

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
THUNDERCLOUD, INC.
CABELL COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

General Notice

Thundercloud, Inc. (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Broadband Deployment
030-10379

Bids for this Project will **only** be received electronically on **Bidexpress.com** until **Thursday, March 23, 2023**, at **10:00 A.M.** local time.

The Project includes the following Work:

The installation of approximately 20 miles of broadband fiber optic cable. The cable will be installed within and adjacent to the WV Division of Highways' rights-of-way. Much of the cable will be installed underground via directional bore construction methods to minimize ground disturbances. Portions of the line will also be installed aboveground along existing electric utility poles. The project route contains 2 river crossings via bridge attachments and 6 CSX crossing via a combinations of bridge attachments and directional bore.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Broadband Deployment**

The Work will be substantially completed within 730 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run and completed and ready for final payment within 760 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.bidexpress.com or www.thethrashergroup.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
160 Association Drive
Charleston, WV 25311

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 am to 4:00 pm**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from www.bidexpress.com

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than as specified.

Bidding Documents may be examined at

Thundercloud, Inc.
1900 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor
Huntington, WV 25703

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
160 Association Drive
Charleston, WV 25311

Contractor's Association of WV
2114 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond payable to Thundercloud, Inc. in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Contractor is required to provide the Drug Free Workplace Certification in accordance with WV Code 21-1D-5.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code.

Bidders are advised that the Contract awarded under this Advertisement for Bids is to be funded (entirely/or in part) by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting Contract.

This Community Development Block Grant project is to be financed in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the West Virginia Development Office and shall be referred to as Project #030-10379 Broadband Deployment.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and "HUD Section 109", which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprise participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis Bacon Act, the Copeland Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the West Virginia Division of Labor Wages for Construction of Public Improvements pursuant to West Virginia Code §21-5A-3.

Every ARC grant, subgrant, and cooperative agreement must comply with governmentwide grant regulations at Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200 ("2 CFR Part 200"). These regulations address administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards. They provide guidance for pre-award and post-award requirements in areas such as record retention, procurement, subaward management, and performance measures.

Any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates and acknowledges that he/she has a license and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

Thundercloud, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday March 9, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.** at Appalachian Transportation Institute, located at 1900 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor, Huntington, WV 25703. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is **mandatory** either in person or via Zoom – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83568639982?pwd=N3lqVlkwelM4eENrSWpDZG5aQQ01Qdz09>

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Thundercloud, Inc.**

By: **Kim Bailey, C.P.M.**

Title: Contract & Procurement Officer

Date: **March 2, 2023**