

**STATE OF ALASKA
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**



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BROADBAND SERVICE FOR RURAL ALASKA

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The State of Alaska is requesting information from qualified businesses about network connectivity for State offices in rural Alaskan communities. The State is seeking consumer or business class internet service for State of Alaska offices within the communities listed in Attachment A: RFI Broadband Service for Rural Alaska Response Spreadsheet. This service is intended to be used to connect State offices to the State network using Virtual Private Network (VPN).

The purpose of this RFI is to:

1. Identify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in rural Alaskan communities who currently offer quality bandwidth and services to the State of Alaska.

INTRODUCTION:

Broadband services from ISPs are being sought because they are cost effective for the State. Historically, the State of Alaska has used private circuits that yield low bandwidth speeds at high cost. Using Cisco Meraki Auto-VPN technology, the State can now use standard internet services provided by local ISPs.

VENDOR RESPONSE:

The State has provided an Excel spreadsheet titled Broadband Services for Rural Alaska RFI Response Spreadsheet with two tabs. Please fill out all tabs in the attached Excel spreadsheet and return it to the Contracting Officer listed below as an unprotected .xlsx file, if possible.

1. How long has ISP been in operational business?
2. Please provide any applicable professional references that you have for providing similar reliable services as described in this RFI.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Interested ISPs must submit the spreadsheet titled Attachment A: Broadband Services for Rural Alaska Response Spreadsheet. A written response to the questions above may be submitted, but a copy of the electronic unprotected .xlsx Response Spreadsheet file is preferred.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This Request for Information does not extend any rights to prospective contractors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or purchase any goods or services. The State is not responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response to this request.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Responses must be received by the Contracting Officer listed below by **3:30pm Alaska Time on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018.**

Laurel Shoop
Contracting Officer II
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Phone: (907) 465-8288
Email: laurel.shoop@alaska.gov

Emailed PDF and .xlsx documents are acceptable. If delivering a hard copy response, send the response to the following address:

If using US Mail, please use the following address:

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c/o Laurel Shoop
PO Box 110210
Juneau AK 99811-0210

If using a delivery service, please use the following address:

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Responses can be submitted via email to laurel.shoop@alaska.gov.

Please Note: The maximum size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received by the state is 20mb (megabytes). If the email containing the response exceeds this size, the response must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes.

POINT OF CONTACT: Communications and questions about this request must be directed to Laurel Shoop, Contracting Officer II, Department of Administration via email at laurel.shoop@alaska.gov.