

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RVIT LAST MILE FIBER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Issued by: EnerTribe Inc. on behalf of Round Valley Indian Tribe

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Round Valley Indian Tribes (RVIT) invites qualified contractors to submit proposals for the construction of a fiber-to-the-home network as part of the RVIT Last Mile Fiber Project. This project is funded in coordination with the SB-156 Middle Mile initiative and will deliver high-speed broadband to RVIT residents and community facilities.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project involves the permitting, engineering, and construction of approximately 235,595 linear feet of mostly underground 144-strand fiber, capable of delivering 10Gbps service. The network will interconnect with the SB-156 Middle Mile initiative.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 Pre-Construction Activities

- Attend kickoff meetings with RVIT and EnerTribe.
- Complete detailed engineering designs (routes, placement, environmental review) working with EnerTribe.
- Conduct make-ready assessments for poles and underground routes.
- Coordinate with utility companies for attachments and rights-of-way.
- Secure all necessary permits (e.g., Caltrans) working with EnerTribe.
- Submit a detailed BOM and construction schedule for approval.

3.2 Construction & Installation

- Aerial Fiber (if applicable):
 - Install fiber on approved utility poles with proper tensioning.
 - Conduct splicing and testing of aerial runs.
- Underground Fiber (if applicable):
 - Perform trenching, boring, or micro-trenching.
 - Install conduit, vaults, pedestals, and handholes.
 - Backfill with native soil and restore disturbed areas to original condition.
- Fiber Splicing and Testing:
 - Perform fiber optic splicing, terminations, and enclosures.
 - Conduct OTDR and power meter tests; provide test results to EnerTribe/RVIT.
- Service Drops & Customer Premises Installations:

- Install service drops to homes and community buildings.
- Install ONTs and test service activation.

3.3 Compliance & Reporting

- Ensure compliance with NEPA, Tribal, and federal funding requirements.
- Maintain documentation of as-builts and GIS data.
- Provide regular progress reports.
- Conduct safety audits and comply with OSHA standards.
- Participate in inspections with RVIT, EnerTribe, and funding agencies.

4. PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- Approved project schedule with milestones.
- Finalized engineering and make-ready plans.
- Permitting documentation.
- Fully installed operational fiber network.
- Fiber testing results.
- Complete as-built drawings.

5. TIMELINE

All work must be completed no later than December 2026.

Key milestones include (to be finalized in negotiation):

- Project Kickoff
- Engineering Completion
- Permit Approvals
- Backbone Fiber Installation
- Splicing and Testing
- Customer Installations
- Project Completion

6. PERFORMANCE BOND

The contractor will be responsible for obtaining and providing such a bond as well. Both bonds must be issued by a surety company acceptable to the client and must be provided prior to the commencement of work. The contractor will provide a 100% performance bond to guarantee the completion of the project in accordance with the contract terms and specifications. Additionally, if the client (the Tribe) requires a payment bond to ensure payment to subcontractors, suppliers, and laborers, the co.

7. PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT

Contractors must comply with California Prevailing Wage Laws.

- Certified payroll records must be submitted as required.
- All workers must be paid prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

8. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Work must comply with local, state, Tribal, and federal codes.
- The contractor must secure and maintain all necessary permits.
- OSHA-compliant safety practices, including shoring of trenches, are mandatory.
- Restore any disturbed areas or damaged features to original or better condition.
- Daily site cleanup and disposal of debris.
- Use California 811 system for utility locates.
- Contractor provides all utilities needed for construction (water, power, sanitation).
- Provide traffic control for work in public rights-of-way.
- Contractor is responsible for jobsite safety, public safety measures (lights, barricades, flaggers).
- Contractor shall hire and train Tribal members for roles in this construction project, providing them with the skills, certifications, and hands on experience needed for long term employment opportunities in the industry.
- Contractor will defend, indemnify, and hold RVIT and EnerTribe harmless for liabilities arising from construction activities (except sole negligence of the owner or engineer).

9. CHANGE ORDERS

Any changes to the scope, budget, or schedule must be approved in writing via formal Change Order before implementation.

10. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must include:

- Company qualifications and relevant experience.
- Detailed work plan and approach.
- Preliminary project schedule with milestones.
- Proposed staffing plan.
- Itemized cost proposal.
- Evidence of ability to provide the required performance bond.
- Statement of compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

11. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Qualifications and experience.
- Technical approach.
- Proposed schedule.
- Cost competitiveness.
- Commitment to local hiring and Tribal employment (if applicable).
- References from similar projects.

12. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit proposals in PDF format to:

Chris Stewart

chris.stewart@enertribe.com

Due Date: 8/12/2025

13. QUESTIONS

All questions must be submitted in writing by 8/8/2025 to:

chris.stewart@enertribe.com

14. RIGHTS RESERVED

RVIT reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals.
- Waive irregularities in proposals.
- Negotiate changes to scope or budget with the selected contractor.
- Award based on overall best value to RVIT.

15. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment: Route Map (if applicable)

16. CONTRACT TERMS

The selected contractor will be required to sign RVIT's Independent Contractor Agreement, including all terms from the attached SOW.

17. CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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