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ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE LLC AND CINCINNATI BELL EXTENDED TERRITORIES LLC, COLLECTIVELY DBA AS ALTA FIBER, RELATIVE TO THE BROADBAND PROJECT AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT- CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Cincinnati Bell Telephone LLC and Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC collectively DBA as AltaFiber, relative to the Broadband Project and the American Rescue Plan Act- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be effective upon execution.

Mr. Grossmann moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution being seconded by Mr. Young. Upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Mrs. Jones – yea

Mr. Young – yea

Mr. Grossmann – yea

Resolution adopted this 21st day of March 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tina Osborne, Clerk

cc: c/a—Cincinnati Bell Telephone, LLC (dba – AltaFiber)
Economic Development (file)
Commissioners file
OMB Bid File



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ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERNET BROADBAND PROVIDER TO DEPLOY, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A BROADBAND INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 22-1119 adopted July 26, 2022 this Board authorized a request for proposals for internet service providers to deploy, operate, and maintain a broadband internet network delivers high-speed broadband to currently underserved premises in Warren County [hereinafter "RFP"]; and

WHEREAS, on or before September 9, 2022, Warren County Economic Development received six (6) sealed proposals for internet service providers to deploy, operate, and maintain a broadband internet network; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022, in a public meeting this Board ranked all proposals based on the criteria published in above referenced RFP, and ranked Altafiber as the top ranked Internet Broadband Provider; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Office of Economic Development on behalf of the Warren County Board of Commissioners to enter into contract negotiations with Altafiber to deploy, operate, and maintain a broadband internet network pursuant to the requirements of the RFP and consistent with Altafiber's submitted proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations said contract should be brought back before this Board for final review, approval, and execution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if negotiations are not successful, the Office of Economic Development shall inform the board forthwith.

Mr. Grossmann moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution being seconded by Mr. Young. Upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Mrs. Jones – yea
Mr. Young – yea
Mr. Grossmann – yea

Resolution adopted this 24th day of January 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tina Osborne, Clerk

cc: Economic Development (file)
Bid file

August 26, 2022

Written Questions Received by 8-12-22 at 5:00 PM ET.

The following questions were received and are being responded to per the RFP schedule outlined in Section 5 of the RFP.

1. Will the county consider middle mile grants for governmental assets as part of the RFP?
 - a. **The County is interested in a fiber build out plan such that the County offices and assets would be “fiber ready” upon completion. The County may not elect to subscribe to all sites at the time of award.**

2. Will the County be producing a definitive map indicating which areas within the County are eligible for funding? In Exhibit 3, the map indicates that there is a large area on the eastern side of the county that is currently unserved. However, the FCC has approved RDOF funding for this area for [REDACTED] to provide gigabit services. In what should probably be Exhibit 4 (currently marked as Exhibit 3 1000/100), the map indicates that the Springboro area and the Lebanon area do not have gigabit services and would appear eligible for funding. However, [REDACTED] has fiber in Lebanon and [REDACTED] has completely built Springboro with fiber.

A more definitive map showing where areas have been built with gigabit services, or have funds committed to do so, would prevent the County from spending the \$5M on areas that do not need it and leave more funding for areas that need it.

Will the County produce a map that clearly shows prospective bidders eligible and ineligible areas in a timeframe that allows bidders to design accordingly?

- a. **The County acknowledges that the FCC maps provided in Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4, on pages 11 and 12 of the RFP respectively, may not be entirely representative of the current fiber speeds and availability within Warren County or accurately reflect state or federally funded broadband projects. Applicants shall note, as stated in the RFP, that use of County contributed funds, in general, shall not be applied to areas already targeted by state or federally funded broadband projects or commitments. Additionally, the County is required to deploy projects to, upon completion, reliably meet or exceed symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds, except in certain impracticable situations. At this time, the County does not have information to the level of detail required to produce a map that clearly shows eligible and ineligible areas.**



3. Who is (are) the contact(s) for the County offices and assets identified on page 13 of the RFP that can provide access to the properties to allow for an accurate cost estimate in the RFP response?
 - a. **Paul Kindell**
Director
Warren County Telecom
500 Justice Drive
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
513-695-1318
Paul.kindell@wcoh.net



Warren County Broadband Infrastructure Project

**Warren County, Ohio
Request for Proposals (RFP) Notification
For
Internet Service Provider(s) to Deploy, Operate, and Maintain a
Broadband Internet Network Which Delivers High-Speed Broadband
to Currently Underserved Premises in Warren County**

Project number: 12049.1.001A

Issued:
July 24, 2022



› 812.464.9585 Office 812.464.2514 Fax
› 4800 Rosebud Ln., Newburgh, IN 47630
› morleycorp.com

Request for Proposals

Project Location: Warren County, Ohio

Response Due Date and Time: By 12:00 PM ET – Friday, September 9th, 2022

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is official notification of needed broadband services and is being issued to solicit a response and other documents from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) qualified to deploy, operate, and maintain a broadband internet network ensuring that currently underserved premises in Warren County are served by high-speed broadband. A submittal does not guarantee that the applicant will be contracted to perform any services but only serves notice that the applicant desires to be considered. Warren County, Ohio (“County”) is not responsible for any costs incurred by the Applicants for the preparation of any materials required for responding to this RFP.

Submittal Requirements:

RFP responses shall be submitted via physical copies, with blue ink signatures, to the Warren County Economic Development office listed below, and include a USB flash drive containing a electronic copy (PDF format) of all submitted documents. Morley has been retained by Warren County to assist with managing the RFP process, distribution, and Q&A. All inquiries related to the RFP shall be directed to both contacts listed below.

Morley
Attention: Jeramy Elrod, P.E.
4800 Rosebud Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630
Phone: 812-464-9585
Email: jeramy@morleycorp.com

Warren Co Economic Development
Attn: Matt Schnipke
406 Justice Drive, Suite 301
Lebanon, OH 45036
Phone: 513-695-2090
Email: matthew.schnipke@co.warren.oh.us

Selection Procedures:

Proposals will be received, reviewed, and scored accordingly by the Board of County Commissioners, with assistance from Morley, and any such Applicant(s) selected shall proceed with subsequent contract negotiations with the County. The County may make one or multiple awards but is not required to make an award.

Funding for broadband projects will be through the County’s allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and all funded projects shall meet the eligibility requirements of the Final Rule as published by the Department of the Treasury.

Informational Webinar:

An informational webinar will be held at the time and date listed in the RFP. The purpose is to familiarize interested Applicants on the contents of the RFP and the goals of the project. Interested Applicants are *strongly* encouraged to attend. Attendees will also have the opportunity for open discussion and asking questions. Please contact Jeramy Elrod via email at jeramy@morleycorp.com to receive invitation details to the webinar.

1 Project Overview

This RFP reflects the commitment of the County to ensure high-speed broadband is available to as many local residents and businesses (collectively “premises”) as possible. The successful Internet Service Provider(s) or other organization(s) responding to this RFP (hereinafter referred to as “Applicant”) will be expected to deploy a network that meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the Final Rule of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The purpose of the RFP is to seek innovative or traditional broadband solutions from one or more Applicants proposing one or multiple solutions over all or portions of the County. From these RFP responses, the County will select the best Applicant(s) to finalize project details by creation and execution of a contract with the County.

The County is offering direct capital funding of up to \$5 million to qualified and committed private sector partners to support deployment. The purpose of the direct capital funding will be to defray the cost of the infrastructure necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP, which might include construction or improvement of fiber optics, cabinets, pedestals, poles, pole attachments, towers, wireless equipment, CPE, etc. (collectively this infrastructure is hereinafter referred to as “Assets”).



2 Eligibility Requirements

This RFP does not dictate which technologies or solutions the Applicant should select or build, but rather leaves it to the Applicant to propose technologies that are suitable for deployment and able to reach the target areas while also achieving the following eligibility requirements:

- A network which serves locations without access to reliable wireline 100/20 Mbps broadband service (meaning service that reliably provides 100 Mbps download speed and 20 Mbps upload speed through a wireline connection).
- A network which reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds. In cases where it is not practicable, because of the excessive cost of the project or geography or topography of the area to be served by the project, the network may be designed to reliably meet or exceed 100/20 Mbps and be scalable to a minimum of symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds.
- The ISP must either participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers that provides benefits commensurate to ACP.
- System designed to 99.9% uptime.
- All products proposed MAY NOT contain monthly data caps or bandwidth/speed reduction due to metered usage.
- All eligibility requirements as set forth in the Final Rule of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- In general, use of County contributed funds shall not be applied to areas already targeted by state or federally funded broadband projects or commitments.

Open Access Requirements: There are no requirements for open access related to this RFP.

Network Construction Standards:

Applicants should expect that upon successful completion of a negotiated contract for deployment of a broadband network, and commencement of work by the selected Applicant, the County may provide inspection oversight to ensure compliance with design and deployment standards per the negotiated contract.

The selected Applicant will fully engineer and permit the project prior to commencement of construction as a function of the negotiated contract.

Deployment of all fiber and fiber-related infrastructure must comply with all National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) codes and laws at the local, state, federal, and private land levels as they pertain to communication installations.

Should wireless technology be selected for deployment, all towers, antennas, and other components utilized to deliver wireless broadband must comply with all FCC regulations regarding tower construction, spectrum registration, and applicable state/County authority over zoning and land use regulations.

The selected Applicant will be expected to have all routes and tower sites surveyed by a licensed surveyor as well as provide the County with GIS/CAD mapping showing the locations of all facilities deployed and service areas of engineered coverage design(s). The County has available certain GIS layers that may prove useful to the applicant, which can be found at: <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/warregis/>. However, Applicant shall note that GIS layers for parcel lines, public easements, and right of ways do not suffice as a survey for public routes or tower sites.

Other construction requirements that are the responsibility of the Applicant include:

- Work with all appropriate agencies to obtain all required right of way approvals.
- Obtain all required permits and private easement approvals.
- Coordinate project deployment with all utilities.
- Coordinate and resolve third party or private claims.
- Repair any and all damages to private property.
- At all times, maintain an adequate staff of experienced and qualified employees for efficient performance.
- At all times, furnish or perform any services in a safe, proper, and workmanlike, manner.

The Applicant will be required to demonstrate network performance to specified test standards. These standards will need to be met for services offered and infrastructure built or contracted. Speeds will be tested and proven as negotiated in the contract.

3 General RFP Information

Available funding for project is up to \$5 million.

Funding will be released upon completion and acceptance of agreed upon project milestones as stipulated in the negotiated contract.

Any awards and/or contracts resulting from this RFP will be subject to availability of funds, which may require appropriations or other governmental proceedings to make available.

Applicants may submit multiple responses to this RFP for proposals that differ in service areas, technology, requested County contribution, timing of deployment, eligibility requirements or any combination thereof.

The County does not intend to enter the broadband business as a competitive service provider.

The County does not intend to own or operate the network infrastructure Assets it financially supports through this RFP process.

This RFP does not constitute a contract for services performed or to be performed.

The County is not required to accept the lowest cost proposal. Rather, the County will negotiate a contract with the offeror who submits the proposal that the County determines is the most advantageous to the County based on highest ranking of the published factors and criteria.

The County reserves the right to reject any proposal in which the offeror takes exception to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals; fails to meet the terms and conditions of the request for proposals, including but not limited to, the standards, specifications, and requirements specified in the request for proposals; or submits prices that the County considers to be excessive, compared to existing market conditions, or determines exceed the available funds of the contracting authority.

The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposal that the County has determined, using the factors and criteria, would not be in the best interest of the County.

The County may conduct discussions with offerors who submit proposals for the purpose of clarifications or corrections regarding a proposal to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the requirements specified in the request for proposals.

The County may make such investigation as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Applicant to perform the work, and the Applicant shall furnish to the County all such information by the date specified by the County.

The submission of an RFP response will constitute representation by the Applicant that it understands and has complied with the requirements of the RFP. Submission of a response indicates the RFP information provided was sufficient in scope and detail to convey understanding of anticipated terms and conditions for performance of the work.

An offeror may withdraw the offeror's proposal at any time prior to the award of a contract. The County may terminate negotiations with an offeror at any time during the negotiation process if the offeror fails to provide the necessary information for negotiations in a timely manner or fails

to negotiate in good faith. If the County terminates negotiations with an offeror, the County shall negotiate with the offeror whose proposal is ranked the next most advantageous to the County according to the factors and criteria published in this RFP.

The information contained in proposals submitted for consideration by the County may be defined as a public record and may at some point in time be disclosed to the public. In order to ensure fair and impartial evaluation proposals and any documents or other records related to a subsequent negotiation for a final contract that would otherwise be available for public inspection and copying under section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code shall not be available until after the award of the contract.

The Applicant will be expected to execute a contract within 45 days of notification they have been selected by the County as an awarded candidate. The County reserves the right to select other candidates if a contract is not executed within the 45-day timeline. There is no guarantee a contract will successfully be awarded related to a winning Applicant's response.

The County may require the successful Applicant(s) to post a letter of credit, performance bond, or other surety to support its performance obligations as part of the negotiated contract.

4 Service Areas

The County seeks to close the broadband availability/reliability gap throughout its limits. Of highest priority are residents and businesses without access to wireline internet providing speeds which exceed 100/20 Mbps.

The County acknowledges that specific geographic regions of the county are underserved, without reliable access to wireline internet providing speeds which exceed 100/20 Mbps. Figure 3 below demonstrates suspected areas that do not have access to wireline internet providing speeds which exceed 100/10 Mbps. Those areas are shaded yellow. Please refer to the legend attached on Page 11.

Similarly, the County acknowledges that specific geographic regions of the county do not have reliable access to wireline internet providing symmetrical speeds which meet or exceed 100 Mbps. As the Final Rule requires, all funded projects shall be designed to meet or exceed symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps and it is a priority of the County to provide this level of service. Figure 4 below demonstrates suspected areas that do not have access to wireline internet providing symmetrical speeds which meet or exceed 100 Mbps. Those areas are shaded yellow. Please refer to the legend attached on Page 12.

The County is not limiting proposals to only unincorporated portions of the county. Applicants are encouraged to submit their best proposal to the County, with or without service locations within municipal limits. However, applicants shall itemize the number of premises served for each municipality from the total number of premises served.

Several exhibits are shown below. Applicants are encouraged to supplement this data with other available sources or using proprietary data.

Applicants are encouraged to provide response information engineered to the highest level of detail possible for an RFP of this nature.

Contiguous geographic areas are not required.

The County acknowledges that the successful Applicant may need to install Assets originating from outside of the County; however, Applicant shall only count premises within the County's when estimating the total number of premises served.

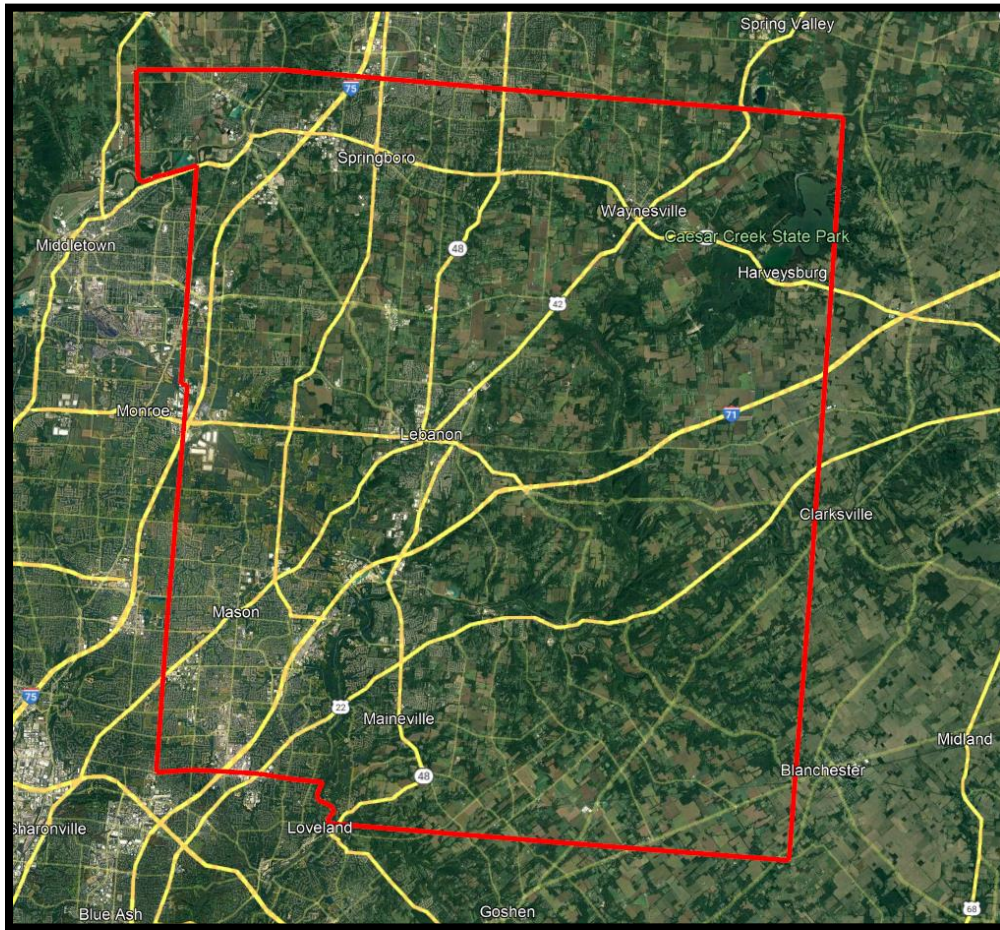


Exhibit 1: Warren County Limits

Kmz or .dwg/.dxf files of County and Municipal Limits are available upon request.



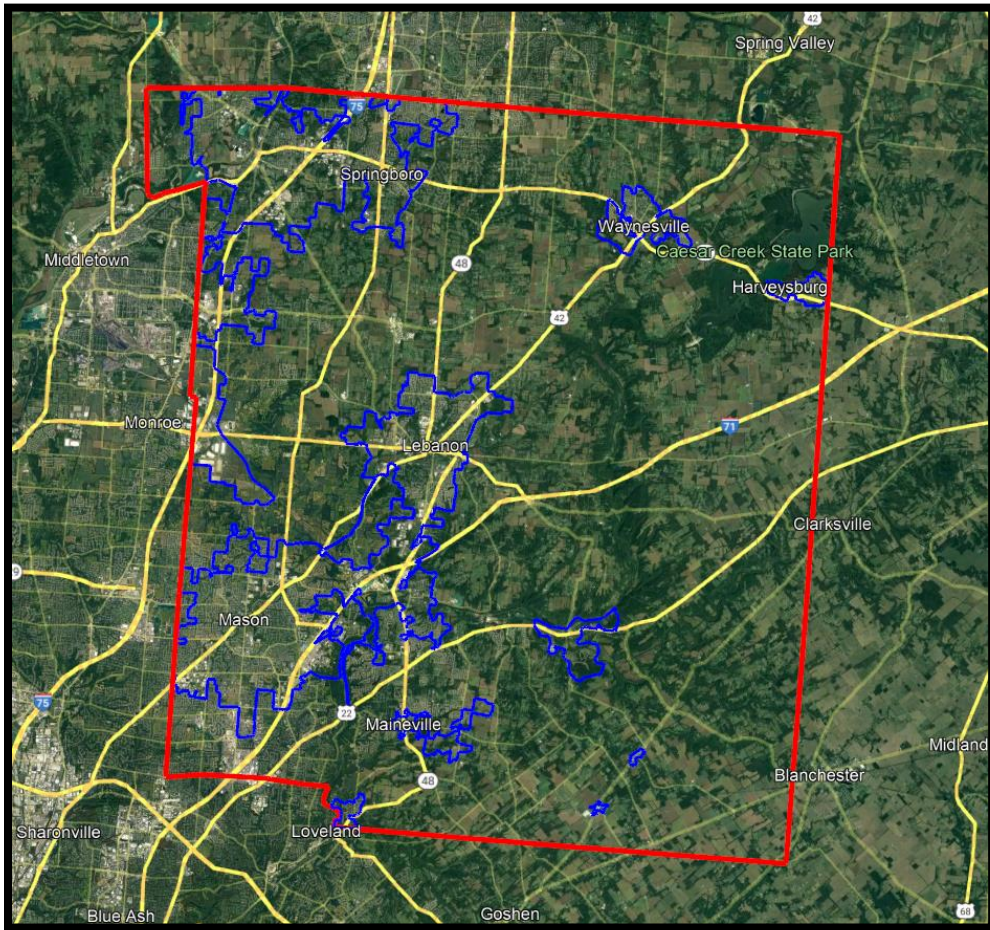


Exhibit 2: Warren County Limits with Municipal Limits

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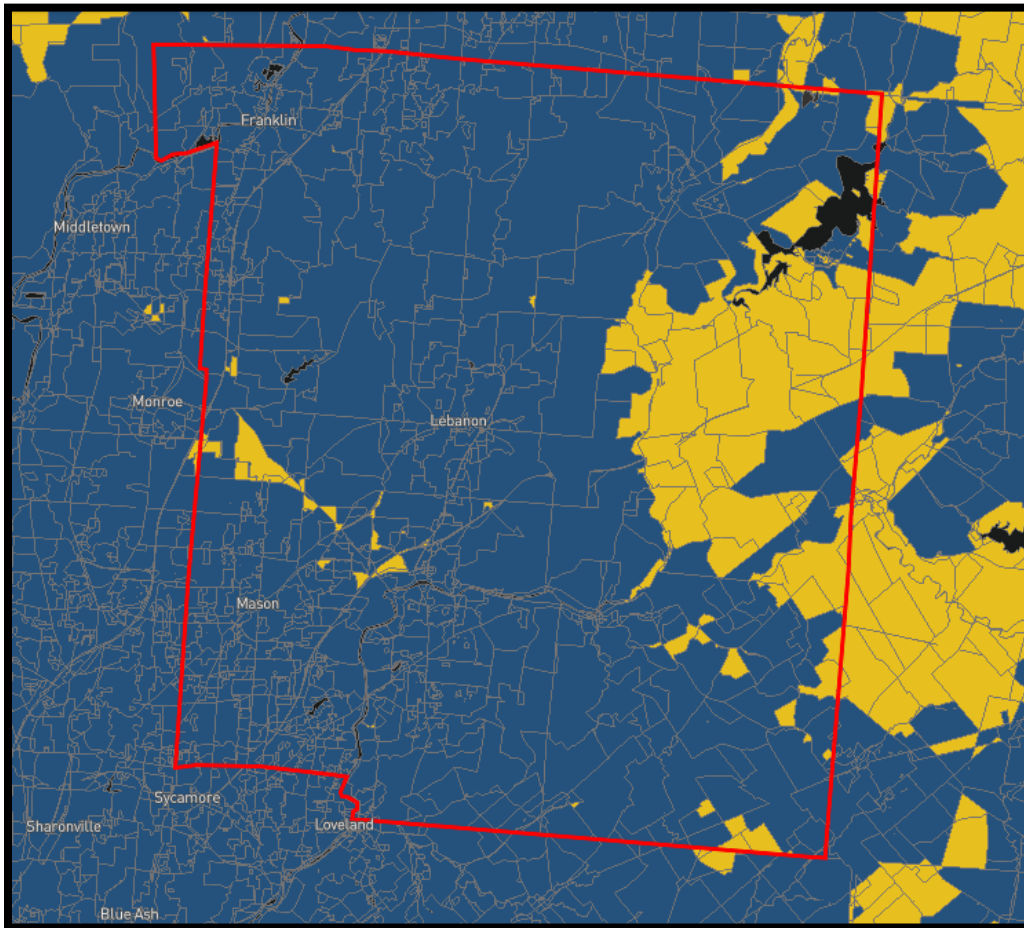




Exhibit 3: FCC Broadband Map for 100/10 Service in Warren County

	= 0 Fixed Residential Broadband Providers with speeds \geq 100/10 Mbps
	= 1 or More Fixed Residential Broadband Providers with speeds \geq 100/10 Mbps

<https://go.usa.gov/xSgSR> - Link for the image above.

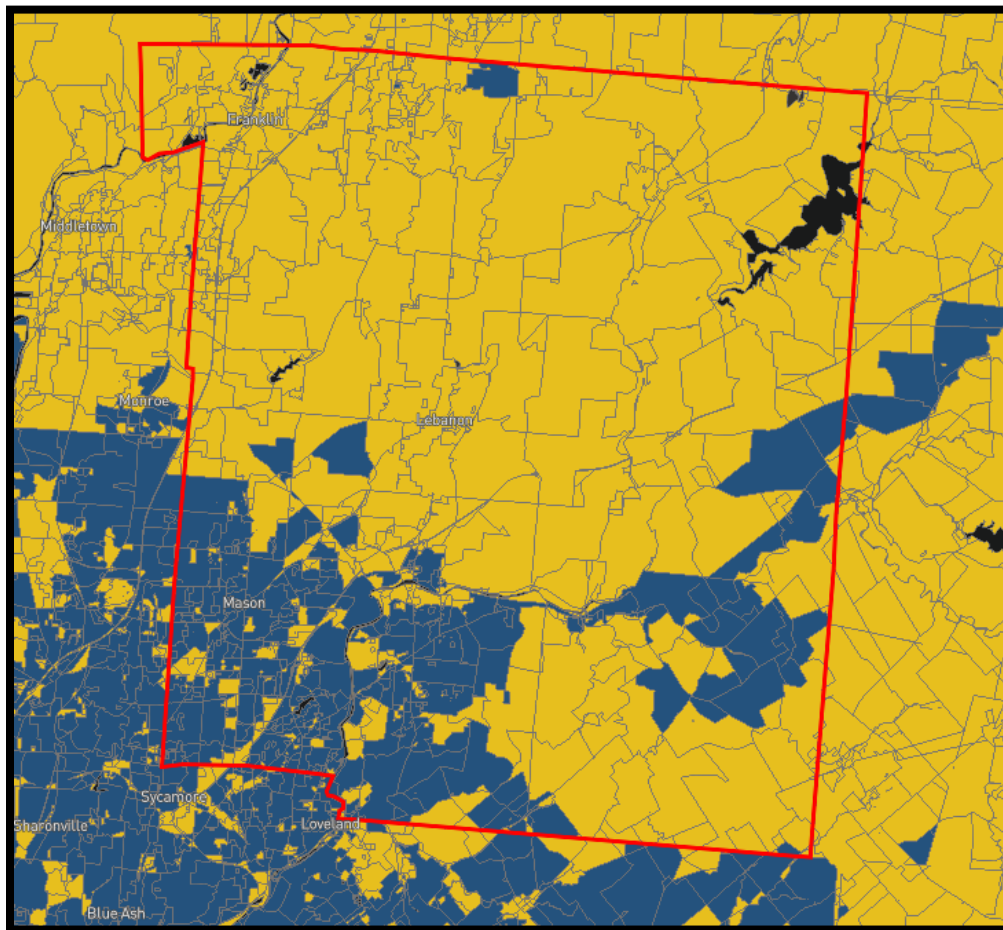
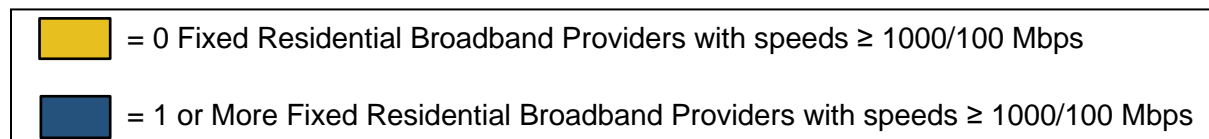


Exhibit 3: FCC Broadband Map for 1000/100 Service in Warren County



<https://go.usa.gov/xSgS5> - Link for the image above.

Additionally, the County has various offices and county assets that do not currently have access to reliable wireline internet providing sufficient speeds for the County. Those offices and assets are listed below with their physical address location.

Zoar Tower	804 US Rt 22-3 E, Morrow, OH 45152
Manchester Tower	5700 Dixie Highway, Franklin, OH 45005
Hatfield Tower	2997 Hatfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036
Snider Tower	8181 Snider Road, Mason OH 45040
Goose Creek	6452 Furnas – Oglesby Road, Waynesville, OH 45068
Lytle Tower	360 E Lytle-Five-Points Road, Dayton, OH 45458
Blackhawk Tower	7400 St Rt. 123 S, Blanchester, OH 45017
ODOT	509 South State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio
Washington Township tower	6415 Wilmington Road, Oregonia, OH 45054
Telecom	500 Justice Drive Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Title Office	4780 Socialville Foster Rd Mason 45040
Title Office	773 Reading Rd Mason 45040
County Garage	1433 St Rt 63 Lebanon Ohio 45036
County Engineer's Garage	105 Markey Road Lebanon, Ohio 45036
County Engineer's Office	210 W. Main Street Lebanon, Ohio 45036
320 Silver St	320 Silver Street Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Waynesville Waste Water	444 Rt 42 Waynesville, Ohio 45068
Water Department Warehouse	1200 Monroe Rd Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Sycamore Trails Waste Water	Wind Forest Drive Springboro, Ohio 45066
Sod Farm	690 Mason Road South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
Striker Road	6193 Striker Road Maineville, Ohio 45039
Lower Little Miami	2086 W. US Highway 22&3 Maineville, Ohio 45039
Socialville Foster	3812 Socialville Foster Road Mason, Ohio 45040
Dearth Road	4844 Dearth Road Springboro, Ohio 45066
Shelly	6648 Shelly Street Franklin, Ohio 45005
North Well Field	8093 Franklin-Trenton Road Carlisle, Ohio 45005

5 RFP Submittal Process

The RFP Schedule is as follows:

RFP Publication and Post Date:	Sunday, July 24th, 2022
RFP Informative Webinar:	10:00 AM ET - Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022
Written Questions Due:	By 5:00 PM ET – Friday, August 12th, 2022
Written Answers Delivered:	By 5:00 PM ET – Friday, August 26th, 2022
RFP Response Due Date:	By 12:00 PM ET – Friday, September 9th, 2022
RFP Public Reading:	Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 (Anticipated)
Analysis and Scoring Complete:	Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 (Anticipated)
Notice of Award:	Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 (Anticipated)

RFP Submittal process:

Final RFP responses will **only** be accepted in physical form, with blue ink signatures, at the Warren County Economic Development office listed below and including a USB flash drive containing an electronic copy (PDF format) of all submitted documents. Documents should be well organized and presented as this will be part of the scoring for completeness of RFP.

Warren Co Economic Development
Attn: Matt Schnipke
406 Justice Drive, Suite 301
Lebanon, OH 45036
Phone: 513-695-2090
Email: matthew.schnipke@co.warren.oh.us

Responses received after the specified due date and time shall result in disqualification of the Applicant's RFP submittal and will not be accepted.

Applicants are responsible for confirming receipt of RFP submittals.

RFP Question and Answer Process:

Outside of the informational webinar, RFP Applicants must submit any technical or procedural questions related to the RFP in writing via e-mail at jeramye@morleycorp.com

All questions related to the RFP must contain in the subject line of the e-mail the following identifier:

“Warren County – Broadband RFP – Questions”

All submitted questions will receive a written response. Additionally, any Applicant who submits a question, attends the webinar, or inquires about the RFP by contacting jeramye@morleycorp.com will receive the final Q&A document.

RFP Response Format

In an effort to expedite the evaluation of the RFP responses received, Applicants are encouraged to organize proposals in the sequence below.

There is no restriction on the number of pages submitted in the proposal.

- A. Company Name, Profile, and History
- B. Executive Summary of Scope of Work
- C. Project Team
- D. Statement of Qualifications
- E. Technical Approach and Work Plan
- F. Product Offerings
- G. Cost Proposal
- H. Schedule
- I. Appendices

A. Company Name, Profile, and History

Provide the full legal name of the Applicant, including any previous names or doing-business-as names. The final response shall include the signature of an owner, corporate officer, or agent authorized by the Applicant. Include a designated contact person. Provide a brief history of the company and its work in the broadband industry as an internet service provider.

B. Executive Summary of Scope of Work

Applicant shall provide an overview of the major features of the RFP submission. Include any suggestions, conclusions, recommendations, or assumptions the Applicant believes are significant to the understanding of the RFP.

C. Project Team

List key personnel involved in the planning, management, oversight, deployment, operation, and maintenance of the project with a brief description of each members qualifications and ability to contribute to a successful project.

D. Statement of Qualifications

Provide a description of (up to) three (3) projects similar to the one described in this RFP that your company has deployed within the last five (5) years. Outline services offered, geography covered, network design utilized, and customer types served. For each project provide the contact information for the primary reference for each of the projects including: the company/organization name, a primary point of contact, their title, and their phone number.

E. Technical Approach and Work Plan

Provide a detailed technical approach and work plan for the project. Describe proposed project location(s).

Provide coverage area map(s) and narratives outlining Asset placement as applicable to support the proposed design that demonstrates coverage of the project location within the specified area(s).

Clearly state how many premises will be covered and at what levels of service. If any premises will be covered within municipal limits, denote how many will be covered for each municipality.

F. Product Offerings

Provide a list of product tiers to be provided as part of the project. For each product being proposed please provide the following information as applicable:

- Downstream speed
- Upstream speed
- Monthly recurring cost (MRC) – inclusive of estimated taxes and fees.
- One-time non-recurring installation costs (NRC) – inclusive of estimated taxes and fees.
- Narrative of installation requirements/process.
- Service level agreement and performance metrics for each.

All proposals are required to include a description of the services required as the Applicant's organization would address support of the deployment, operation, and maintenance for the delivery of broadband Internet network products and services throughout the County. Provide a narrative of your current and/or intended presence in the County (i.e., sales, administrative, customer service personnel) in support of the internet infrastructure established as a result of this RFP.

G. Cost Proposal

Applicant shall provide a detailed breakdown of the total project cost, then clearly indicate the requested County contribution and Applicant's contribution. Total project cost shall not include ongoing fees such as licenses, O&M costs, or lease/rent expenses. Should any scope alternatives be included for the County's consideration, a separate cost proposal should be included for each alternative.

H. Schedule

Applicant should provide a proposed schedule for design, permitting, construction, and initiation of broadband services to the specified areas of the County. The timeline schedule should include key milestones and phasing plans. Should any technical alternatives be included for the County's consideration, a separate schedule should be included for each alternative.

The County intends the project be deployed in a continuous fashion commencing immediately upon contract execution.

The County desires that all projects be completed prior to December 31st, 2024, preferably sooner, or by the negotiated date of the contract with the County. Applicants shall provide a

proposed schedule for implementation that reflects the most expeditious timeline possible, including engineering, permitting, licensing, construction, and validation.

I. Appendices

Applicants can attach such documentation as desired to support the RFP response to assist the County to better assess the Applicant's RFP submission. If used, Appendices must be clearly labeled with a purpose for submission.

6 Scoring Criteria

The Board of County Commissioners will evaluate the proposal(s), using the scoring criteria listed below as a guide, to determine if the proposal(s) is in the best interest of Warren County.

The Board of County Commissioners will initially check the proposals to validate that all information required to conform to this RFP is included. Absence of required information or nonconforming proposals may result in rejection.

The Board of County Commissioners may, at their discretion, schedule selected Applicants for interviews of their proposals. The Warren County Board of Commissioners may, at their discretion, require additional steps before an award is made.

Criteria	Points	Score
<i>Project Costs and County Contribution</i>	30%	
Overall County contribution – priority given to projects that provide highest value per County dollar contributed		
<i>Proposed Solution</i>	40%	
Number of premises served		
Overall deployment timing - priority given to projects that can be done the quickest		
Product Offerings – priority given to variety of product tiers, competitiveness of pricing, and maximum available speeds		
All fiber network, with last-mile connections		
Overall coverage, topology, and resiliency elements		
<i>Applicant Background, Qualifications, and Capabilities</i>	20%	
Relevant projects		
Knowledge, team, and technical competence		
Proposed local presence/customer support		
<i>Completeness of RFP</i>	10%	
<i>Total</i>	100%	



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DEPLOY, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A
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Proposal documents are available online at the Warren County's Website at <https://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/Bids/>. Questions regarding the proposal documents should be directed to Jeramy Elrod, Consultant, at jeramy@morleycorp.com.

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By order of the Board of County Commissioners, Warren County, Ohio.

Tina Osborne, Clerk