

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND
BROADBAND MAPPING
RFP-CASE-334566**

Questions & Answers

1. Page 2, Section A) Purpose: States that “The project will create field validated maps of broadband infrastructure assets located in public easements and capable of delivering 100/100 Mbps connections”. Question: Should private easements and rights-of-way also be included in the data collection?

Response:

The intention is to use only public easements and right of ways, unless private easements are readily accessible, but they should not be included in the proposal.

2. Page 3 Section C) Qualifications: States that the Grantee must have staffing and ability to begin project within 30 days of signing any agreement and concluding work within 6 months. Question: Is there flexibility in the 6 month deadline for project completion? Weather conditions, such as heavy snowfall that covers underground infrastructure will make it extremely challenging to locate and map such assets. Additionally, the rise of the COVID-19 Delta Variant brings concerns of future travel restrictions. Will the 6 month timeline be flexible in light of weather conditions as well as public health concerns?

Response:

Weather Conditions and COVID restrictions can be taken into consideration on the timeline of the project.

3. Page A-2 Section V Terms and Conditions B Independent Contractor 3) States that “Contractor acknowledges that any work developed by Contractor in performance of this Agreement shall be the sole property of the MSF and the MSF shall have the right to copyright or otherwise protect its rights in and ownership of the work product” Please provide clarification related to MSF’s right to copyright the contractor’s work. Would MSF be willing to entertain further clarifying contractual language related to this requirement?

Response:

The final deliverable – the asset map and catalogue of broadband assets in the State of Michigan – will be the sole property of the MSF. The MSF may be willing to negotiate some provisions of the final agreement with the selected contractor.

4. I'm a faculty member at Michigan State University and have done some work on broadband deployment/impacts. I notice you are seeking JEC members for the above-referenced RFA. I may be interested in serving on the JEC. Can you tell me more about the time commitment? Timeframe?

Response:

This RFP not seeking members for a JEC, it is seeking the services that are outlined in the Scope of Work in the document.

5. Please define "**validate**" as mentioned on page 2 under section b) Background Statement and Objectives, Objectives #2. Grantees' staff will travel the estimated 65,000 road miles in areas of the state that are estimated to have 100/20 Mbps service available that are outside the excluded geographies listed below to validate, document, and ultimately map all infrastructure assets capable of delivering high-capacity broadband service.

Response:

This is intended to check or prove the infrastructure that is estimated provide 100/20 Mbps service exists

6. 100/100 Mbps connections are mentioned in the RFP, however, on page 2, 100/20 us mentioned. Please clarify that you indeed intend to identify speeds of 100/100.

Response:

The project will target asset data collection in areas that are estimated to have 100/20 Mbps but seeks to identify infrastructure that can support 100/100 Mbps connectivity

7. Please further clarify what is meant by "**all infrastructure assets capable of delivering high-capacity broadband service**". Page 2: Grantees' staff will travel the estimated 65,000 road miles in areas of the state that are estimated to have 100/20 Mbps service available that are outside the excluded geographies listed below to validate, document, and ultimately map **all infrastructure assets capable of delivering high-capacity broadband service**.

Response:

Infrastructure assets capable of delivering high-capacity broadband service should include but are not limited to fiber routes, points-of-presence, fiber and equipment cabinets, cable plant, splice locations, termination points.

8. Are you looking for where service is currently being provided or where you can deploy new services?

Response:

We are looking to validate and catalog existing infrastructure.

9. If assets are available, that doesn't necessarily mean they are viable. Is it the intention of this effort to ascertain availability and viability?

Response:

Yes

10. Are you looking to identify the assets only or also the asset owners as well?

Response:

We are looking to identify the assets only.