

**Island Wide Broadband Project
Request for Proposals for Vendor Services
Addendum 1 – October 8, 2019**

Responses to questions and requests (some have been combined and/or restated):

A1.1 Can the Town supply a Microsoft Word version of the RFP document?

The Town has posted the Word document (Island Wide Broadband Project RFP.docx) to the RFP sites.

A1.2 The RFP references a KMZ where an electrical/telecom audit was completed. Can you share the KMZ?

Vendor referred to the instructions in RFP Exhibits H.1 and H.2.

A1.3 Section 4.28 - Can the Town elaborate on what the requirements are for the successful vendor to post a Performance and Payment Bond?

Requirement(s) for a Performance and Payment Bond will be dependent upon which part(s) of the project vendors submit proposals for.

A1.4 Section 8 (Prevailing Wage and other RIGL provisions) - Can the Town send out the Prevailing Wage table?

The Town has posted this document (Prev Wage Rates 092019.pdf) to the RFP sites.

A1.5 Section 10 - Please provide the total cable plant to be constructed. Include a breakdown of aerial and underground distances.

Buried and aerial drop data is available as described in Exhibit H (H.1 and H.2). Vendors are expected to calculate outside plant distances based upon the solution proposed and the engineering data provided.

A1.6 Can the Town provide insight on attracting/adding customers onto this Broadband network?

The Town's intention is to own all assets of the municipal network and to provide the capability for each potential subscriber on the Island to utilize the network that is being built. However, some of the Island residents and businesses may opt out of the service and choose not to have NTE installed. The Town will work with vendor(s) to sign up initial customers through a pre-subscription process but at this time there is no pre-committed number of subscribers determined. The Town desires to see pricing for NTE devices based on various levels of subscription (i.e. 500/1000/1500 activations initially).

- a. Will the network be success based, meaning will the Town purchase NTE equipment for residents that sign up for service?**
See above.
- b. Or, is the Town planning to purchase NTE equipment for all residents, regardless whether they sign up for service or not?**
See above.

A1.7 Section 10.4 - How many racks are available in the Telecommunications Building (10 Beach Ave)? Is power AC? DC? UPS? Both?

Please see the Telecom Bldg plans (Telecom Bldg Plans.pdf) posted to the RFP sites. A single rack is currently installed with equipment serving the Town’s CAI network. The building currently has AC power only. It has sufficient HVAC and a generator to cover the building at full capacity. UPS capabilities exist for existing equipment only. Vendors may include additional UPS capabilities for the equipment being proposed.

A1.8 Section 10.14 - What is breakdown between Verizon and BIPCO poles (quantity of each)?

All poles on the Island are co-owned by Verizon and the Block Island Utility District.

A1.9 On Exhibit E and Exhibit F, the diagrams show towers. What are the heights of the towers and their locations? What is the current loading on each of the towers?

References to “tower or pole” depicted in Exhibits E are illustrative only and do not represent specific towers or poles. There are three telecommunications towers on Block Island as listed below. Availability and loading data is not currently available. If you propose the use of one or more of these tower(s) in your solution, please specify any costs related to use of the tower(s), such as engineering load survey costs, attachment costs, rental costs for non-municipal towers, etc.

FCC Registration No.	Owner of Record	Location	Height Above Ground Level (Meters)
1049679	Block Island Power Company	Ocean Avenue	76.5
1211820	Verizon New England Inc	Old Town Road	50.9
n/a	Town of New Shoreham	Beach Avenue	22.5 (est.)

A1.9 Section 16 - Network Operator Questions:

- a. Is the network operator responsible for customer premises equipment qualification, support, warehousing and sparring?**
Yes.
- b. Is the network operator responsible for providing onsite 24/7 support for customer equipment and customer premises?**
Yes.
- c. Is the network operator expected to have on island support personal 24/7/365?**
The winning vendor will need to meet all required SLAs and should have the tools, processes and staff in strategic locations to accomplish this.
- d. Is the network operator responsible for providing onsite installation for service providers?**
The Network Operator, on behalf of the Town, will be responsible for the network up to and including Network Termination Equipment (NTE) installation. Installation of any Service Provider equipment beyond the NTE will be the responsibility of the Service Provider. The Network Operator may choose to negotiate with the Service Provider(s) for installation of their equipment.
- e. Inventory requirements mention new activations. Is the network operator responsible for housing customer premises inventory on the island on the behalf of service providers?**
The Network Operator will be responsible for managing an inventory of network equipment assets, up to and including the NTE, in sufficient quantities to achieve service level agreements. The Town will work with the Network Operator to locate suitable housing for equipment inventory. The Network Operator may choose to negotiate with the Service Provider(s) for managing their equipment inventory on island.