Pre-Proposal Conference

Broadband Improvement Program
City of Victoria
February 3, 2021
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The Commission

Governmental
- City of Victoria
- Victoria County

Medical
- Citizens Hospital
- DeTar Hospital

Economic Development
- VEDC
- VSTDC
- Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
- Port of Victoria

Educational
- Victoria ISD
- Region III Education Service Center
- University of Houston - Victoria
- Victoria College
Timeline

- **RFP Published**
  - December 1, 2020

- **Question Submission Deadline**
  - January 8, 2021

- **Optional Pre-Proposal Conference**
  - February 3, 2021

- **Submission Window Closes**
  - February 18, 2021

- **Review Submissions with Victoria Broadband Commission**

- **Select Respondents for Interviews**

- **Recommendation to City Council**

- **Council Selects Development Partner**
Two Challenges: Access & Adoption

Internet Access

- Internet Access With a Subscription: 71%
- Internet Access Without a Subscription: 24%
- No Internet Access: 5%

U.S. Census Bureau (2018)
The Challenge of Speed

Minimum Standard

- 25 Mbps
- FCC Service Availability (based on Census Tracts)

- 50 Mbps
- Detailed Service Areas

- 100 Mbps
- FCC Service Availability (based on Census Tracts)
Why Victoria?

- Regional Collaboration
- Intra-City Collaboration
- Front-End Effort
Big Questions
What are you wanting to achieve?

We want to provide our community with better connectivity. That is in an intentionally broad statement because we are providing you with a blank canvas. Your proposal should paint a picture for how you would help facilitate solutions to the challenges of access and adoption.
Have you secured funding?

It’s difficult to secure funding when we don’t have a full understanding of the costs. The City of Victoria will **work with our development partner and other relevant agencies** to identify funding sources for the proposed solution.
Why should we partner with you?

Through a partnership with the City of Victoria, we can assist with use of ROW, any necessary permitting, and other areas that *may otherwise cost you time and/or money*. We will also serve to facilitate relationships in the City and the region.
## Request for Proposals

Seeking a development partner to

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<td>Delineate Roles and Responsibilities</td>
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<td>Begin Construction</td>
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Additional Resources

- [www.victoriatx.gov/broadband](http://www.victoriatx.gov/broadband)
- [https://maps.victoriatx.org/MapViewer/PublicMap.html](https://maps.victoriatx.org/MapViewer/PublicMap.html)
- [https://connectednation.org/texas/mapping-analysis/](https://connectednation.org/texas/mapping-analysis/)

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Soliciting proposals for a development partner to solve the problems of internet access and adoption through the provision of available, reliable, and affordable broadband service.

Proposals are due February 18, 2021

More information is available online at www.victoriatx.gov/broadband