

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Voice Services

Cleveland Utilities Authority (“CUA”), Cleveland, TN is soliciting sealed competitive proposals (“Proposals”) for the Fiber Optic Cable Construction Project (“Project”) for CUA’s electrical grid modernization and broadband internet projects. This proposal is for the Voice Services required for the Project. A description of the Project and RFP documents may be found under the Broadband/RFP Information tab of the CU website at <https://www.clevelandutilities.com/rfp.php>

Responses to this RFP will be accepted by CUA until 3:00 PM (Eastern time) on **April 23, 2024** (the “Proposal Submittal Deadline”). **PROPOSALS MUST BE RETURNED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED “FIBER OPTIC CABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, BID# 042324-1”**. All timely submitted proposals will be publicly opened and the names of each proposer read aloud in Cleveland Utilities Tom Wheeler Training Center located at 2455 Guthrie Avenue NW, Cleveland, TN 37311. Proposals delivered by hand or overnight delivery, or regular mail must be delivered or sent to: Cleveland Utilities, ATTN: Walt Vineyard, Mailing: PO Box 2730, Cleveland, TN 37320; Physical: 2450 Guthrie Avenue NW, Cleveland, TN 37311. Only Proposals received by CUA at or before the Proposal Submittal Deadline will be opened and considered by CUA.

CUA reserves the right to waive all formalities and informalities in any bid received, to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever and to accept any bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of CUA.

It is the policy of Cleveland Utilities Authority to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, bidders agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy.