

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 clean up of approximately one thousand four hundred seventy-three (1,473) copper telephone pedestals in four (4) of our exchanges. The work must be done according to the requirements specified below.

Project Requirements:

The Pedestal removal will involve the following:

- Pedestals and posts located in town that are not to be removed will be marked by S&T
- Vendor will need to utilize provided documentation for pedestal identification
- Vendor **MUST** complete pedestal removal per route, as indicated on provided documentation
- Pedestal and post to be removed; cable to be cut off 3" - 6" below grade
- Pedestal and post to be disposed of by Vendor
- Obtaining and maintaining locates will be the responsibility of the Vendor
- Vendor will need to give an estimated schedule to S&T at least two (2) weeks prior to working in an exchange.
- Vendor will email weekly status updates to S&T project manager at pmo@sttelcom.com
- S&T will verify reported progress on a weekly basis
- Vendor will invoice S&T when pedestal removal for each exchange has been completed

The Pedestal removal will be done in the Levant, Winona, Russell Springs, and Menlo exchanges. In the Levant exchange there are two hundred twenty-seven (227) rural pedestals and thirty-eight (38) in-town pedestals. In the Winona exchange, there are five hundred twenty-seven (527) rural pedestals and ninety-two (92) in-town pedestals. In the Russell Springs exchange there are two hundred twenty-nine (229) rural pedestals and thirty-one (31) in-town pedestals. In the Menlo exchange there are two hundred sixty-four (264) rural pedestals and sixty-five (65) in-town pedestals. Please note that these are approximate numbers and could vary +/- 5%.

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 12, 2021
Date project can begin -- May 1, 2021
Deadline for completion of project -- September 30, 2021
Invoices due to S&T no later than -- October 15, 2021.

Fees / Penalties:

Project must be completed in its entirety by September 30, 2021. Should vendor fail to complete project by said deadline of September 30, 2021, a late fee / penalty of \$5 per remaining pedestal 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.