

Town of Wiscasset Request for Bids – Broadband Proposal

The Town of Wiscasset is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to determine need, feasibility and justification for providing affordable broadband high-speed fiber infrastructure to business and residents with a minimum symmetrical speed of 100 megabits per second, but preferably 1 gigabit per second.

This project will result in the production of a Broadband Business Plan containing a strategies and solutions, preliminary engineering and construction cost estimates, organizational and operational recommendations for future network implementation projects, and funding strategies for potential projects. The desired outcome of this planning effort is to provide a tool for the Town to implement an installation plan to serve the Town with fiber, connect businesses, and implement fiber to the homes (FTTH). This can be done as a single-phase rollout or in multiple phases, and the assessment should address this issue. If there is new or emerging technology such as wireless technology that can provide the same end result that should be a part of the recommendations. The Town of Wiscasset specifically, has an interest in making high-speed fiber internet service available to all residents and businesses at an affordable price.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope no later than 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2016 to Town Manager, “Broadband proposal,” 51 Bath Road, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. Sealed proposals will be accepted by mail or hand-delivery only. Bids will be opened in public during the Oct. 18th meeting of the Wiscasset Selectboard, which begins at 6 p.m.