



Request for Participants Key Points

On June 20, 2015, the City of Los Angeles will release a Request for Participants (RFP) as part of the CityLinkLA initiative to identify one or more providers to deploy advanced Wi-Fi and wireline citywide infrastructure that delivers one gigabit (1 Gbps) broadband to all residences and businesses in Los Angeles. Proposals are due on November 12, 2015.

In the RFP, the City asks potential proposers to:

1. Address the digital divide by offering basic free Wi-Fi services to the public and targeted reduced priced wired services to underserved populations.
2. Build a network that delivers symmetrical speeds of 1 Gbps or higher to residential units and businesses.
3. Provide business and residential service at prices comparable to those offered for similar services in other cities with gigabit networks, such as Chattanooga, TN., and Austin, TX.
4. Build out and provide services within five years of the award of the contract.
5. Agree to operate its network consistent with net neutrality as defined by applicable FCC regulations.

The City of Los Angeles is offering the following as incentives and opportunities to proposers:

1. Streamlined permit processes for major telecommunications projects.
2. Access to advanced databases to permit coordination and construction planning.
3. Access to certain City properties for placement of facilities.
4. Access at bulk lease rates to other properties, including access to City street lights for placement of Wi-Fi devices and access to portions of the Department of Water and Power's existing fiber network.
5. Access to the storm water drainage system to reduce permit-related delays.
6. Creation of public awareness in the CityLinkLA initiative to open the door to new market opportunities.

In addition, Metro and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles each have assets that may be available to Proposers, and permit Proposers to enter and expand in the market more quickly than would otherwise be possible.

Due to the size of the City of Los Angeles, for the purposes of the RFP the City has been divided into four quadrants. Proposers may bid on one or more quadrants.

