

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

**Contact information:**  
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**451 McDonald Pike Suite E**  
**Paulding, Ohio 45879**

### **1.1 Network Background**

The Paulding County Commissioners and Washington Township are requesting proposals from Providers of High-Speed Fiber Networks (Network Providers) 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 Network Provider will bear all the costs for the Network, including but not limited to design, engineering, construction, equipment, and insurance for the Network, up to the end user drop point or network interface device. In addition, the Network Provider will bear all the operating and maintenance costs of the Network.

### **1.2 Nature of Entities**

This request for proposals is issued by the Paulding County Commissioners and the Washington Township. Washington Township is located in Paulding County and Paulding County is located within the State of Ohio.

### **1.3 Overview**

This request is for the deployment and operation by a Network 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 per cent 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 Network Provider;

### **1.4 Rights of Way**

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

### **1.5 Relationship between Network Provider and Washington Township and Paulding County**

The Network 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

The Network 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

20513-22271 SR 114  
2523-2871 Road 173  
2073-3010 Road 177  
20937 Road 24  
20603-20677 Road 32  
2504-2652 Road 193  
21261-21467 Road 12

See attached map. Red lines showing areas within Washington Township already served with FTTH and green lines showing areas proposed above.

## 3. Administrative Issues

### 3.1 Cost

Project Proposal	_____
Project Homes Passed	_____
Build Estimate	_____ \$
Paulding County Contribution	_____ \$ 72,251.28
Total Project Estimated Network Provider Contribution	_____ \$

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and 2022 funds are requested for this project from Washington Township in the amount of \$36,125.64 and Paulding County in the amount of \$36,125.64 for a total contribution of \$72,251.28.

### 3.2 Proposal Due Date

Proposals are due October 26, 2022

### 3.3 Use of Subcontractors

Network 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. Network 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

**Network Provider**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Paulding County Commissioners**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Name:** Roy Klopfenstein

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Name:** Mark Holtsberry

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Name:** Mike Wieble

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**Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor**

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**Date**

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Burton Merriman, Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Noffsinger, Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lonnie C. Lytle, Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Beining, Fiscal Officer



Roselms Christian Church

Roselms

Blue Water Campground

Sanderson Meats

Fought Cemetery

Young Cemetery

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