths feeding a location, fibers should be allocated among both pathways. The allocation should be at least a pair of fiber in each direction.

**7) Will diverse pathways be end to end, including diverse entrances to each facility, or is it expected/ acceptable that we will collapse on property to one entrance?**

**Answer from CCSD:** Vendors should refer to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) standards in the RFP and use these as a guide to determine their network design at the physical layer. General terms such "as resilient as possible" always reference back to the SLA standards.

Regarding use of existing conduit entrances into CCSD facilities, here is CCSD's guidance. If the entrances were constructed and are owned by a third party Broadband Service Provider that is different from the awardee, the awardee will have to display evidence of an access agreement with the owning party. The access agreement is required to match the initial service term of the Wide Area Network contract with CCSD.

**8) Is the 10% variance based roads and ROW's? Or straight line from point A to point B? Topology of roads could drive a variance outside of 10%.**

**Answer from CCSD:** The 10% variance is based on the distance of the most direct pathway using existing roads and rights-of-way.

**9) What type of cable markers are expected? Providers do not typically place cable markers at all splice points, because they are placed within standard vaults/ hand holes. In rural/ vacant areas, we would expect to place markers, but we generally do not do so within towns/ cities to reduce the potential for vandalism/ damage.**





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**Answer from CCSD:** Providers should follow their standard marker procedures in populated areas. The specification in the fiber build portion of the RFP was meant for pathways in lower density and unpopulated areas.

### Questions 11/1/22

**89) Question:** Can you summarize changes to the initial facilities lists since they were first published? Will there be any more changes to the facilities lists?

**Answer:** The following is a summary of major changes to the facilities lists since the initial release. OSIT does not expect any further changes.

- Region 10: Updates to the CCSD RFP and terms and conditions.
  - CCSD has added terms and conditions specific to the district's purchasing policies
  - CCSD has reduced the dark fiber requirements from 16 dedicated strands per location to 6
- Additional facility locations in Regions 1, 6, 8, and 10. New facility locations are at the bottom of the list.
  - State of Nevada Enterprise IT Services has added two sites – one in Region 10 and one in Region 6
  - Storey County added facilities in Regions 1 and 6
  - Clark County added fire station facilities in Regions 8 and 10
- An update to WCSD Fiber RFP in Region 1
- An E-rate Addendum dated 10/11/2022 that can be found in each Region

**90) Question:** Where can I find the list of State Interconnection/Point of Presence Locations?

**Answer:** The link to a downloadable list of State Interconnect locations is on the Funding Opportunities page of the OSIT website. This list is in the High Speed NV Phase I RFP Materials section and [labeled "PoPs locations"](#).

**91) Question:** Will the State of NV, School Districts and local governments offer the opportunity to do site visits to sites needing service?

**Answer:** The State of NV will not be allowing opportunities for site visits. Interested bidders should not contact facility owners to conduct site visits. The main reason for site visits is to measure and inspect the conduit entry and path to the demarcation location in the building. In the vast majority of cases, there is conduit entry in the building that directly feeds into a demarcation location. In lieu of a site visit, OSIT suggests bidders add a contingency estimate for a difficult entry and OSIT will allow this contingency to be part of the bid and reimburse the contingency out of construction costs if it is needed by the winning bidder if service to the facility is awarded. OSIT views something in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 per facility as a reasonable in building contingency. If costs exceed this, due to





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occurrences like certain types of mitigation, OSIT will seek contributions from the building owner, not the broadband service provider.

**92) Question: In an area, there are multiple State facilities, such as the court, Sheriff, and Conservation Camp. Each needs to be connected to the POP. Since these are separate facilities, which bid pays for the construction to the POP.**

**Answer:** OSIT has a fund, sourced from American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds that will pay for all one-time construction charges to State Facilities.

OSIT also has a matching fund, sourced from a State appropriation that will pay all one-time construction charges for Schools, Libraries and Healthcare Provider facilities that are not reimbursed by FCC E-rate program (Schools and Libraries) and the FCC Rural Healthcare program (Healthcare Providers).

Local governments are responsible for one-time construction costs for the incremental build costs to their facilities.

It is important for BSPs to allocate construction costs to these different facilities using a reasonable methodology that it can explain to OSIT if the BSP is awarded the bid. OSIT recommends allocating one-time construction costs in the following manner.

**Main Route** – The one-time construction costs for a longer lateral build to reach a cluster of State Facilities, E-rate eligible Facilities, Rural Healthcare Facilities and local government facilities should be allocated between the State, E-rate eligible facilities and the Rural Healthcare facility.

**Nearest point on the Main Route to the Facility** – The one-time construction costs for build from an access point on a **main route** to a State Facility, E-rate eligible facility, Rural Healthcare facility or Local Government facility should be allocated that specific facility.

Local Governments added facilities to the High Speed NV Phase 1 RFP with this understanding of cost allocation. This methodology of cost allocation has been mentioned in sessions with BSPs at the Infrastructure Summit and the October 6<sup>th</sup> Virtual Bidder workshop

**93) Question: In an area, there are both E-Rate and State RFP for the same route but require a different number of strands. Do we calculate the costs separately for each one? We will then be charging for the same route twice. Furthermore, since each agency gets to decide on its own requirements how will this work?**

**Answer:** No duplication of requests for one-time construction costs for the same route will be accepted.



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Specifically addressing this question, the E-rate eligible facilities have their own response sheets in every region. Please follow the instructions on these response sheets for the E-rate eligible facilities.

Additionally, please follow the instructions given in question 92 to allocate one-time construction costs among State Facilities, E-rate Eligible facilities, Rural Healthcare Program eligible facilities. This methodology of cost allocation has been mentioned in sessions with BSPs at the Infrastructure Summit and the October 6<sup>th</sup> Virtual Bidder workshop

94) **Question:** Is the Seven Lake site a required bid for Region 1? It appears to be in a similar situation to the other mountaintop sites that aren't required

**Answer:** Yes, the Seven Lakes site is optional. It has now been starred in the master spreadsheet. The correct lat/long is in the list below.

95) **Question:** Can the state confirm lat/longs for the mountain top locations (Google Earth imagery doesn't show a tower or structure in these locations)

**Answer:** Here are the nearest structure lat/longs for the mountain sites:

Site	Correct Lat/Long
Seven Lakes	39.918592961946516, -119.94985792466274
Poito Mountain	40.425831844513915, -119.35182903329653
Virginia Peak	The Lat/Long on the current response sheet is correct
Peavine	The Lat/Long on the current response sheet is correct
Smokey Quartz	39.58388214133188, -119.68058078097825
Red Peak	40.76885409654394, -119.86786573110467
Chimney	41.3945476966022, -117.18024231332453
Mt. Rose	The Lat/Long on the current response sheet is correct
Slide	The Lat/Long on the current response sheet is correct

96) **Question:** Does the state have existing easements in place from the closest public ROW to the location? Can these easements be used by a bidder? If so, can information on the easements be provided.

**Answer:** BSP bidders should assume they will have to apply for and receive proper permits for any easement or Right of Way use. As previously stated, OSIT has worked with the Bureau of Land



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Management, the US Forestry Service, Tribal Governments, Nevada DOT and other agencies to understand the details of their permitting processes. OSIT will be ready to assist in the permitting process.

- 97) Question:** Has OSIT initiated discussions with any impacted Tribal land agency. Our experience is that a permanent easement in Tribal Land requires approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) which can take months, but more likely years.

**Answer:** OSIT has initiated discussions with Tribal Governments and the Bureau of Indian Affairs about potential broadband projects that traverse tribal land. That being said, BSPs bidding on projects should not expect that OSIT can expedite normal timelines. OSIT has had good success working with BSPs and Tribal Governments/the BIA on E-rate and Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program projects that directly serve Tribal Libraries, Tribal Schools and Native American Households.

- 98) Question:** If agreements have not been initiated to clarify the requirements and process for obtaining permanent easement for these Tribal lands, will it be acceptable to state our assumptions in the proposal (which will include the assumption that no field studies such as biological or archaeological will be required). In the event that the BIA does require such studies, these additional costs would then be submitted under an approved change order.

**Answer:** BSP bidders base on their experience, should provide, as part of their bid, a contingency estimate for field studies, biological studies, historic preservation studies, etc. This contingency fund will be released for the winning bidder if these studies become necessary. No additional funding will be provided at a later date beyond the approved amount requested by the winning bidder in its initial proposal.

- 99) Question:** Have any discussions been initiated with the Tahoe Regional Permitting Agency (TRPA) or does NDOT or Washoe County hold a Memorandum of Understanding with TRPA that would allow for the proposed fiber installation?

**Answer:** OSIT is in constant discussions with NDOT and Washoe County. Because there are several road improvement projects planned for the Nevada portion of the Tahoe Region, the current thinking is to coordinate these improvements with broadband construction projects, however, in specific cases that may not be feasible or timely. This will have to be handled on a case by case basis.

- 100) Question:** If agreements have not been initiated to clarify the requirements and process for obtaining permanent easement for these Tahoe Regional Permitting Agency, will it be acceptable to state our assumptions in the proposal (which will include the assumption that no field studies such as biological or archaeological will be required). In the event that the TRPA does require such studies, these additional costs would then be submitted under an approved change order.



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**Answer:** BSP bidders base on their experience, should provide, as part of their bid, a contingency estimate for field studies, biological studies, historic preservation studies, etc. This contingency fund will be released for the winning bidder if these studies become necessary.

#### **Additional Clark County School District Questions:**

1. **Question:** *In Section 7-A of the CCSD RFP it states: "The BSP must acknowledge that it understands the requirements of this RFP by initialing the bottom of each page of the RFP, including appendices, and including this in the response.*

If the BSP objects to any terms or conditions listed in the RFP, the BSP must initial "BSP acknowledges and amends" line and list the BSPs proposed amendments on a separate summary page.

If the BSP complies to any terms or conditions listed in the RFP, the BSP must initial "BSP acknowledges and complies" line."

The current CCSD RFP only has one option at the bottom of each page ("acknowledges and complies"). There is no option for "acknowledges and amends". Will CCSD be sending a revised RFP with both options available for initialing?

**CCSD Answer:** BSPs responding to CCSD's WAN RFP must complete the following CCSD forms, Proposal Submittal, Public Disclosure, and Supplier Federal 2CFR200 Certifications which are referenced on Page 2 in the Table of Contents of RFP 23021 CSS and are found in the document named **CCSD RFP Part 11 Submittal Forms and Onsite Work Conditions\_11 01 2022.pdf**. CCSD General Conditions for On Site Services, also referenced therein, is made part of this RFP.

BSPs that wish to "acknowledge and amend " technical specifications and/or contract requirements may cite their exceptions on the Proposal Submittal Form. If the space provided on this form is inadequate exceptions may be labeled and attached to the form as a separate page.

Potential Respondents are cautioned that the District places a great deal of emphasis on conformance to both its technical specifications and its contractual conditions. Proposals will be evaluated and rated accordingly in these regards.