

TOWN OF CHESTERTON

ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Town of Chesterton and its Redevelopment Commission (collectively, “Town”) issue this addendum to the previously released Request for Proposal dated June 29, 2016, regarding the selection of an operator (“Operator”) to operate the fiber optic system (“CFON”) the Town contemplates installing. The sections of the RFP modified by this addendum are as follows:

Page 3, third paragraph, is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Town desires to construct a redundant, stable, secure, and scalable dark fiber optic network – along with associated communications infrastructure to light the fiber network – that will accommodate the current and future telecommunication needs of the Town in order to enhance capabilities to existing businesses and attract new businesses to the community.

Page 4, fifth paragraph, is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Town intends to select an Operator for Phase II from Respondents to this RFP on or after September 12, 2016, and to finalize a contract as soon thereafter as possible.

Page 4, entitled “Goals of Project,” is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Town’s primary goals are to provide reliable, cost effective, high-speed connectivity to Town governmental, educational, medical and business facilities, and to enhance the capabilities of existing businesses and drive economic development by attracting new businesses. Consistent with these primary goals, the Town seeks proposals that will address access and service to customers within the Town, the ability of the Town to recoup its investment in the CFON and the long term growth, financial stability and sustainability of the CFON.

Page 6, entitled “Schedule,” is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

RFP Responses submitted to the Town should include all proposal requirements in accordance with the Requirements of the Proposal (See Section VI). This schedule is as follows:

	<i>Activity/Event</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
RFP Available		June 29, 2016
Addendum to RFP		August 10, 2016
Deadline for Submission of written questions		August 19, 2016
Proposal Due Date		September 2, 2016
Anticipated selection of CFON Operator		On or after September 12, 2016

Page 12, Section entitled, “CFON Network Openness and Carrier Neutrality Goal,” is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Operator will license the dark fiber from the Town, light the dark fiber as necessary, and provide service to end users within the Town. The Operator may propose to have exclusive access to customers within the Town for a defined number of years. The Operator may also make available CFON capacity to other Internet Service Providers in an open, non-discriminatory fashion, provided making CFON capacity available to other Internet Service Providers is consistent with the goals of the Town.

Selection criteria for the Operator reflect a commitment by the Town to achieve its goals of providing high-speed connectivity to existing government and business facilities and to attract new business. The Town will make these criteria part of the negotiated Operator Agreement.

Through the Operator Agreement, the Town will also require the selected Operator to use generally accepted technical measures to allocate bandwidth, to prevent security risks, attacks, and other harmful activities, and to provide acceptable services to all customers.

Page 13, Section entitled “Network Operations,” is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Operator will be responsible for 24/7 network operation, management, monitoring, and maintenance of the CFON. The Operator will be responsible for maintaining the CFON to a high quality standard, in line with similar fiber networks providing mission critical data services. Each Response should include proposed Service Level Agreements (SLAs), proposed Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for the Town to track, and the Respondent’s expected performance against those KPIs.

Page 21, first paragraph, is modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The Operator should have a unique opportunity to generate revenue from CFON retail and wholesale customers as outlined above. Consistent with the Towns’ goals, the Operator should propose an operating revenue sharing model that will allow the Operator to meet its obligations to the Town under the Agreement, attract and serve customers, and provide capacity to other Internet Service Providers in an open, non-discriminatory fashion that ensures the long term financial stability and sustainability of the CFON.