# INVITATION TO BID

**STATE OF ALABAMA**

**COUNTY OF BALDWIN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama, will **receive bids in the Purchasing Office on August 11, 2015 at 1:00 P.M., for the Provision of Fiber Optic Network-Maintenance & Locates for the Baldwin County Commission. Bids will be opened on August 11, 2015 at 1:30 P.M., in the Purchasing Conference Room located at 257 Hand Ave., Bay Minette, Alabama. Bids received after the August 11, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. deadline will not be considered.** All times to be determined solely by the clock on the wall of Purchasing Conference Room. For all purposes and uses herein, a bid and all required paperwork is "received" at the time and date indicated on the Purchasing Office file stamp which shall be impressed on the face of all such documents when and as presented at the Purchasing Office.

## SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

This invitation package consists of **TWENTY-THREE (23)** pages. Bidders shall verify that have received all pages as indicated. If all pages have not been received, then it is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Manager, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 phone, (251) 580-2536 fax.

## GENERAL BID INFORMATION

**Bidders shall carefully read all parts of the invitation package with its accompanying schedules and attachments, if any. Bidders shall direct all requests for explanation or additional information concerning the meaning or interpretation of the conditions or attached specifications of this invitation to Wanda Gautney in writing or by e-mail (wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov) in sufficient time for a reply before submission date of bids. The Commission cannot, and does not, guarantee that such inquiries sent by mail or e-mail will be received timely or prior to the required submission date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Manager, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 if a reply is not received.**

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer, but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of materials, product services, or equipment considered best suited for Baldwin County.

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with a county official will be only as specifically set out in this invitation. Any other contact with a county official initiated by a potential bidder or bidder regarding this bid, **between the date of this invitation to the date of bid award**, shall be deemed and treated as an attempt to unduly influence the bid award, and may be grounds for rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder initiating such other contact, at the discretion of the Baldwin County Commission.

## BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

All bidders, to the best of their knowledge and belief, must be in, and remain in compliance with all applicable Federal, Alabama State, County and municipal laws, regulations, resolutions and ordinances. In particular, and without limitation, all bidders must be licensed and permitted in accordance with The Code of Alabama Title 10, concerning corporations doing business within Alabama, Title 34, dealing with licensing for businesses, Title 40, concerning licenses and taxation, unless otherwise exempt. All bidders should be prepared to timely submit to the County non confidential evidence or documentation demonstrating that the fact they are presently licensed and permitted under Alabama law. Such non confidential evidence or documentation is encouraged to be submitted with the Bid Package.

The bidder expressly acknowledges, to and for the benefit of the Baldwin County Commission, that this Agreement may be funded with **federal grant monies** and, therefore, bidder expressly warrants and agrees that it shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, local and municipal laws and regulations. For more information about the Federal regulations visit the website http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html Code of Federal Regulations.

**All bidders must provide proof of proper certification of authority, and any required registration, to transact business in this State, in order to perform work for the Baldwin County Commission. Bidder's Registration Number shall be provided on the Bid Response Form. The phone number for the Alabama Secretary of State is (334) 242-5324, Corporate Division.**

**All vendors, contractors and grantee are required to comply with the Alabama Immigration Law under Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the Code of Alabama. Forms and documents will be included with award documents. Information and forms can be found on the Baldwin County Commission's Purchasing website under E-Verify at www.baldwincountyal.gov** All bidders should submit with their bid response the completed E-Verify package and Certification Regarding Lobbying Form which can be downloaded from the Purchasing website **www.baldwincountyal.gov**

## PREPARING THE BID

Bids must be typed or hand written in ink. A bid submitted in pencil is unacceptable. The Bid Guarantee and Bid Response Form must be the original paperwork; copies are not acceptable. All required paperwork must be received in the sealed Bid Package.

These specifications exhibit the general intent and purpose of Baldwin County regarding this bid; and they shall be so considered by the bidders. Accordingly, the bidder admits and agrees that said specifications are not complete in every detail. The bidder also agrees that the work and materials not indicated, or expressly mentioned in these specifications, but which are reasonably necessary for the full and faithful performance of the item(s) bid in accordance with the full and faithful intent, will be included in the bid and incorporated in the work the same as if fully and expressly indicated and specified.

The Bidders shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. The exceptions shall be labeled **"EXCEPTION(S) TO BID CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS,"** and shall be attached to the front of the bid inside the Bid Package. Additional features and/or capabilities not included in the specifications may be included in the bid.

To facilitate the bid evaluation and tabulation, bids should be submitted with specifications identified in the order in which they appear in this document. If applicable, the bidder will provide cost in two (2) categories:
(1) Cost using material as specified.
(2) Cost using material as specified of at least 25% recycled material, if available.
It is the intent of the Commission to award bids which include recycled material when not prohibitive in cost and when in compliance with all other terms and conditions of the Alabama Competitive Bid Law.

**IF THE TOTAL PROPOSED BID AMOUNT EXCEEDS $10,000.00, A BID GUARANTEE OF AT LEAST 5% OF THE PROPOSED BID AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED $10,000.00, WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE BID.** Such bid guarantee shall be in the form of a bid bond (individual or annual, provided, that bonding is available for such services, equipment or materials), postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, or Letter of Credit. **No exceptions will be allowed.** In the event that a bidder is unable to, or does not, accept the bid award, the bid guarantee may be forfeited to the County at the County's discretion.

## SUBMITTING THE BID

In the event that a bidder is financing the product(s) through another agency other than itself, the financing agency must sign the Bid Response Form along with the bidder. A copy of the financing agreement and all conditions must be included with the Bid Response Form. The bidder and the Financing Agency will be held to the requirements stated in the Invitation to Bid. Any assignment of the financing agreement must be approved by the financing agency and the County Commission. Failure to disclose the financing information and all conditions will disqualify the Bidder at the County's discretion.

Bidders that are returning a **NO BID** statement shall write on the outside of the Bid Package, the **Bid Number (i.e. WG15-23) with "NO BID"** written underneath. The Bid Package will not be opened in public, but it will be noted that the bidder did respond.

Bids may be hand delivered at any time prior to the bid opening date and time to the Baldwin County Purchasing Office, Annex III Building, 257 Hand Avenue, ATTN.: Wanda Gautney, **(mailing) 312 Courthouse Square-Suite 15, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507**. The Commission cannot guarantee that bids sent by mail or courier will be received on or before the bid opening day and time as required. Bids received after the deadline shall not be accepted and shall be returned.

All bids received must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked, **"WG15-23" "PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE & LOCATES FOR FIBER OPTIC NETWORK."** Bids submitted by "Express/Overnight" services must be in a separate inner envelope/package sealed and identified

as stated in the previous sentence. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

## BID AWARD

The County Commission reserves the right to study bids as to their correctness and may award the bid within a thirty (30) day period but the County Commission reserves the right to extend the bid award for an additional thirty (30) days until an award decision can be made.

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to reject any, and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and to accept in whole or in part, such bid or bids, solely at its discretion

All factors stated in this invitation package will be considered in determining the successful bidder, and any omission(s) of the stated requirements may be cause for rejection of the bid (s), all as determined solely by the Baldwin County Commission.

## TITLE 39/CODE OF AL COMPLIANCE

As a condition of any Bid Award and the respective contract(s) pursuant thereto, the County places full reliance upon the fact that it is the sole responsibility of any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works, to ensure that they and/or any of their respective agents comply with all applicable provisions of Title 39-1-1 et seq. Code of AL 1975.

More specifically, any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works shall be in compliance with, and have full knowledge of, the following provisions of Title 39:

> "(f) The Contractor shall, immediately after the completion of the contract give notice of the completion by an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published within the city or county in which the work has been done, for a period of four successive weeks. A final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice. Proof of publication of the notice shall be made by the contractor to the authority by whom the contract was made by affidavit of the publisher and a printed copy of the notice published . . ." §39-1-1(f) Code of AL 1975.
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> "(g) Subsection (f) shall not apply to contractors performing contracts of less than fifty thousand ($50,000) in amount. In such cases, the governing body of the contracting agency, to expedite final payment, shall cause notice of final completion of the contract to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the county of the contracting agency and shall post notice of final completion on the agency's bulletin board for one week, and shall require the contractor to certify under oath that all bills have been paid in full. Final settlement with the contractor may be made at any time after the notice has been posted for one entire week." §39-1-1 (g) Code of AL 1975.

**<u>NOTE:</u> Any failure to fully comply with this section or any applicable laws of the State of Alabama shall be deemed a material breach of the terms of both the Bid Award and the respective contracts resulting there from. Furthermore, Baldwin County takes no responsibility for resulting delayed payments, penalties, or damages as a result of any failure to strictly comply with Alabama Law.**

Done this 21st day of July, 2015.

Charles F. Gruber_____s/s
CHARLES F. GRUBER, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

## BID #WG15-23 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### PREPARATION OF BIDS
Forms furnished, or copies thereof shall be used and strict compliance with requirement of the invitation, these instructions and the general specifications for the project are necessary. Special care should be exercised in the preparation of bids. Bidders must make their own estimates of the facilities and difficulties attending the proposed contract, including local conditions uncertainty of weather, quantities and all other contingencies. All designations and prices shall be fully and clearly set forth. The proper blank spaces in the bid and quantity forms shall be suitably filled in.

### LABOR AND MATERIALS NOT TO BE FURNISHED BY BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
The County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama, will not furnish any labor, materials or supplies unless specifically provided in the Contract.

### BIDS FOR ALL OR PART
The County reserves the right of awarding the contract in whole or in part, according to the best interest of the County.

### RESPONSE SUBMISSIONS
The bidder should submit a minimum of **three (3) copies** of the **Bid Response** and all other requested information.

### DEFINITION
Bidder. Any individual, firm or corporation submitting a proposal for the work contemplated, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

Contractor. The individual, firm or corporation, the Party of the First Part to the Contract, that has entered into a Contract awarded him by the Owner for any work covered by these Specifications, acting directly or through his agents or employees.

County. Baldwin County Commission

### BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS
**The County may make such investigations** as they deem necessary to determine the ability of the bidders to furnish all materials, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted, or investigation of such bidder, fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to furnish all materials contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

### SIGNATURE TO BIDS
Each bid must give the full business address of the Bidder and be signed by him with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full names of all partners and must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by Corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation, followed by the name of the State of Incorporation and by the signature of the president, secretary or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person shall be typed or printed below with signature. A bid by a person who affixes to his signature the work "President", "Secretary", "Agent", or other designation without disclosing his principal may be held to the bid of the individual signing. When requested by the County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama satisfactory evidence of the authority of the office signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

## CORRECTIONS
Erasures or other changes in the bids must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.

## LAWS AND REGULATIONS
The bidders attention is directed to the fact that all applicable state laws, municipal ordinances, and rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

The Contractor, at his own expense, shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, royalties and fees, and give all notices necessary and incident to the due and lawful prosecution of the work.

## WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS
Bids may be withdrawn on written or telegraphic requests received from bidders prior to the time fixed for opening. Negligence on the part of the Bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

## AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS
The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible Bidder complying with conditions of the invitation for bids, provided his bid is reasonable and it is in the interest of Baldwin County to accept it. The Bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. Baldwin County, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the County.

## CONTRACT AND BOND
The Bidder to whom award is made, must when requested, enter into written contract on the standard form as set out herein, with satisfactory security in the amount required, within the period specified, or, if no period is specified, within fifteen (15) days after the required forms are presented to him for signature.

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| 3 originals | Contract |
| 1 original | Performance Bond |
| 1 original | Certificate of Insurance certifying compliance with all insurance requirements specified in the bid |

## CONTRACT PERIOD
**It is the intent of the Baldwin County Commission to award this contract for a twelve (12) calendar month period. However, the Baldwin County Commission may, at their option and in agreement with the Successful Bidder, renew the contract for up to two (2) additional years (2016 and 2017), in twelve (12) month increments. The Baldwin County Commission will, in writing, notify the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the 2015 contract with its intend to extend the contract. The prices for 2015 shall also apply to the extension period(s).**

## COLLUSION
If there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders, any or all Proposals may be rejected, and those participating in such collusion may be barred from submitting bids on the same or other work with the County.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY
Attorneys-in-fact who sign bid bonds must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

## TRAFFIC CONTROL, SAFETY ITEMS
Contractor shall erect all warning signs, and provide the appropriate personnel, if required, and all other items required to safely handle traffic through work area. Traffic Control Devices shall be

provided by the Contractor. Safety of the public and workers shall be the first priority of the contractor at all times. Contractor will adhere to all established city, county, state and Federal OSHA safety issues. Those issues include traffic control, the wearing and use of safety equipment, and safe excavation practices.

The contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act to 1970 (PL-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work House and Safety Standard Act (PL91-54).

The Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety, efficiency and adequacy of his plant, appliances, and methods, and for any damages which may result from their failure or their improper construction, maintenance or operations.

**PERFORMANCE BOND/BID BOND**

All vendors shall submit a **$10,000.00 Bid Bond** with their Bid Response. The awarded vendor shall provide the County a **$100,000.00 Performance Bond** within 15 days after the contract is awarded. The performance bond shall be required for the length of the contract. The Contractor must furnish to the County at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. Bidder(s) must have Contractor's License issued by the Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors under the provision of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama. Bidder(s) shall submit a copy of license.

**COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of his employees to be engaged in work on the project under his contract, and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Workmen's Compensation Insurance. In case a class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this contract is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each Subcontractor to provide adequate employer's general liability insurance for the protection of such of his employees as are not otherwise protected. The Baldwin County Commission, its Departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

**CONTRACTOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE**

Prior to performing services pursuant to this Contract, BUYER shall carry, with insurers satisfactory to COUNTY, throughout the term of hereof, Auto Liability Insurance, including owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, with limits of not less than $1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; Commercial General Liability Insurance, including all contractual liability hereunder, with limits not less than $1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; and Worker's Compensation Insurance, meeting the statutory limits of the State of Alabama and Employer's Liability Insurance fully covering all employees and supervisors participating in the work at the subject property site. All liability insurance shall name the County as an additional insured. Prior to commencing operations hereunder, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage, satisfactory to County, shall be furnished to County, which shall specifically state that such insurance shall provide for at least ten (10) days' notice to County in the event of cancellation, termination or any change in such insurance policies. The workers compensation certificate shall bear an endorsement clearly evidencing a waiver of the right of subrogation against County and County Representatives. Should BUYER fail to furnish current evidence upon demand of any insurance required hereunder, or in the event

of cancellation, termination or change in any such insurance, County may, at its option, suspend this Contract until insurance is obtained, terminate this Contract immediately without further action, or hold BUYER in material default and pursue any and all remedies available.

The Contractor agrees to maintain such coverage as is required in this section for a period of one (1) year from the date of completion of the work pursuant to the Contract or at the date of the final payments made by the Contractor to the County, whichever occurs first.

**COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE**
The contractor agrees to carry a Comprehensive Automobile Liability Policy providing bodily injury liability on an occurrence basis and providing property damage liability on an accident basis. This policy shall protect the Contractor against all liability arising out of the use of automobiles, both private, passenger and commercial, regardless of whether such vehicles shall be owned by the Contractor, owned by others or hired. Limits of liability for Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance shall be $500,000. Combined single limit bodily injury and property damage each occurrence. The Baldwin County Commission, its departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

**COUNTY'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE**
The Contractor shall at his expense provide County's protective liability policies issued in the names of the County and its departments covering their liability for operation of the Contractor. These policies shall provide limits of liability in the amount of $500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage, $1,000,000.00 aggregate.

**SUBCONTRACTOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY & PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE**
The Contractor shall require each of his Subcontractors to produce and maintain during the life of his subcontract, Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance of the type specified in the above paragraph hereof, in amounts approved by the County.

Three (3) executed copies of each subsequent endorsement affecting the coverage of policies and of each cancellation shall be forwarded to the County.

**INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION**
To the fullest extend allowed by law, the contractor shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the County and its Departments, their officers and employees, against all liability, claim of liability, loss, cost or damage, including, death, and loss of services, on account of any injury to persons or property, occurring from any cause whatsoever in the construction work involved in the contract, and will at his expense defend on behalf of the County and its departments, their officers and employees, either or all, any suit brought against them or any of the, arising from any such cause.

The obligations of the Contractor under this Paragraph shall not extend to the liability of the departments, its agents or employees arising out of (1) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs or specifications, or (2) the giving of or the failure to give direction or instruction by the county's departments, its agents or employees provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of the injury or damage.

**CANCELLATION CLAUSE**
The County or Contractor reserves the right to terminate the contract prior to the end of the period indicated upon thirty (30) day's written notice, with or without cause.

**DEFAULT OF CONTRACT**

If the Contractor fails to begin the work under Contract within the time specified, or fails to perform the Work with sufficient workers, equipment, or materials to insure its prompt completion, or performs the Work unsuitably, or neglects or refuses to remove materials or perform anew such work as shall be rejected as defective and unsuitable, or discontinues the prosecution of the Work, or from any other cause whatsoever does not carry on the Work in an acceptable manner, or becomes insolvent or is adjudicated as bankrupt, or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or allows any final judgment to stand against him unsatisfied for a period of ten (10) days, the County may give notice in writing by registered mail to the Contractor and the Surety of such delay, neglect, or default. If within ten (10) days after such notice the Contractor does not proceed to remedy the fault specified in said notice, or the Surety does not proceed to take over the work for completion, the County shall have full power and authority, without impairing the obligation of the Contract or the Contract Bonds, to take over the completion of the Work; to appropriate or use any or all material and equipment on the ground that may be suitable and acceptable; to enter into agreements with others for the completion of the Contract according to the terms and provisions thereof; or to use such other methods as in its opinion may be required for the completion of the contract. The Contractor and his Surety shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred by the County, in completing the Work and also for all liquidated damages in conformity with the terms of the Contract. In case the sum of such expense and such liquidated damages exceeds the sum which would have been payable under the Contract, the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable and shall pay to the County the amount of such excess. Notice to the Contractor shall be deemed to be served when delivered to the person in charge of any office used by the Contractor his representative at or near the work or by registered mail addressed to the Contractor at his last known place of business.

**COORDINATION WITH BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

The Contact person for the Baldwin County Commission will be Mr. Michael Job (251) 580- 2575.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

This project consists of the annual maintenance and performing of locates of the Baldwin County Fiber Network. The Baldwin County Fiber Network consists of approximately 67 route miles of armored single mode enhanced fiber constructed using underground buried ducts. The cable is in varying fiber count from 24 - 192 strands, with the majority of the major runs being 96 count. There also exists throughout most of the network a spare empty duct for maintenance and future system expansion. The network links multiple County facilities in Bay Minette, Loxley, Robertsdale, Silverhill, Fairhope, Magnolia Springs, Foley and Lottie. The **attached map (page 23)** gives a high level general location of the Baldwin County Fiber Network.

The General Scope of Work includes services for locating the underground fiber optic cable network and maintaining structural integrity of said network including emergency call-outs and repairs, **AND** maintenance including regular inspections of the outside plant to ensure no physical problems exist (e.g. Ensuring handhole covers are in place and not damaged, Inspection for erosion or washout problems that may lead to fiber damage, etc.); proper marker maintenance to include but not limited to keeping marker post visible, replacement of damaged or missing markers and installation of additional markers found to be needed to properly protect the County's fiber (County to provide marker post); repairing damaged handholes; implementing a plan to provide rodent and pest control.

Contractor will provide marker flags to mark locates called in by Alabama One Call. The marker shall read **"Baldwin County Fiber Network 251- 580-1915" and be orange in color.**

Contractor will be required to locate the network in accordance with Alabama Law, including but not limited to Act 94-487, and in accordance with Alabama One Call Operating Procedures. The Baldwin County Fiber Network is currently registered with Alabama One Call. The Alabama One Call locate requests received on the Baldwin County Fiber Network numbered approximately 1660 during the period of June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Contractor will be required to provide an E-mail address that the locate requests can be forwarded to and must also provide E-mail confirmation back to the County on receipt of the locate request within two (2) hours of receipt of locate request. Contractor will be responsible for damages to the network resulting from failure to properly or promptly locate the network under Alabama Law and Alabama One Call Operating Procedures.

Contractor will respond to emergency call-outs to be on-site within 4 hours with appropriate and sufficient personnel, equipment, & material to affect repair and will work diligently to effect repairs as quickly as possible. Contractor will be responsible to keep on hand appropriate and sufficient common materials required to make emergency repairs. County and Contractor will work together to determine specialized materials (specific to Baldwin County Fiber Network specifications) that may need to be kept on hand to ensure timely repairs. Contractor will provide and adhere to an estimate on repair jobs when possible and will inform County of issues when it is not possible to estimate damage. The rate schedule awarded as part of the Bid will be in effect for emergency call-outs and repairs. Contractor will provide the County with details and expert advice to assist the County in pursuing reimbursement from the party responsible for the damage.

**BID #WG15-23 RESPONSE FORM**
Maintenance & Locates for the Fiber Optic Network
1 of 2

Date:_____

Out of State _____ or _____ If yes, _____
Yes No Registration Number

Alabama Contractors License No. _____

Company Name:_____

Address:_____

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Company Rep_____

_____
(Rep. Name Typed or Printed)

Position:_____

Phone:_____

Fax:_____

Financing through another agency beside yourself ___ or __x__
Yes No
If yes, must attach a copy of the financing agreement and all conditions to this response from.

_____
Financing Agency Authorized Signature

**BID #WG15-23 RESPONSE FORM**
Maintenance & Locates for the Fiber Optic Network
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**1)** List Jurisdictions, trade categories, and corresponding license numbers in which your organization is legally qualified to do business on this project.

**2)** List all Maintenance & Locates projects performed in the past three years that are of equal or greater size/scope as this proposed Baldwin County project. Please provide contact person and phone numbers for references.

**3)** Attach a list of key personnel and a description of their experience. List the key personnel you will assign to this project.

**4)** Describe the resources you have in place or plan to put in place to fulfill the obligations of this contract.

**5)** Include any pertinent documentation to substantiate competence and financial responsibility.

**Cost for Performing Locates and General Maintenance:**

Monthly Cost $_____ x 12 = $_____ Total 12 Month Cost

Rate Schedule for Emergency Call-outs and Repairs:

1) Splicer $_____ per hour plus $_____ per splice
(Includes Personnel, Truck, and Equipment)

2) Backhoe $_____ per hour
(Includes Operator, other Personnel required , and Equipment)

3) Materials at cost plus _____%

State of Alabama )
County of Baldwin )

## CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

This Contract for **Professional and Construction** Services is made and entered into by and between the County of Baldwin (hereinafter called "COUNTY") acting by and through its governing body, the Baldwin County Commission and PROVIDER, (hereinafter referred to as "PROVIDER").

### WITNESSETH:

**Whereas,**

**Whereas,**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the sufficiency of which being hereby acknowledged, PROVIDER and COUNTY do hereby agree as follows:

**I.** Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. COUNTY: Baldwin County, Alabama

B. COMMISSION: Baldwin County Commission

C. PROVIDER:

**II.** Obligations Generally. The COUNTY hereby employs, and the PROVIDER agrees to perform for the COUNTY, those professional and construction services as hereinafter set forth. This document shall serve as the binding contract for the services of PROVIDER. PROVIDER shall immediately commence performance of the services outlined herein upon full execution of this Contract. All work shall be commenced and completed in a timely manner as, and at the times, herein set out.

**III.** Recitals Included. The above recitals and statements are incorporated as part of this Contract, and shall have the effect and enforceability as all other provisions herein.

**IV.** Professional Qualifications. For the purpose of this Contract, the PROVIDER represents and warrants to the COUNTY that it possesses the professional, technical, and administrative personnel with the specific experience and training necessary to provide the professional services required herein.

**V.** No Prohibited Exclusive Franchise. The COUNTY neither perceives nor intends, by this Contract, a granting of an exclusive franchise or violation of Art. I, Section 22 of the Alabama Constitution.

**VI.** Representation/Warranty of Certifications, Etc. PROVIDER represents and warrants that PROVIDER is presently certified, licensed and otherwise permitted under all necessary and applicable laws and regulations to perform the services herein, and that PROVIDER shall renew, maintain, and otherwise ensure that all such certifications, licenses, and permits are current and valid, without interruption, for and through completion of the services. The representation and warranty aforesaid is a material inducement to the COUNTY in entering this Contract, and the parties agree that the breach thereof shall be deemed material at the County's option.

**VII.** Legal Compliance. PROVIDER shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal, State, local and municipal laws and regulations.

**VIII.** Independent Contractor. PROVIDER acknowledges that it is an independent contractor, and PROVIDER shall at all times remain as such in performing the services under this Contract. PROVIDER is not an employee, servant, partner, or agent of the COUNTY and has no authority, whether express or implied, to contract for or bind the COUNTY in any manner. The parties agree that PROVIDER shall be solely responsible for and shall have full and unqualified control over developing and implementing its own means and methods, as it deems necessary and appropriate in providing the aforementioned services, and that the COUNTY's interests herein are expressly limited to the results of said services. PROVIDER is not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits, and PROVIDER is responsible for and obligated to pay any and all federal and state income tax on any monies paid pursuant to this Contract.

**IX.** No Agency Created. It is neither the express nor the implied intent of PROVIDER or COUNTY to create an agency relationship pursuant to this Contract. Therefore, the PROVIDER does not in any manner act on behalf of COUNTY and the creation of such a relationship is prohibited and void.

**X.** Unenforceable Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be

deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof. This Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**XI.** Entire Agreement. This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between COUNTY and PROVIDER and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed by all parties.

**XII.** Failure to Strictly Enforce Performance. The failure of the COUNTY to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, agreements and conditions of this Contract shall not constitute, and shall never be asserted by PROVIDER as constituting, a default or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right of the COUNTY to thereafter enforce any such term, covenant, agreement, or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.

**XIII.** Assignment. This Contract or any interest herein shall not be assigned transferred or otherwise encumbered by PROVIDER without the prior written consent of the COUNTY, which may be withheld or granted in the sole discretion of the COUNTY.

**XIV.** Ownership of Documents/Work. The COUNTY shall be the owner of all copyright or other intellectual property rights in reports, documents and deliverables produced and paid for under this Contract, and to the extent permitted by Alabama law, any such material may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY without payment of further consideration. PROVIDER shall not transfer, disclose, or otherwise use such information for any purpose other than in performance of the services hereunder, without the COUNTY's prior written consent, which may be withheld or granted in the sole discretion of the COUNTY.

**XV.** Notice. Notice required herein shall be in writing, unless otherwise allowed, and said notice shall be deemed effective when received at the following addresses:

PROVIDER:

COUNTY: Baldwin County Commission

c/o Chairman
312 Courthouse Square
Suite 12
Bay Minette, AL 36507

**XVI.** Services to be Rendered. PROVIDER is retained by the COUNTY as a professionally-qualified **contractor**. The general scope of work for the services shall include all the terms and Conditions of **"Competitive Bid #WG15-23"**, the same being expressly incorporated herein by reference, and without limitation will encompass:

**"All provision and conditions and/or specifications listed/stated in Competitive Bid #WG15-23 named, Provision of Fiber Optic Network- Maintenance & Locates for the Baldwin County Commission".**

A. PROVIDER will provide ongoing communications with COUNTY regarding this service, including updates, emails and etc. as requested. Additionally, PROVIDER will meet with COUNTY as needed or requested.

B. PROVIDER is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all services furnished by or in relation to this Contract.

C. PROVIDER represents and warrants that its services shall be performed within the limits and standards provided by the COUNTY, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by similar providers under similar circumstances at the time the services are performed.

**XVII.** General Responsibilities of the COUNTY.

A. The COUNTY shall provide reasonable notice to PROVIDER whenever the COUNTY actually observes or otherwise actually becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or time of PROVIDER's services hereunder or any defect or nonconformance in the work of PROVIDER.

B. The COUNTY shall pay to PROVIDER the compensation as, and subject to the terms set out below.

**XVIII.** Termination of Services. The COUNTY may terminate this contract, with or without cause or reason, by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such to the PROVIDER. Upon receipt of such notices, PROVIDER shall discontinue its work to the extent specified in the notice.

In the event of termination, the COUNTY shall pay PROVIDER for all services satisfactorily rendered, and for any expenses deemed by COUNTY to be a reimbursable expense incurred pursuant to this Contract and prior to the date of termination.

**XIX.** Compensation Limited. The compensation to be paid to the PROVIDER shall be the full compensation for all work performed by PROVIDER under this Contract. Any and all additional expenditures or expenses of PROVIDER, not listed in full within this Contract, shall not be considered as a part of this Contract and shall not be demanded by PROVIDER or paid by COUNTY.

**XX.** Direct Expenses. Compensation to PROVIDER for work shall be $_____. Said compensation shall be all inclusive, including without limitation, reimbursement of all cost, incidentals and operating expense associated with those directly engaged in performance of the requested services

**XXI.** Method of Payment. PROVIDER shall submit invoices to the COUNTY for payment for work performed. Such invoice shall be accompanied by a detailed account of compensation to be paid PROVIDER.

Payment shall be made by the COUNTY within thirty (30) days of the approval of the invoice submitted by the PROVIDER. The COUNTY agrees to review and approve invoices submitted for payment in a timely manner.

**XXII.** Effective and Termination Dates. This Contract shall be effective for twelve (12) months and commence immediately upon the same date as full execution, with an option to issue two (2) twelve (12) month contracts, or extend the first contract until such time that a new contract can be bid and awarded. And additional contract or extensions will be at the same prices, terms and conditions. Any successive contract(s) must have the written approval of both the County and the Provider no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the original contract. [Nothing herein stated shall prohibit the parties from otherwise terminating this Contract according to the provisions herein.]

**XXIII.** Force Majeure. The Parties hereto shall incur no liability to the other if performance becomes impossible or impracticable by reason of an event or effect that the parties could neither have anticipated nor controlled. This allowance shall include both an act of nature and acts of third parties. Any costs that would otherwise be incurred and/or necessitated by the provisions herein shall be alleviated for either party by such event or effect.

**XXIV.** Indemnification. Provider shall indemnify, defend and hold County, and its Commissioners, affiliates, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively "County") harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses including, without limitations, attorneys' fees, and costs, for any and all personal injury (including death) and property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, incurred by, asserted against, or imposed upon County, as a result of or in any manner related to provision of services hereunder, or any act or omission, by Provider. Contractor shall provide the COUNTY with proof of general liability coverage including the COUNTY as an additional insured. This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

**XXV.** Number of Originals. This Contract shall be executed with three (3) originals, each of which are equally valid as an original.

**XXVI:** Governing Law: This Contract in all respects, including without limitation its formation, validity, construction, enforceability and available remedies, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama, without regard to Alabama conflict of law principles.

**XXVII:** Insurance: Prior to performing services pursuant to this Contract, Provider shall carry, with insurers satisfactory to County, throughout the term of hereof, Auto Liability Insurance, including owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, with limits of not less than $1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; Commercial General Liability Insurance, including all contractual liability hereunder, with limits not less than $1,000,000, combined single limit, for both bodily injury liability and property damage liability each occurrence; and Worker's Compensation Insurance, meeting the statutory limits of the State of Alabama and Employer's Liability Insurance fully covering all employees and supervisors participating in the work at the subject property site. All liability insurance shall name the County as an additional insured. Prior to commencing operations hereunder, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage, satisfactory to County, shall be furnished to County, which shall specifically state that such insurance shall provide for at least ten (10) days' notice to County in the event of cancellation, termination or any change in such insurance policies. The workers compensation certificate shall bear an endorsement clearly evidencing a waiver of the right of subrogation against County and County Representatives. Should Provider fail to furnish current evidence upon demand of any insurance required hereunder, or in the event of cancellation, termination or change in any such insurance, County may, at its option, suspend this Contract until insurance is obtained, terminate this Contract immediately without further action, or hold Provider in material default and pursue any and all remedies available.

**XXVIII:** Surety: As a material inducement for the County to enter this Agreement, any and all bond and/or surety guarantees required by the County in reference to the Project shall be in a form acceptable to the County and shall, without limitation, meet the following requirements:

(a) Acceptance of Surety. The bond and/or surety document must be reviewed by, and be acceptable to, County staff and approved by the County Commission. In the event that such document is not in an acceptable form at any time prior to or during the effectiveness of this Contract, the services and/or work described in this Contract shall either not commence or immediately cease, depending on the situation. Any project delay that is attributable to the County's acceptance, or non-acceptance, of the bond and/or surety document form shall in no way be consider as a delay caused by the County, and the Contractor and/or Provider waives all rights to claim that any such delay was the fault of the County.

(b) Value of Surety. The bond and/or surety guarantee shall be of an amount equal to or greater than 100 percent of the total cost identified in the bid response.

(c) Term of Surety. Any bond and/or surety guarantees required by the County must be valid at all times during the life of this Contract. Notwithstanding anything written or implied herein to the contrary, in no event shall the bond and/or surety document lapse, terminate, expire, or otherwise become invalid prior to the County, or the County's authorized agent, providing a written Notice to the Provider/Contractor that the Project is in fact completed in all respects. Said Notice from the County or its authorized agent shall not be provided until the County, in its sole discretion, is satisfied that the Project is complete in all respects.

(d) Scope of the Surety. The terms and provisions of any bond and/or surety guarantee provided as part of this Project shall in all respects, without limitation, be consistent and in agreement with, the provisions of this Contract. In the event that the bond and/or surety guarantee is in conflict with this Contract, this Contract shall govern. Neither this section nor this provision limits the duties of the Provider/Contractor to satisfy all of the requirements in this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on the last day of execution by the COUNTY as written below.

COUNTY

_____/_____
CHARLES F. GRUBER, Chairman /Date

ATTEST:

_____/_____
RON CINK /Date
Budget Director/Interim County Administrator

State of Alabama )

County of Baldwin )

I, _____ , a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that, Charles F. Gruber, whose name as Chairman of Baldwin County Commission, and Ron Cink, whose name as Budget Director/Interim County Administrator, are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the Contract for Professional and Construction Services, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed same knowingly and with full authority to do so on behalf of said Commission.

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

_____
Notary Public
My Commission Expires

**SIGNATURE PAGE AND NOTARY PAGE TO FOLLOW**

PROVIDER:

Insert Name

_____/_____
By _____/Date
Its _____

State of Alabama)

County of Baldwin )

I, _____, Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that _____ as _____ of , whose name is signed to the foregoing in that capacity, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the foregoing, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date for and as an act of said .

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

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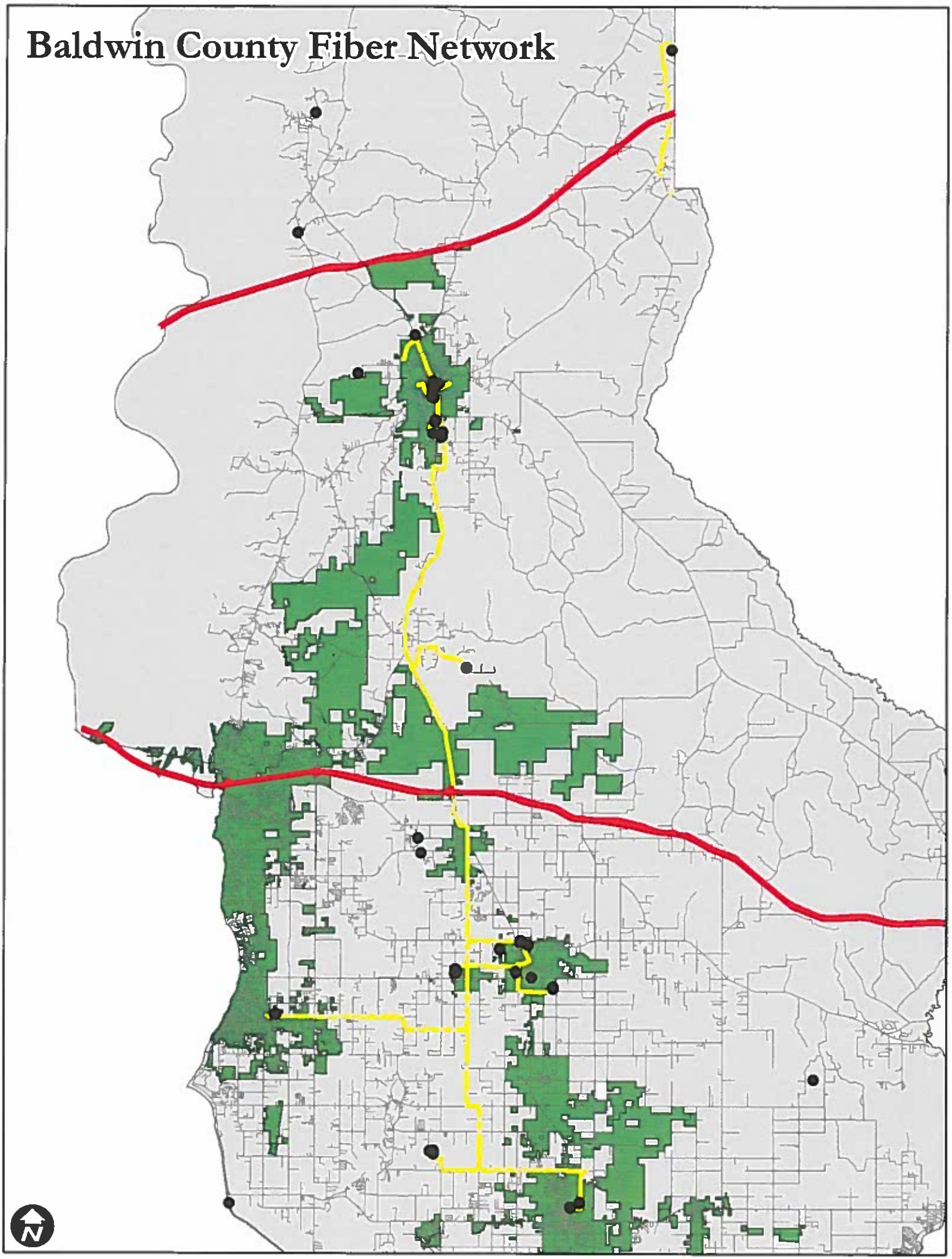
Notary Public
My Commission Expires

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