



# **Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians**

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## **Request for Proposal (RFP) Rural Broadband Feasibility Study**

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## **Request for Proposal**

### **General Background**

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians is researching the feasibility and practicality of creating a tribal internet infrastructure to improve reliability, speed and access for tribal lands and surrounding areas.

### **Project Scope**

- Region survey of high-speed internet availability.
- Feasibility study to determine cost/benefit analysis.
- Region survey to determine the best type of infrastructure.

### **Project Schedule**

A preliminary planning session and high-level project overview of the project will be held on April 15, 2024.

Requests for Information (RFI) are due on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Proposals are due on or before May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 pm. All proposals must be submitted electronically to: [rfp@chukchansi-nsn.gov](mailto:rfp@chukchansi-nsn.gov).

Selection of the Contractor is expected to occur on or before May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Negotiation and execution of the contract is expected to be complete by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued by the PRCI IT Department on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Required RFP Response Information**

Each response to this RFP should include the following:

- A summary of the bidder's qualifications.
- Three examples of successful completion of similar projects, with numbers so we can contact and confirm.
- A list and a brief description of any planned subcontractors and suppliers.
- A description of any bankruptcies, litigation, or claims against the responding bidder or any planned subcontractors.

- A cost proposal that includes everything required to complete the Project.
- A detailed list of all exclusions.
- Certificates showing current General Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance.
- A copy of the responding bidder's Contractor's License, if applicable.
- A summary of the bidder's experience working with Tribal Governments.

PRCI exercises Tribal Preference and Native American preference in contracting; Bidders are encouraged to include any information in the RFP response that would qualify the bidder for Tribal or Native American Preference.

### **Tribal and Native American Preference**

PRCI exercises Tribal and Native American Preference as follows:

1. First preference is given to enrolled Tribal Members of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, and to responsive bids from firms in which an enrolled PRCI Tribal Member is a sole or majority owner.
2. Preference is next given to any responsive bids from firms in which an enrolled member of any federally recognized Indian tribe is a sole or majority owner.
3. Bidders claiming Tribal or Native American Preference must submit the following with the response to this RFP:
  - a. Evidence that the majority ownership of the firm consists of one or more persons who are enrolled members of PRCI or another federally recognized Tribe; and
  - b. Evidence that the persons claiming Tribal or Native American Preference are actively involved in the management and operation of the firm.

### **Contractor Selection:**

The selected Contractor will be expected to sign a contract that recognizes the sovereignty of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians along with recognizing the tax-exempt status of the Tribe.

Please submit all questions, RFIs, and/or responses to the RFP electronically to: [rfp@chukchansi-nsn.gov](mailto:rfp@chukchansi-nsn.gov)

## **Project Award**

The rating factors to be used in the award of this contract are as follows:

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Points</i>
<b>Relevant Experience:</b>	
Demonstrated experience with internet infrastructure design	<b>30 Points</b>
Demonstrated experience with the proposed activities outlines above	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>Cost of Project</b>	<b>20 Points</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>Proposed Schedule</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>Indian Preference</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>Total Possible:</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

## **Reservation of Rights**

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians reserves the right to award or reject any bid, response, or proposal for any reason, to request additional information, to request a modification of any bid or proposal, to waive any minor informalities, to solicit further proposals, or to withdraw or cancel this RFP or to cancel the project, at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of PRCI.