



Request for Information

Project Name: Microwave Replacement Technologies

Project Number: 298-FY26-ITS-RFI-MWRepTech

Pursuant to the City of Asheville's Procurement, Purchasing and Contracting Policy, Responses will be received by the City of Asheville for the following:

Description:

The City of Asheville is undertaking a review of available technology (microwave, private cellular, other, P2P or mesh) to replace our existing microwave dish-based system that serves as backhaul between our Radio Core building and our three P25 radio system towers.

RFI Schedule:

Issuance of RFI	Wednesday, 06/17/2026
Responses Due	Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 4:00pm EDT

Documents:

Request for Information documents are posted on the City procurement website at www.ashevillenc.gov/bids. This is *the official source* of this solicitation. All updates to this solicitation shall come in the form of published addenda and shall be published to the same location. **The City will not be responsible for full or partial sets of RFI documents including any addendum obtained from any other source.**

Responses should be emailed to wshortl@ashevillenc.gov

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all Responses and to waive informalities.

Information:

All questions concerning this Invitation to respond to request for information should be submitted via email to:

Wayne Short
wshort@ashevillenc.gov

Please send a confirmation/test email to wshort@ashevillenc.gov prior to submitting your response. Please put **298-FY26-ITS-RFI-MWRepTech** in the subject line of your email. You will receive a confirmation email or receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please reach out to the City of Asheville at 828-337-6623 before the submission deadline. This number is for email test failures only.

Asheville Business Inclusion Policy:

The City of Asheville has adopted the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy to encourage women and minority businesses' participation in the public bidding and qualifications process. The purpose of this outreach effort is to increase the likelihood of availability and utilization of MWBEs in the award of contracts. Questions regarding the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy may be directed to the Office of Economic Development, City of Asheville, Post Office Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148 or by phone at (828)259-8050 or by email abi@ashevillenc.gov.

Submitters are invited to show proof of MWBE status, to include NC Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses or other MWBE certifications. If not already certified with the ABI Office at the City of Asheville, submitters are further invited to become certified with the City of Asheville as an MWBE vendor. Please use this link: [ABI Certifications](#).

It is the Policy of the City to (1) provide minorities and women an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of its contracting and procurement programs and (2) to prohibit any and all discrimination against persons or businesses in pursuit of these opportunities.

Drug Free Workplace: The City of Asheville is a drug-free workplace employer. By submitting a Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications, the prospective contractor certifies that if awarded the contract, they and their subcontractors shall comply with the following:

The City requires contractors/vendors entering into a contract with the City to provide a drug-free workplace in the performance of said contract. The contractor, upon execution of the contract, certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace during the performance of the work on this contract. The contractor agrees to do the following:

Notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specify the actions that will be taken for violations of such prohibitions. Responsive actions should be appropriate and sufficient to address and remediate any violations of this requirement.

Miscellaneous Requirements of the Submittals:

- Prospective Vendors and Contractors are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.
- All Responses must be submitted via email

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