

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

S&T Telephone / S&T Communications (S&T) is a telecommunications company whose headquarters are located in Brewster, Kansas. S&T has been incorporated since 1952. We provide telephone services along with a variety of other products to our customers including video and broadband and are a leading technology company in western Kansas. Our customer base spans twelve (12) exchanges.

Description of Project:

S&T is currently seeking bids for the resplicing of fiber optic cables in twenty (20) AFC cabinets located in the Grinnell, Kansas exchange. Vendor will rework existing cable in splice case and resplice existing count to the PON cabinet. Vendor will splice approximately one hundred twenty (120) fibers. A new 12 fiber will be prepped and added to existing kit at the hut (splice C5). S&T will provide additional splice tray for this location. There will be three (3) hot cuts (scheduled cuts from 12:00 am - 5:00 am). These are approximate numbers and could vary +/- 5%.

Project Requirements:

The clean up and splicing at each of the AFC cabinets will include the following:

- Remove the concrete pad, post and steel box housing the AFC hardware
- Remove the crossconnect cabinet and all supporting posts and concrete
- Expose and open handhole / splice box
- Appropriate safety measures must be utilized with any open or unattended excavation
- Remove and dispose of the RST cabinet, post, and concrete along with AFC cabinet, post and concrete
- Rework existing kit and splice identified count to PON cabinet
- Splicer will be required to provide necessary equipment such as adequate splicer, heat shrinks, and all necessary equipment and knowledge to perform the task at hand
- OTDR all splices done in this project from the PON and splices that go to the CO, OTDR from the CO
- Splicer will be required to remove all locate leads when removing the kit from the handhole. Upon completion of the kit, splicer will be required to recoil it and attach the locate leads to the kit.
- When splicing is completed, contractor will provide all backfilling and final cleanup to grade
- Vendors will be required to have a vacuum excavator on sight
- Vendor is required to call and maintain all locates
- Project can begin no sooner than July 1, 2021 and must be completed no later than August 31, 2021
- Vendor will need to give estimated project schedule to S&T since hot cuts need to be prearranged by S&T and must be scheduled at least two (2) weeks in advance
- Vendor will email weekly status updates to S&T project manager at pmo@sttelcom.com. Vendor must include a picture showing completed removal / clean up of each AFC cabinet site.
- S&T will verify reported progress on a weekly basis
- Vendor will invoice S&T when project has been completed.

Project Timeline:

Deadline to submit questions --- March 10, 2021

Questions will be answered -- March 16, 2021

Proposals Due --- March 31, 2021 by 5:00 pm CT

Award Notification -- April 15, 2021.

Estimated project schedule due to S&T -- June 15, 2021

Date project can begin -- July 1, 2021

Deadline for completion of project -- August 31, 2021
Invoices due to S&T no later than -- September 15, 2021.

Fees / Penalties:

Project must be completed in its entirety by August 31, 2021. Should vendor fail to complete project by said deadline of August 31, 2021, a late fee / penalty of \$100 per remaining AFC cabinet per day will be imposed and will be deducted from the final payment. Should project be delayed as a result of a force majeure event, a change request form must be completed and agreed to by both parties. In the event of a force majeure event, the above referenced late fee / penalty will be waived through the extended deadline outlined in the agreed upon change request.

Proposal Submission:

Proposals can sent to Fred Britt by emailing them to pmo@sttelcom.com. All proposals must be received no later then 5:00 pm CT on March 31, 2021.

Any proposals received after 5:00 pm CT on March 31, 2021 will not be accepted.