

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MACON COUNTY HIGH-SPEED  
INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE EXPANSION PROJECT AND POSSIBLE GRANTS IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE SAME**

Please take notice that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §153A-349.60, Macon County, NC, is requesting and will accept sealed Proposals for Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project, until 4:00 p.m., on November 2, 2020, in the Macon County Finance Department, Attn.: **Ms. Lindsay Leopard, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734**. Macon County, within its sole discretion, may award grants by way of contract in connection with the same. Macon County will publicly open the sealed proposals received in the **Macon County Finance Department, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, on November 2, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.** Interested parties may obtain a complete copy of the actual Request for Proposal for Macon County High Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project which contains a complete description of the Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project desired by Macon County and other plans, specification, conditions and requirements in connection with the proposed service from **Lindsay Leopard, Macon County Finance Department, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, Phone Number (828) 524-1640, anytime between Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Any grant contract resulting from a proposal received by Macon County shall be awarded to the person or entity using the evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal for Macon County High Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project. The factors to be considered by Macon County, NC, in awarding any grant contract are identified in and contained in the actual Request for Proposal for Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project, a complete copy of which can be obtained from **Lindsay Leopard, Macon County Finance Department, Macon County Courthouse Annex, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, Phone Number (828) 524-1640, anytime between Monday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

All proposals in response to said Request for Proposals for Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project shall be made to Macon County Finance Department, Attn.: Ms. Lindsay Leopard, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina 28734, in sealed envelopes containing such proposal and be **marked upon the outside RFP # 02-119900P. The same are due no later than 4:00 p.m., on November 2, 2020.**

All questions regarding the Request for Proposals for Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project shall be directed to **Lindsay Leopard, Macon County Finance Department, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, Phone Number (828) 524-1640.**

Issuance of the Request for Proposals for Macon County High-Speed Internet Access Service Expansion Project does not commit Macon County, NC, to award any grant contract, to pay any costs incurred in preparation of a proposal or to procure or contract for related services or supplies. Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and compete for subcontracting work and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Macon County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.