

**Request for Proposals (“RFP”)  
For  
Construction & Operation of Fiber Optic Network  
Smith County, Tennessee**

Smith County hereby requests proposals for construction & operation of a world-class fiber optic network. Smith County’s primary objective in requesting said proposals is providing high-speed broadband service in areas of the county where said service is not otherwise available.

Respondents to the RFP should indicate how they can meet the following objectives:

- Provide scalable gigabit high-speed broadband network connectivity to Smith County business and residential customers who do not have access to fiber enabled broadband services.
- Offer fiber-enabled Wi-Fi hot spots to the public at no charge at, or near, each of the following locations:
  - Green Valley Church
  - Cordell Hull WMA Parking Area
  - Mt. Zion Church
  - Flat Rock Church of Christ
  - Union Heights Elementary School
  - Providence Church

Interested parties must respond by providing the information listed below:

- A detailed overview of the entity
- A description of the company’s experience in providing high-speed networks, and the ability to provide the same.
- A detailed plan for building a high-speed network in Smith County
- A description of how the entity will meet each of the County’s stated objectives
- A copy of the company’s two latest financial audits
- A detailed financing plan for the network construction

Sealed bid proposals must be received no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, March 14th, 2022. Sealed bid proposals should be sent to Smith County Mayor Jeff Mason.