

**PROPOSAL:**  
**To Paulding County Commissioners for**  
**Fiber-Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Network Construction and Operation**  
**In Washington Township**

**Contact information:**  
**Paulding County Commissioners**  
**115 North Williams Street #B-1**  
**Paulding, Ohio 45879**

### **1.1 Network Background**

The following is a proposal to build, manage and operate a Fiber To The Home (FTTH) Network that will provide gigabit Internet access service (1000Mbps) as well as cable TV service to businesses, homes, and community institutions within the Service Area. Washington Township and Paulding County will provide support by assisting with and streamlining right-of-way and easement access.

The "Provider" will bear all the operating and maintenance costs of the Network.

### **1.2 Nature of Entities**

This proposal is issued to the Paulding County Commissioners and the Washington Township Trustees. Washington Township is located in Paulding County Ohio.

### **1.3 Overview**

This proposal is for the deployment and operation by a "Provider" of a high-speed fiber network for the citizens and businesses in the Service Area. The objectives are to establish a Network that:

1. is able to offer retail broadband connection of 1 Gbps and at least 700Mbps throughput download speed over each connection provided to a premises;
2. is able to support high quality data and video (cable TV) services;
3. uses fiber-to-the-premises network architecture;
4. covers 100 percent of homes and small businesses in the Service Area;
5. is rolled out and made operational progressively, on a demand driven basis, over 2 years from the date of execution of a contract between Paulding County Commissioners and "Provider";

### **1.4 Rights of Way**

Washington Township Trustees (Washington) and Paulding County Commissioners (Paulding) will allow "Provider" to have access to necessary rights-of-way on property owned or controlled by Washington and Paulding and property on which Washington and Paulding have an easement. Washington and Paulding will also cooperate with "Provider" in efforts to allow "Provider" to gain access to rights-of-way owned or controlled by third parties within the Service Area.

### **1.5 Relationship between "Provider" and Washington and Paulding**

"Provider" will be an independent contractor that provides all design, construction and operation services for the Network. Washington and Paulding will not have any ownership stake in the FTTH facilities nor the entity that owns and operates the Network.

## **2. Services Sought**

### **2.1 Description of Proposed Services**

"Provider" will design, build, install, own, operate and manage a complete high-speed communications Network within the Service Area. The system shall be Fiber-to-the-home Active E or GPON technologies and allow users access to and from the Internet and access to other services as required.

**2.2 Service Area**

The service area shall consist of the following address ranges:

- 22325-22791 Road 12
- 1053-2250 Road 187
- 22763-23745 Road 32
- 2681-2992 Road 197
- 2585-23783 State Route 114

The service areas are displayed on the attached map.

**3. Administrative Issues**

**3.1 Cost**

Build Estimate	\$ _____
Paulding County Contribution	\$ <u>71,800.00</u>
Total Project Estimated "Provider" Contribution	\$ _____

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 contributions for this project are from Washington Township and Paulding County in the amount of **\$71,800.00** for a total contribution.

**3.1 Proposal Expiration**

Proposal is valid until \_\_\_\_\_

**3.4 Use of Subcontractors**

*"Provider"* may use subcontractors to fulfill any obligations in connection with the project. Use of subcontractors shall be subject to all applicable state and federal laws. *"Provider"* shall remain liable for fulfilling all its obligations on the project, and for any claims or damages arising from the subcontractor's work.

**3.4 Signatures**

**Company:**  
**Date:**  
**Signature:**  
**Name:**  
**Title:**

**Paulding County Commissioners**  
**Date:**  
**Signature:**  
**Name:** Roy Klopfenstein  
**Date:**  
**Signature:**  
**Name:** Mark Holtsberry  
**Date:**  
**Signature:**  
**Name:** Mike Weible

