

Louisa County Broadband Authority
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**LOUISA COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY'S RFP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF WIRELESS NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AND ONGOING NETWORK
OPERATIONS**

LOUISA, VIRGINIA – The Louisa County Broadband Authority is pleased to announce the solicitation via Request for Proposals (RFP) of engineering and ongoing operations for broadband infrastructure in Louisa County. The proposed project will consist of ten towers up to 199' high, and active radio communications equipment to interconnect the towers with throughput speeds of approximately 300 megabits per second. Schools, businesses, and many residents in the County will benefit from the access to reliable broadband which the infrastructure will make possible. This step represents the first phase of infrastructure intended to enable and encourage broadband coverage by private Internet Service Providers.

“The effort has been thoroughly evaluated and we’re ready for results,” said **Melvin Burruss**, Authority Board Chairman. “This RFP represents an important step toward our goal of providing reliable broadband in the County.”

The selected vendor will facilitate the planning and development of the effort, including construction for strategically placed towers in locations which will serve as much of the County as possible. The vendor will be responsible for project design, construction management, ongoing operations, and related tasks for the project and the Authority’s planned infrastructure. The period of the contract is to be determined and may be renewable.

“Louisa is a great community,” said **Stephanie Koren**, one of two representatives from the Louisa County Board of Supervisors on the Authority Board. “I’m proud of the Broadband Authority’s efforts to make it even better.”

The solicitation (RFP #BBA-16-01) was released Friday, April 8, 2016, and all proposals must be received until Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., local time prevailing. Any and all inquiries regarding the RFP may be directed to Sam Massie, Purchasing Coordinator, Post Office Box 160, Louisa, Virginia 23093; (540)967-3404 or smassie@louisa.org.

To access the RFP, visit louisacounty.com/procurement and click on RFP-BBA-16-01 link.

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