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# Request For Qualifications

The Center for Rural Development (The Center) is responsible for administering $7.8M of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding for last mile broadband projects in Eastern Kentucky. The Center’s goal is to maximize the benefits of this funding for the communities and residents of the area.

The Center is looking to contract with individual(s) to work with broadband providers, state and local government officials, business and civic organizations, and other Eastern Kentucky organizations to collect and analyze data for possible last mile broadband projects. The required deliverable will be a prioritized portfolio of last mile broadband projects and expertise.

The individual(s) selected for this position must have a valid Kentucky driver’s license and be willing to travel throughout Eastern Kentucky as needed.

The expected duration of this position is up to 12 months.

# Qualifications

## Experience

* 5+ years project management experience
  + Project Management Professional certification
  + Six Sigma
  + Other professionally accredited PM certification
* 5+ years process management experience
* 10+ years telecommunications or broadband related industry work experience
* Proven ability to work with state and local government officials
* Proven ability to work with community business and civic leaders
* Experience developing and analyzing CAPEX and OPEX budgets
* Proven problem-solving skills
* Proven ability to develop and deliver education and training materials
* Proven ability to pull together partnerships preferably Public and Private
* Excellent written and verbal communications skills
* Working knowledge of broadband funding options available to communities – grants, low interest loans, bonds, taxes

## Technical

* Experience using Microsoft Office 365 suite including Outlook, Excel, Word, Notes, PowerPoint, Visio, Project, SharePoint and Microsoft Teams
* Experience using video and audio-conferencing tools across multiple platforms

## Other

* Working geographical knowledge of Eastern Kentucky
* Working knowledge of the current state of broadband in Eastern Kentucky
* Working knowledge of existing Eastern Kentucky economic development programs