



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
("RFP")  
(RFP-2026-008)  
for  
Wide Area Network Services**

Release Date: 11/04/2025

Proposals Due: 01/08/2026 at 12:00 P.M. Central Standard Time

**\* Proposals not received by deadline will be rejected and returned unopened.**

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### **003 - BACKGROUND**

The Bexar County Board of Trustees for Mental Health Mental Retardation Services d/b/a The Center for Health Care Services ("CENTER") is a multi-facility community mental health and intellectual disability center created under the authority of Section 534.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code by its sponsoring agencies, Bexar County and the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health. The CENTER has been providing services to Bexar County residents experiencing mental health, intellectual developmental disabilities and/or substance use issues for over fifty-five years and is the Texas Health and Human Services Commission-designated Local Mental Health Authority for Bexar County, Texas. The CENTER is considered a quasi-governmental entity, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, but is not a Texas state agency. The CENTER'S administrative offices are located at 6800 Park Ten Blvd. Suite 200-S, San Antonio, Texas 78213.

## 004 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Center for Health Care Services ("CHCS," "CENTER") is seeking a qualified vendor ("CONTRACTOR," "RESPONDENT") to provide Wide Area Network ("WAN") services and support for the CENTER at its Central Administrative Offices and branch locations, as further defined in this Request for Proposals ("RFP") document.

Proposals for WAN services must include, but are not limited to providing:

- Determination of availability of pre-existing fiber infrastructure and if fiber installation is required;
- Industry standard service level agreements (SLAs);
- High Network Availability (99.999%);
- WAN must support quality of service (QoS) - Prioritize network traffic, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Video, etc.;
- Support connectivity ranging from 10Mbps to 10Gbps;
- Management portal for reporting, monitoring, support service request, review billing and new orders;
- Ability for CENTER to modify bandwidth in real time;
- Local hand-off shall be copper/fiber, as approved by Center designee; and
- 24/7 phone support for repairs/maintenance.

### **A. General Requirements**

CENTER shall have the option to add or remove locations with thirty (30) days' written notice to the CONTRACTOR without incurring fees for location termination.

CONTRACTOR(S) shall:

1. Install any required equipment after contract execution as specified herein. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Routers;
  - b. Switches; or
  - c. Equipment
2. Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local law, rules regulations, ordinances and codes and obtain any licenses or permits required to provide the services under this RFP.
3. Use products and equipment that meet or exceed the specifications included herein and in all cases shall meet or exceed the requirements of applicable local codes and comply with industry standards and norms.
4. Provide licensure, if required, by the jurisdiction in which the service is to be performed and the license shall be current and in good standing. **Copies of applicable licenses shall be attached to the proposal.**
5. Be responsible for field-verifying all quantities and conditions for the placement of equipment, cables, lines, power sources and other associated items. Failure to verify shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR(S) of its obligations under any resulting Contract.
6. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations during the installation of any equipment. If the manufacturer's recommendations cannot be followed the CONTRACTOR shall present safe viable alternatives to CENTER'S IT Department.
7. Include in CONTRACTOR'S proposal all costs for equipment, materials, hardware, labor, profit & overhead necessary and required to accomplish the tasks specified herein and as outlined in the cost proposal forms
8. Be responsible for determining the presence of exterior utility lines, cables, pipes, wires, etc., exposed or concealed which may affect the installation of equipment or materials associated with the requested services. CENTER will assist the CONTRACTOR, where possible, by providing known general locations of existing infrastructure. If during CONTRACTOR'S work the CONTRACTOR discovers unmarked or previously unknown utilities, pipes, cables, etc., CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify CENTER'S IT Director and Sr. Director of Safety, Security, Infrastructure, Facilities, and Fleet (SSIFF).

## **B. Installation and Placement Requirements**

1. The placement of all materials and/or equipment upon the property shall be made in consultation with CENTER'S Sr. Director of SSIFF and IT Director.
2. All installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by a CHCS IT Department representative. Final approval shall rest solely with CHCS' Sr. Director of Information Technology, or designee.

## **C. Property Locations & Current Speeds**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1 Haven for Hope Way San Antonio, TX 78207	H4H	1Gb	100 Mbps
100 Taylor St. San Antonio, TX 78205	H5	10Gb	10Gb
1007 Paulsun San Antonio, TX 78219	Paulsun	1Gb	100 Mbps
10975 Applewhite Rd. San Antonio, TX 78224	Applewhite	1Gb	100 Mbps
1954 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78202	Houston St.	1Gb	100 Mbps
2039 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78202	EH2	1Gb	100 Mbps
227 W. Drexel Ave. San Antonio, TX 78210	Drexel	1Gb	100 Gbps
2711 Palo Alto Rd. San Antonio, TX 78211	Palo Alto	1Gb	10 Gbps
2829 Babcock Rd. San Antonio, TX 78229	Babcock	1Gb	100 Mbps
315 N. San Saba San Antonio, TX 78207	San Saba	1Gb	100 Mbps
4711 Dietrich Rd. San Antonio, TX 78219	Town Twin	1Gb	100 Mbps
5210 Thousand Oaks Dr. San Antonio, TX 78233	MAC	1Gb	100 Mbps
5372 Fredericksburg Rd. San Antonio, TX 78229	Legacy Oaks	1Gb	100 Mbps
5802 S. Presa St. San Antonio, TX 78223	S. Presa	1Gb	100 Mbps
601 N. Frio St. San Antonio, TX 78207	Frio	1Gb	1 Gbps
6655 First Park Ten Blvd San Antonio, TX 78213	CSS	1Gb	250 Mbps
6800 Park Ten Blvd 200-S San Antonio, TX 78213	Central	1Gb	1000 Mbps
6812 Bandera Rd. San Antonio, TX 78238	Bandera	1Gb	100 Mbps

7031 S New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78223	City Base	1Gb	100 Mbps
711 E. Josephine St. San Antonio, TX 78208	Josephine	1Gb	100 Mbps
7137 W. Military Dr. San Antonio, TX 78227	Military	1Gb	100 Mbps
8122 Data Point Dr. San Antonio, TX 78229	Ashford Oaks	1Gb	100 Mbps
8155 Lone Shadow Trail Converse, TX 78109	8155 Converse	1Gb	100 Mbps
928 W. Commerce St. San Antonio, TX 78207	W. Commerce	1Gb	100 Mbps

**005 - ASSURANCES**

The Proposer assures the following (signature required):

1. That all addenda and attachments to the RFP as distributed by CENTER have been received.
2. No attempt will be made by the Proposer to induce any person or firm to submit or not to submit a Proposal, unless so described in the RFP document.
3. The Proposer does not discriminate in its services or employment practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, veteran status, or age.
4. That no employee of CENTER or Health and Human Services Commission ("HHSC") and no member of CENTER'S Board of Trustees will directly or indirectly receive any pecuniary interest from an award of the proposed contract. If the Proposer is unable to make the affirmation, then the Proposal must disclose any knowledge of such interests.
5. Proposer accepts the terms, conditions, criteria, and requirements set forth in the RFP.
6. Proposer accepts CENTER'S right to cancel the RFP at any time prior to contract award.
7. Proposer accepts CENTER'S right to alter the timetables for procurement as set forth in the RFP.
8. The Proposal submitted by the Proposer has been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement with another party for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. Unless otherwise required by law, the information in the Proposal submitted by the Proposer has not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer to any other Proposer prior to the notice of intent to award.
10. No claim will be made to CENTER for payment to cover costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of the Proposal or any other associated costs.
11. CENTER has the right to complete background checks and to verify information submitted by a Proposer.
12. The individual signing this document, and the contract, is authorized to legally bind the Proposer.
13. The address submitted by the Proposer to be used for all notices sent by CENTER is current and correct.
14. All cost and pricing information is reflected in the Proposal documents or attachments.
15. That the Proposer is not currently held in abeyance or barred from the award of a federal or state contract.
16. That the Proposer is not currently delinquent in its payments of any franchise tax or state tax owed to the state of Texas, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Title 2, Subchapter F, Chapter 171, Subchapter H and Title 34 of the Texas Administrative Code, Part 1 Chapter 3, Subchapters A and F.
17. Proposer shall disclose whether any of the directors or personnel of Proposer has either been an employee or a trustee of CENTER within the past two (2) years preceding the date of submission of the Proposal. This requirement applies to all personnel, whether or not identified as key personnel. If such employment has existed, or term of office served as trustee, the Proposer shall state in an attached writing the nature and time of the affiliations as defined.
18. Proposer shall identify in an attached writing any trustee or employee of CENTER who has a financial interest in Proposer or who is related within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity to a person having such financial interest. Such disclosure shall include a complete statement of the nature of such financial interest and the relationship, if applicable. Moreover, Proposer shall state in an attached writing whether any of its directors or personnel knowingly has had a personal relationship with employees or officers of CENTER within the past two (2) years that may interfere with fair competition.
19. No current or former employee or officer of a federal, state, or local governmental agency, and/or the CENTER directly or indirectly aided or attempted to aid in the procurement of Proposer's services.
20. Proposer shall disclose in an attached writing the name of every CENTER key person with whom Proposer is doing business or has done business during the 365 day period immediately prior to the date on which the Proposal is due; failure to include such a disclosure will be a binding representation by Proposer that the natural person executing the Proposal has no knowledge of any CENTER key persons with whom Proposer is doing business or has done business during the 365 day period prior to the immediate date on which the Proposal is due.
21. Under Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, the vendor or Proposer certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Proposal is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated, and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
22. Proposer has no conflict of interest and meets the standards of conduct requirements pursuant to Texas Administrative Code Section 412.54(c).
23. That all information provided in the Proposal is true and correct.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Signing Authority

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 006 - TERM OF CONTRACT

The anticipated term for a contract awarded in response to this RFP is three (3) years. The CENTER shall have the option to renew under the same terms and conditions for up to two (2) additional one (1) year extensions. All renewals shall be in writing and signed by President/CEO, or their designee, after approval by the CENTER'S Board of Trustees. The CENTER may terminate a contract at any time if funds are restricted, withdrawn, not approved or for unsatisfactory service.

## 007 - PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Submittal Conference will be held at the Center for Health Care Services, located at 6800 Park Ten Blvd. Suite 200-S, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78213 at 11:00 A.M. Central Standard Time (CST), on November 13, 2025.

This meeting place is accessible to disabled persons. The Center for Health Care Services is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrance is located at 6800 Park Ten Blvd. Suite 200-S. Accessible parking spaces are located at 6800 Park Ten Blvd. Suite 200-S. RESPONDENTS that are unable to attend in person may participate by Conference Call. RESPONDENTS may call the toll-free number listed below and enter access code to participate the day of the conference.

Dial-In Toll Telephone Number: 210-714-4201

Dial-In Toll-Free Telephone Number: 1-800-717-4201

Access Code: 18015 #

RESPONDENTS are encouraged to prepare and submit their questions in writing in advance of the Pre-Submittal Conference in order to expedite the proceedings.

RESPONDENTS may submit their questions pertaining to this RFP to Chelsey Turner, Contract Administrator, by email to [CTurner@chcsbc.org](mailto:CTurner@chcsbc.org), please carbon copy [Contracts@chcsbc.org](mailto:Contracts@chcsbc.org), before December 15, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST). Please refrain from contacting the CENTER'S Board of Trustees members during the search process and direct all inquiries to the contact person listed above. Only those written questions received prior to the December 15, 2025, 12:00 P.M. CST deadline will be addressed.

Any oral response given at the Pre-Submittal Conference that is not confirmed in writing and posted with this solicitation shall not be official or binding on the CENTER. Only written responses shall be official and all other forms of communication with any officer, employee or agent of the CENTER shall not be binding on the CENTER. RESPONDENTS are encouraged to resubmit their questions in writing to the CENTER Staff person identified in the Restrictions on Communication section, after the conclusion of the Pre-Submittal Conference.

## 008 - PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

RESPONDENT'S proposal shall include the following items in the following sequence, noted with the appropriate heading as indicated below. Submitted proposals should include information in sufficient detail to address the RESPONDENT'S ability to perform the services being requested and provide the CENTER with enough information to properly evaluate proposals.

RESPONDENTS must submit a hard copy proposal. Submit one original, signed in ink, five (5) hard copies, and one USB containing a copy of the entire proposal in Microsoft Word or PDF format. **Any information deemed to be confidential by RESPONDENT should be clearly noted on the page(s) where the confidential information is contained.**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The summary shall include a statement of the work to be accomplished, how RESPONDENT proposes to accomplish and perform each specific service and unique problems perceived by RESPONDENT and their solutions.

ASSURANCES. RESPONDENT must complete, sign in ink and submit the Assurances Page found in this RFP under Section 005 – Assurances.

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM. Use the Form found in this RFP as Attachment A, Part One.

EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS. Use the Form found in this RFP as Attachment A, Part Two.

PROPOSED PLAN. Use the Form found in this RFP as Attachment A, Part Three.

PRICING SCHEDULE. Use the Pricing Schedule that is found in this RFP as Attachment B.

PROOF OF INSURABILITY. RESPONDENT shall submit a copy of their current insurance certificate.

SIGNATURE PAGE. RESPONDENT must complete, sign and submit the Signature Page found in this RFP as Attachment C. The Signature Page must be signed by a person, or persons, authorized to bind the entity, or entities, submitting the proposal. Proposals signed by a person other than an officer of a corporate RESPONDENT or partner of partnership RESPONDENT shall be accompanied by evidence of authority.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENT. RESPONDENT must complete, sign and submit the Conflicts of Interest Statement found in this RFP as Attachment D. RESPONDENT shall select only *one* applicable scenario.

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST. Complete and submit the Proposal Checklist found in this RFP as Attachment E.

The CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, conduct criminal background checks on all personnel and subcontractors assigned to provide services on CENTER property. The background checks must satisfy the requirements of the CENTER'S licensing and regulatory agencies. Proof that such checks have been conducted will be provided by the CONTRACTOR to the CENTER upon request.

The RESPONDENT must indicate whether or not it will be subcontracting portion(s) of services contained in this RFP's Scope of Services. If so, indicate the name of the subcontractor and the portion of the work, which will be subcontracted. Provide the subcontractor's qualifications that meet the requirements of the Scope of Services. The CENTER reserves the right to refuse the selection of any subcontractor(s) by CONTRACTOR for reasonable cause.

## **009 - SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

Please complete all questions in the order they are presented in this Request for Proposal ("RFP"). Include all questions and question numbers in your responses. Any additional comments or information may be provided at the end of your answers to all proposal questions. If a question does not apply to the RESPONDENT, simply and clearly document "N/A". Scoring and evaluation is based on completed questions. Unanswered questions will be considered omissions. The CENTER reserves the right to review only completed proposals. The CENTER reserves the right to hold subsequent face to face or telephone interviews for clarification and/or negotiation purposes. Interviews will not be solicited for the purpose of completing incomplete proposals. Multiple omissions and/or incomplete responses may result in disqualification.

### **Instructions for Submitting Proposals**

RESPONDENT shall submit one (1) original, signed in ink, five (5) hard copies and one (1) USB drive which contains the proposal in Microsoft Word or PDF format in a sealed package clearly marked with the project name, "**WAN Services, RFP 2026-008**" on the front of the package by **no later than 12:00 P.M. CST on January 8, 2026.** Responses may be delivered by regular mail, special carrier, or hand delivery to the CENTER'S administrative offices at 6800 Park Ten Blvd. Suite 200-S, San Antonio, Texas, 78213. **Submission of Proposals by telephone, facsimile transmission or e-mail will not be accepted. Untimely proposals will be rejected and/or returned unopened. Any mail delays or other matters causing late receipt are irrelevant and will not excuse late submission. The time as kept by the CENTER shall be the official time and shall control. Therefore, RESPONDENTS should strive for early submission to avoid the possibility of rejection for late arrival. The CENTER will not be responsible in the event that the U.S. Postal Service or any other carrier system fails to deliver the proposal to the CENTER by the given deadline above. Proposals may be withdrawn at any time prior to actual contract award.** The CENTER reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive technicalities, and to accept any advantages deemed beneficial to the CENTER and its consumers. It is the CENTER'S intent to evaluate proposals, and/or services in order to achieve the best value for CENTER employees and operations. Each RESPONDENT which submits a complete proposal but is not awarded a contract will be notified in writing that the proposal is no longer being considered. Any information contained in the proposal that is deemed to be proprietary in nature must clearly be so designated in the proposal. Such information may be subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act on opinions from the Texas Attorney General's office.

Modified Proposals. Proposals may be modified provided such modifications are received prior to the due date for submission of proposals and submitted in the same manner as the original proposal. For hard copy proposals, provide a cover letter with the proposal, indicating it is a modified proposal, and that the original proposal is being withdrawn.

Correct Legal Name. RESPONDENTS who submit proposals to this RFP shall correctly state the true and correct name of the individual, proprietorship, corporation, and/or partnership (clearly identifying the responsible general partner and all other partners who would be associated with the contract, if any). No nicknames, abbreviations (unless part of the legal title), shortened or short-hand, or local "handles" will be accepted in lieu of the full, true and correct legal name of the entity. These names shall comport exactly with the corporate and franchise records of the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Individuals and proprietorships, if operating under other than an individual name, shall match with exact Assumed Name filings. Corporate RESPONDENTS and limited liability company RESPONDENTS shall include the 11-digit Comptroller's Taxpayer Number on the General Information Form found in this RFP as Attachment A.

If an entity is found to have incorrectly or incompletely stated its name or failed to fully reveal its identity on the General Information Form, the Sr. Director of Compliance & Systems Support shall have the discretion, at any point in the contracting process, to suspend consideration of the proposal.

Firm Offer. All provisions in RESPONDENT'S proposal, including any estimated or projected costs, shall remain valid for one hundred and fifty (150) days following the deadline for submissions or, if a proposal is accepted, throughout the entire term of the contract.

Confidential or Proprietary Information. The entire response to this Request for Proposal shall be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. If the RESPONDENT believes information contained therein is legally excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, the RESPONDENT should conspicuously (via bolding, highlighting and/or enlarged font) mark those portions of its response as confidential or proprietary and submit such information under seal. Such information may still be subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act depending on determinations of the Texas the Attorney General's office.

Cost of Proposal. Any cost or expense incurred by the RESPONDENT that is associated with the preparation of the proposal, the Pre-Submittal conference, if any, or during any phase of the selection process, shall be borne solely by RESPONDENT.

## 010 - RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION

**RESPONDENTS are prohibited from communicating with: 1) CENTER Board of Trustees regarding the RFP or proposals from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is posted as an agenda item; and 2) CENTER employees from the time the RFP has been released until the contract is awarded.** These restrictions extend to "thank you" letters, phone calls, emails and any contact that results in the direct or indirect discussion of the RFP and/or proposal submitted by RESPONDENT. **Violation of this provision by RESPONDENT and/or its agent may lead to disqualification of RESPONDENT'S proposal from consideration.**

Exceptions to the Restrictions on Communication with CENTER employees include:

RESPONDENTS may submit written questions concerning this RFP to the staff person listed below until 12:00 P.M. CST on December 15, 2025. Questions received after the stated deadline will not be answered. All questions shall be sent by e-mail to:

**Chelsey Turner**  
**Contract Administrator**  
**Center for Health Care Services**  
[CTurner@chcsbc.org](mailto:CTurner@chcsbc.org) (Carbon Copy [Contracts@chcsbc.org](mailto:Contracts@chcsbc.org))

Questions submitted and the CENTER'S responses will be posted to the CENTER'S website.

CENTER reserves the right to contact any RESPONDENT to negotiate if such is deemed desirable by CENTER. Such negotiations, initiated by CENTER staff persons, shall not be considered a violation by RESPONDENT of this section.

## 011 - EVALUATION OF CRITERIA

The CENTER will conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of all proposals received in response to this RFP. The CENTER may appoint a selection committee to perform the evaluation. Each proposal will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under the RFP. Criteria to be evaluated may include the items listed

below. The CENTER may also request additional information from RESPONDENTS at any time prior to final approval of a selected RESPONDENT. The CENTER reserves the right to select one, or more, or none of the RESPONDENTS to provide services. Final approval of a selected RESPONDENT is subject to the action of the CENTER'S Board of Trustees. It should be understood that while the total score is a significant factor, the CENTER reserves the right to consider other factors in making a final selection.

Evaluation criteria:

Experience, Background, Qualifications (40 points)

Proposed Plan (40 points)

Price Schedule (18 points)

Certified Small Business Enterprise or Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (1 point each; up to 2 points)

### **012 - AWARD OF CONTRACT AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The CENTER reserves the right to award one, more than one or no contract(s) in response to this RFP.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the RESPONDENT(S) whose proposal(s) is deemed most advantageous to CENTER, as determined by the selection committee, upon approval of the CENTER'S Board of Trustees.

The CENTER may accept any proposal in whole or in part. If subsequent negotiations are conducted, they shall not constitute a rejection or alternate RFP on the part of CENTER. However, final selection of a RESPONDENT is subject to CENTER'S Board of Trustees approval.

The CENTER reserves the right to accept one or more proposals or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, and to waive informalities and irregularities in the proposals received. CENTER also reserves the right to terminate this RFP, and reissue a subsequent solicitation, and/or remedy technical errors in the RFP process.

The CENTER reserves the right to reject, for any reason and at its sole discretion, in total or in part, any and/or all proposals, regardless of comparability of price, terms or any other matter, to waive any formalities, and to negotiate on the basis of the proposals received for the most favorable terms and best service for the CENTER. If a RESPONDENT is selected, the RESPONDENT will be required to execute a contract. If CENTER funding is materially decreased during the contract term, the contract may be amended and/or terminated.

No work shall commence until CENTER signs the contract document(s) and RESPONDENT provides the necessary evidence of insurance as required in this RFP and the contract. Contract documents are not binding on CENTER until approved by the CENTER'S General Counsel. In the event the parties cannot negotiate and execute a contract within the time specified, CENTER reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the selected RESPONDENT and commence negotiations with another RESPONDENT.

This RFP does not commit the CENTER to enter into a contract, award any services related to this RFP, nor does it obligate the CENTER to pay any costs incurred in preparation or submission of a proposal or in anticipation of a contract.

If selected, RESPONDENT will be required to comply with the Insurance and Indemnification Requirements established herein.

The successful RESPONDENT must be able to formally invoice the CENTER for services rendered. Invoices shall be issued on a time and material basis for services rendered. The CENTER will pay invoices within 30 days of receipt (commercial credit) only after services have been performed. The CENTER is a tax-exempt entity.

Independent Contractor. RESPONDENT agrees and understands that, if selected, it and all persons designated by it to provide services in connection with a contract, are and shall be deemed to be independent contractors, responsible for their respective acts or omissions, and that CENTER shall in no way be responsible for RESPONDENT'S actions, and that none of the parties hereto will have authority to bind the others or to hold out to third parties, that it has such authority.

**013 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Following is a list of **projected dates/times** with respect to this RFP:

RFP Release Date: November 4, 2025  
 Pre-Submittal Conference 11:00 A.M. CST on November 13, 2025  
 Final Questions Accepted: 12:00 P.M. CST on December 15, 2025  
 Proposal Due: 12:00 P.M. CST on January 8, 2026

**014 - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If selected to provide the services described in this RFP, RESPONDENT shall be required to comply with the insurance requirements set forth below. The insurance requirements are non-negotiable and should be adhered to; however, if the RESPONDENT proposes other insurance limits, the CENTER reserves the right to waive or reduce the requirements and to accept any advantages deemed beneficial to the CENTER and its consumers. It is the CENTER'S intent to evaluate proposals, in order to achieve the best value for CENTER employees and operations.

**INSURANCE**

Prior to the commencement of any work under this contract, RESPONDENT shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the CENTER'S Contracting & Procurement Division, which shall be clearly labeled "**WAN Services**" in the Description of Operations block of the Certificate. The Certificate(s) shall be completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The CENTER will not accept a Memorandum of Insurance or Binder as proof of insurance. The Certificate(s) must have the agent's signature and phone number, and be mailed, with copies of all applicable endorsements, directly from the insurer's authorized representative to the CENTER. The CENTER shall have no duty to pay or perform under this contract until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by the CENTER'S Contracting & Procurement Division. No officer or employee, other than the CENTER'S Sr. Director of Compliance & Systems Support, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

The CENTER reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this Article during the effective period of this contract and any extension or renewal hereof and to modify insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by CENTER'S Sr. Director of Compliance & Systems Support based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this contract. In no instance will CENTER allow modification whereby CENTER may incur increased risk.

A RESPONDENT'S financial integrity is of interest to the CENTER; therefore, subject to RESPONDENT'S right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by the CENTER, RESPONDENT shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this contract, and any extension hereof, at RESPONDENT'S sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, unless otherwise indicated, by companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M Best's rating of no less than A- (VII), in the following types and for an amount not less than the amount listed below:

TYPE	AMOUNTS
1. Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
2. Employers' Liability*	\$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000
3. Broad form Commercial General Liability* Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises operations b. Independent Contractors c. Products/completed operations d. Personal Injury e. Contractual Liability f. Damage to property rented by you	For <u>Bodily Injury</u> and <u>Property Damage</u> of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 General Aggregate, or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage  f. \$100,000
4. Business Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired Vehicles	Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence

If applicable, RESPONDENT agrees to require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services hereunder obtain the same insurance coverage required of RESPONDENT herein and provide a Certificate of Insurance and endorsement that names the RESPONDENT and the Center of Health Care Services as additional insured. RESPONDENT shall provide the CENTER with said certificate and endorsement prior to the commencement of any work by the subcontractor. This provision may be modified by CENTER'S Sr. Director of Compliance & Systems Support, when deemed necessary and prudent, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this contract. Such modification may be enacted by letter signed by CENTER'S Sr. Director of Compliance & Systems Support, which shall become a part of the contract for all purposes.

As they apply to the limits required by the CENTER, the CENTER shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page, and all endorsements thereto and may require the deletion, revision, or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions (except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter of any such policies). RESPONDENT shall be required to comply with any such requests and shall submit a copy of the replacement Certificate of Insurance to CENTER at the address provided below within ten (10) days of the requested change. RESPONDENT shall pay any costs incurred resulting from said changes.

Center for Health Care Services  
Attn: Contracting & Procurement Division  
6800 Park Ten Blvd.  
Suite 200-S  
San Antonio, Texas 78213

RESPONDENT agrees that with respect to the above required insurance, all insurance policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name the CENTER, its Board of Trustees, employees, and volunteers as additional insured by endorsement, as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with the CENTER, with the exception of the workers' compensation and professional liability policies;
- Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the Center for Health Care Services where the CENTER is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- Workers' compensation, employers' liability, general liability and automobile liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CENTER;
- Provide advance written notice directly to CENTER of any suspension, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance notice for nonpayment of premium.

Within five (5) calendar days of a suspension, cancellation or non-renewal of coverage, RESPONDENT shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to CENTER. CENTER shall have the option to suspend RESPONDENT'S performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this contract. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

In addition to any other remedies the CENTER may have upon RESPONDENT'S failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the CENTER shall have the right to order RESPONDENT to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to RESPONDENT hereunder until RESPONDENT demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which RESPONDENT may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from RESPONDENT'S or its subcontractors' performance of the work covered under this contract.

It is agreed that RESPONDENT'S insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the CENTER for liability arising out of operations under this contract.

It is understood and agreed that the insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this contract and that no claim or action by or on behalf of the CENTER shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

RESPONDENT and any Subcontractors are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property.

## **INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

If selected to provide the services described in this RFP, RESPONDENT shall be required to comply with the Indemnification requirements set forth below. The Indemnification is non-negotiable and should be adhered to; however, if the RESPONDENT proposes modifications to the Indemnification language, the CENTER reserves the right to accept or reject the revised Indemnification. It is the CENTER'S intent to evaluate proposals, in order to achieve the best value for CENTER employees and operations.

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

**RESPONDENT covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the CENTER and the employees, officers, trustees, volunteers and representatives of the CENTER, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CENTER directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from or related to RESPONDENT'S activities under this contract, including any acts or omissions of RESPONDENT, any agent, officer, trustees, representative, employee, RESPONDENT or subcontractor of RESPONDENT, and their respective officers, agents employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this contract. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of CENTER, its officers or employees, in instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT RESPONDENT AND CENTER ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CENTER UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW.**

The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. RESPONDENT shall advise the CENTER in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CENTER or RESPONDENT known to RESPONDENT related to or arising out of RESPONDENT'S activities under this contract and shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at RESPONDENT'S cost. The CENTER shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving RESPONDENT of any of its obligations under this paragraph.

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RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

1. **Respondent Information:** Provide the following information regarding the Respondent. Please tell us about your Business. If your Business is affiliated with a large firm that includes multiple teams around the country, please tell us about your local team/operation.

Respondent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: Give exact legal name as it will appear on the contract, if awarded.)

Doing Business As: (other business name, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year established: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the number of years in business under present name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Comptroller's Taxpayer Number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: This 11-digit number is sometimes referred to as the Comptroller's TIN or TID.)

UEI NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Business a certified SBE or VBE?  Yes  No (If yes, attach all applicable current certifications.)

Business Structure: Check the box that indicates the business structure of the Respondent.

- Individual or Sole Proprietorship If checked, list Assumed Name, if any: \_\_\_\_\_
- Partnership
- Corporation If checked, check one:  For-Profit  Nonprofit  
Also, check one:  Domestic  Foreign
- Other If checked, list business structure: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and business address of each person or legal entity, which has a 10% or more ownership or control interest in the Business (attach additional pages as necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Contract Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: This RFP solicits proposals to provide services under a contract which has been identified as "High Profile". Therefore, Respondent must provide the name of person that will sign the contract for the Respondent, if awarded.)

Provide any other names under which Respondent has operated within the last 10 years and length of time under for each:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provide address of office from which this project would be managed:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Gross Revenue:  \$100K or less  \$101K–\$500K  \$501K–900K  \$901K–\$2.5M  \$2.5M or more

Total Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Current Clients/Customers: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Contact Information:** List the one person who the CENTER may contact concerning your proposal or setting dates for meetings.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Does Respondent anticipate any mergers, transfer of organization ownership, management reorganization, or departure of key personnel within the next twelve (12) months?

Yes  No

List the name and business address of each person or legal entity, which has a 10% or more ownership or control interest in the Business (attach additional pages as necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Is Respondent authorized and/or licensed to do business in Texas?

Yes  No If “Yes”, list authorizations/licenses.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Where is the Respondent’s corporate headquarters located? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Local/County Operation:** Does the Respondent have an office located in San Antonio, Texas?

Yes  No If “Yes”, respond to a and b below:

a. How long has the Respondent conducted business from its San Antonio office?

Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

b. State the number of full-time employees at the San Antonio office.

If "No", indicate if Respondent has an office located within Bexar County, Texas:

Yes  No If "Yes", respond to c and d below:

c. How long has the Respondent conducted business from its Bexar County office?

Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

d. State the number of full-time employees at the Bexar County office. \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Debarment/Suspension Information:** Has the Respondent or any of its principals been debarred or suspended from contracting with any public entity?

Yes  No If "Yes", identify the public entity and the name and current phone number of a representative of the public entity familiar with the debarment or suspension, and state the reason for or circumstances surrounding the debarment or suspension, including but not limited to the period of time for such debarment or suspension.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any proceedings relating to the Business' responsibility, debarment, suspension, voluntary exclusion or qualification to receive a public contract?  Yes  No

If "Yes", state the name of the individual, organization contracted with and reason for proceedings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Surety Information:** Has the Respondent ever had a bond or surety canceled or forfeited?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the name of the bonding company, date, amount of bond and reason for such cancellation or forfeiture.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Bankruptcy Information:** Has the Respondent ever been declared bankrupt or filed for protection from creditors under state or federal proceedings?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the date, court, jurisdiction, cause number, amount of liabilities and amount of assets.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Disciplinary Action:** Has the Respondent ever received any disciplinary action, or any pending disciplinary action, from any regulatory bodies or professional organizations?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the name of the regulatory body or professional organization, date and reason for disciplinary or impending disciplinary action.

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**11. Previous Contracts:**

a. Has the Respondent ever failed to complete any contract awarded?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the name of the organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

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b. Has any officer or partner proposed for this assignment ever been an officer or partner of some other organization that failed to complete a contract?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the name of the individual, organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

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c. Has any officer or partner proposed for this assignment ever failed to complete a contract handled in his or her own name?

Yes  No If "Yes", state the name of the individual, organization contracted with, services contracted, date, contract amount and reason for failing to complete the contract.

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Have liquidated damages or penalty provisions been assessed against the Business for failure to complete the work on time or for any other reason?  Yes  No

**12. Is RESPONDENT, or its employee(s), currently employed/contracted by CENTER?**

Yes  No

Has RESPONDENT, or its employee(s), been employed/contracted by CENTER in the past two (2) years?

Yes  No

If yes to either question, whom and in what role(s) was the person(s) employed/contracted by CENTER? List name, CENTER title, dates of employment/contract and current title:

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**13. Background Checks:** Has the Respondent completed criminal history background checks on all current employees?

Yes  No

## REFERENCES

Provide three (3) references that Respondent has provided services related to the RFP Scope of Services to within the past three (3) years. References should not be current CENTER employees. The contact person named should be familiar with the day-to-day management of the contract and be willing to respond to questions regarding the type, level, and quality of service provided. **Upon submission, references are considered proprietary and confidential information.**

### Reference No. 1:

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 2:

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 3:

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Type of Service(s) Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART TWO**

### **EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS**

Prepare and submit narrative responses to address the following items. If RESPONDENT is proposing as a team or joint venture, provide the same information for each member of the team or joint venture.

1. Describe RESPONDENT'S company history, evidencing its strengths and stability, including number of years in business, licensing information (if applicable), number of years providing the type of service included in this Solicitation, existing customer satisfaction data, number of customers in Texas and areas covered in Texas.
2. Describe RESPONDENT'S experience relevant to the Scope of Services requested by this RFP. List and describe relevant projects of similar size and scope performed over the past four (4) years.
3. List other resources, including total number of employees, number and location of offices, number and types of equipment available to support this project.
4. State the primary work assignment and the percentage of time key personnel will devote to the project if awarded the contract.
5. Please feel free to include any additional skills, experiences, qualifications, and/or other relevant information about the RESPONDENT'S qualifications.
6. List all licenses, credentials, certifications, and/or accreditations the RESPONDENT currently holds. RESPONDENT shall provide licensure, if required, by the jurisdiction in which the service is to be performed and the license shall be current and in good standing.

## RFP ATTACHMENT A, PART THREE

### PROPOSED PLAN

Prepare and submit the following items. All questions must be answered.

1. Describe process of installation:
  - Does a site survey need to be performed for the locations listed?
  - If infrastructure exists (existing fiber) what is the timeline for installation?
  - If construction is required, what is the typical time frame?
2. Please provide hand-off types for each location. (Copper/fiber)
3. Currently, CENTER'S colocation site address is 100 Taylor St., San Antonio, TX 78205. All circuits will terminate here. Please list colocation sites in Bexar County in which RESPONDENT has a presence.
4. As service provider, will RESPONDENT cover cost of construction? In cases where cost is shared, please provide cost.
5. Will all services, installation, maintenance, repair, ticket submission be handled by RESPONDENT or outsourced to a third party? If outsourced, please include provider.
6. Will CENTER be provided access to manage, monitor, view reports, ticket submittal, order circuits and review billing? If so, how will RESPONDENT provide this access?
7. What equipment, if any, would CENTER be responsible for before hand-off?
8. Does RESPONDENT have a Site Preparation list for circuit installation? (Fire rated backboard, grounding wire, electrical requirements, etc.)? Please provide.
9. Does RESPONDENT provide CENTER the ability to modify bandwidth speeds in real time?
10. Will charges be adjusted up and down if bandwidth is adjusted, if applicable?
11. Please provide RESPONDENT'S response times for network outages. For example, if RESPONDENT experiences a fiber cut, when could CENTER expect it to be repaired? If there is an equipment failure and configuration issue, when can CENTER expect it to be resolved? Please include timeframes for regular business hours, after hours, weekends and holidays.
12. Please describe RESPONDENT'S escalation process.
13. Does RESPONDENT'S support extend beyond normal business hours? (M-F 8a -5p)? If after hours support is necessary, will CENTER incur any charges? If so, the rate?
14. Can CENTER terminate a circuit if CENTER loses funding for the program that utilizes the circuit? Are there early termination fees? If so, what are the costs?
15. Please provide support levels per price level proposed.
16. Please provide name of carrier providing last mile to locations listed.

**RFP ATTACHMENT B**

**PRICE SCHEDULE**

The proposal should include all fees to provide services listed in this RFP. Please include all costs of providing service to the CENTER. Please provide additional items/services that are offered by your company. This shall be a firm fixed price for the duration of the contracted term and any applicable extensions.

NOTE: The CENTER does not pay sales or use tax and such taxes cannot be passed on to the CENTER in any form.

<b>Speed</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Billing Frequency (Monthly, Annual, etc.)</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
50 Mbps			
100 Mbps			
150 Mbps			
250 Mbps			
400 Mbps			
500 Mbps			
600 Mbps			
1 Gbps			
10 Gbps			

**RFP ATTACHMENT C**

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

I, individually and on behalf of the business named above, do by my signature below certify that the information provided in this questionnaire is true and correct and I am authorized to bind the RESPONDENT contractually. I understand that if the information provided herein contains any false statements or any misrepresentations: 1) The CENTER will have the grounds to terminate any or all contracts which the CENTER has or may have with the business; 2) The CENTER may disqualify the business named above from consideration for contracts and may remove the business from the CENTER'S bidders list; or/and 3) The CENTER may have grounds for initiating legal action under federal, state, or local law. The signatory below is

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner  
(Owner, CEO, President, Majority Stockholder or  
Designated Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**RFP ATTACHMENT E**

**PROPOSAL CHECKLIST**

Use this checklist to ensure that all required documents have been included in the proposal and appear in the correct order.

Document	Initial to Indicate Document is Attached to Proposal
Table of Contents	
Executive Summary	
Assurances	
General Information and References RFP Attachment A, Part One	
Experience, Background & Qualifications RFP Attachment A, Part Two	
Proposed Plan RFP Attachment A, Part Three	
Price Schedule RFP Attachment B	
Proof of Insurability - Submit Copy of Current Certificate of Insurance	
*Signature Page RFP Attachment C	
*Conflicts of Interest Statement RFP Attachment D	
Proposal Checklist RFP Attachment E	
One (1) Original, five (5) copies and one (1) USB with entire proposal in Microsoft Word format	

**\*Documents marked with an asterisk on this checklist require a signature. Be sure they are signed prior to submittal of proposal.**