

**Request For Information – Building, Operating and Managing Fiber Communications
Systems Infrastructure
Issue Date: April 20, 2016
RFI Due Date: May 11, 2016**

The City of Marysville, The City of Dublin, Union County, and the Union County Community Improvement Corporation (Collectively called the “Partnership”), is issuing this Request for Information (“RFI”) which requests responses from entities that may be interested in entering into negotiations with the Partnership with respect to the building, management, marketing, leasing/licensing, development and operation of fiber optic communications systems infrastructure more fully described below. The Partnership has had several discussions with entities regarding the building, management, marketing, operation, development and leasing/licensing of a fiber communications system but now desires a more formal process. Pursuant to this RFI, the Partnership is formally requesting responses from interested entities for the purpose of selecting a single entity to negotiate with the Partnership. Any interested entity (for the purposes of this RFI, the “Respondent”) is encouraged to respond to the RFI, in accordance with the guidelines below.

The Proposed build is a fiber optic network which connects the following key locations:

1. Dublin Metro Data Center: 565 Metro Pl. Ste. #300 Dublin, Ohio 43017
2. Transportation Research Center
3. The Honda Data Center
4. The Marysville Fiber Network (Map Attached)
5. Businesses along the Industrial Parkway corridor between Dublin and Marysville.

It is desired that at least one of the fiber routes either transits Industrial Parkway or the US 33 Right-of-way. Please assume that for the purposes of this RFI that Partnership will obtain permission to place fiber optics in the US 33 Right-of Way.

The fiber system can be sized in any way the Respondent deems appropriate. It can be any fiber count deemed appropriate, although we believe a minimum of 48 fibers is necessary for the Partnership, more fiber will be considered better. The system must be built in a loop structure.

The system may be owned and managed by Respondent or the system may be built by Respondent and owned by the Partnership. In the event that the Respondent owns the system the Partnership may lease fiber and be the anchor tenant of the build or conversely should the Partnership own the fiber system the Respondent may lease the fiber and be the anchor tenant.

Management, relocation maintenance spotting and repair is desired by the Partnership but not required. The Partnership may, should it own the system, have the system managed by a third-party.

There can be no limitation on what the Partnership may do with its’ fiber should the Partnership be the lessee of fiber. Should the Partnership own the fiber, Respondent should it desire to do so should indicate how much fiber it would like to lease and at what price. Conversely, should the Respondent own the fiber system it should indicate how many fibers would be available for lease

by the Partnership and what the cost of that leasing would be. For purposes of this RFI, the Partnership is using the term “lease” but it could also use “Indefeasible Right to Use” as the transmittal of ownership agreement.

Autonomous/Connected Vehicle System

There is a great deal of interest in exploiting the US 33 Corridor for the testing and operation of autonomous vehicles and the creation of a connected vehicle system. The Respondent may include information on how the fiber will be connected vehicle ready. Therefore, the US 33 Corridor Right-of-Way is a preferred but not mandatory location for the fiber system. Should the Respondent’s proposed route not include the US 33 Corridor, it would be desirable but not mandatory to indicate what the cost of building laterals and/or splice boxes into the corridor would be, to support the autonomous/connected vehicle project and to access businesses along the Industrial Parkway corridor.

Partnership Expectations and Guidelines for Response

In its response, the Respondent should provide the following:

- Completed Forms I and II.
- Overview of the Respondent demonstrating its capabilities to perform the services described herein, including its experience and financial resources which would qualify the Respondent as the best partner for the fiber communications systems infrastructure project described in this RFI. (Please limit to no more than five (5) pages).
- Based on the project description, the Respondent should provide its strategies on structuring a potential transaction. (Please limit to no more than three (3) pages).
- Describe the proposed project build with a map and estimate the cost to build, and very importantly;
 1. The cost to the Partnership to own and lease the fiber.
 2. How much fiber the Partnership will own or lease.

Timeline and Review

This RFI is being issued on April 20, 2016 ("Issue Date"). If a Respondent intends to provide a response to this RFI, the Respondent should provide its contact information (including email address) to the Partnership’s Authorized Representative (as defined below) upon receipt hereof. The Partnership may elect to issue addenda to this RFI, which will also be posted on the City of Dublin’s website. If a Respondent provides its contact information, the Partnership will also provide a copy of the addenda to the Respondent by email. Any time after the Issue Date until three (3) business days before the RFI Due Date (as defined below), the Respondent may contact the Partnership’s Authorized Representative with any questions pertinent to this RFI. The Partnership’s Authorized Representative and pertinent contact information is as follows:

Gregory Dunn, Partner
Ice Miller
250 West Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Following the Issue Date, the Partnership shall not contact to discuss the RFI, any person who is an employee, officer, elected official or agent of the Partnership (including its members), with respect to this RFI, except the Partnership's Authorized Representative identified above. The Partnership may disqualify the response of any Respondent who makes such contact.

Responses to this RFI shall be delivered by email to the Partnership's Authorized Representative at the email address provided above no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on May 11, 2016 (the "RFI Due Date"). The Partnership shall disqualify any response not received by such date or which does not follow the procedures and guidelines described in this RFI.

Following receipt of the responses, the Partnership's Authorized Representative may contact the Respondent for clarification and questions with respect to the contents of the response. No timeline has been established for the review period by the Partnership. Therefore, if a Respondent's response has an expiration date, please reflect it in the response. The Partnership reserves the right to cancel this RFI, modify the RFI, modify the process, or the scope of the project. This RFI does not commit or bind the Partnership to enter into a PPA or proceed with the procurement described herein.

Confidentiality of Response

The Respondent's RFI response is not confidential and will be subject to disclosure in its entirety except the parts of the RFI that may be treated as confidential, in the sole discretion of the Partnership, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code ("Public Records Act"). Each Respondent, by submitting an RFI response to the Partnership consents to such disclosure and expressly waives any right to contest such disclosure under the Public Records Act.

Notwithstanding any proposed redactions and/or claims of exemption asserted by any Respondent, the Partnership shall have sole discretion to determine the applicability of any exemptions under the Public Records Act and of the contents to be disclosed in response to a request thereunder. Under no circumstances will the Partnership or its employees, agents (including the Partnership's Authorized Representative), or members be responsible or liable to a Respondent or any other party as a result of disclosing any such materials, including the redacted material, whether the disclosure is deemed required by law or by an order of court or occurs through inadvertence, mistake or negligence on the part of the Partnership, or its employees, agents, or members.

Submission of an RFI response constitutes the Respondent's agreement to the provisions of this section of the RFI.

FORM I
INFORMATION REGARDING
RESPONDENT FIRM

Name of Respondent Firm: ____

Name of Contact Person: ____

Title of Contact Person: _____

Address of Contact Person : ____

Telephone No. of Contact Person:

Email of Contact Person:

Business Organization (check one):

Corporation (If yes, complete Sections A-B and the Certification form for the corporation)

Partnership (If yes, complete Sections A-C and the Certification form for each member.)

Joint Venture (If yes, complete Sections A-C and the Certification form for each member.)

Limited Liability Company (If yes, complete Sections A-C and the Certification form for each member.)

Other (If yes, describe and complete Sections A-C and the Certification form)

A. Firm Name: _____

B. CEO/Chairman Name: _____

Address of Firm Headquarters: _____

Federal Tax ID No: _____

Year Established: _____

Jurisdiction in which Firm Established:

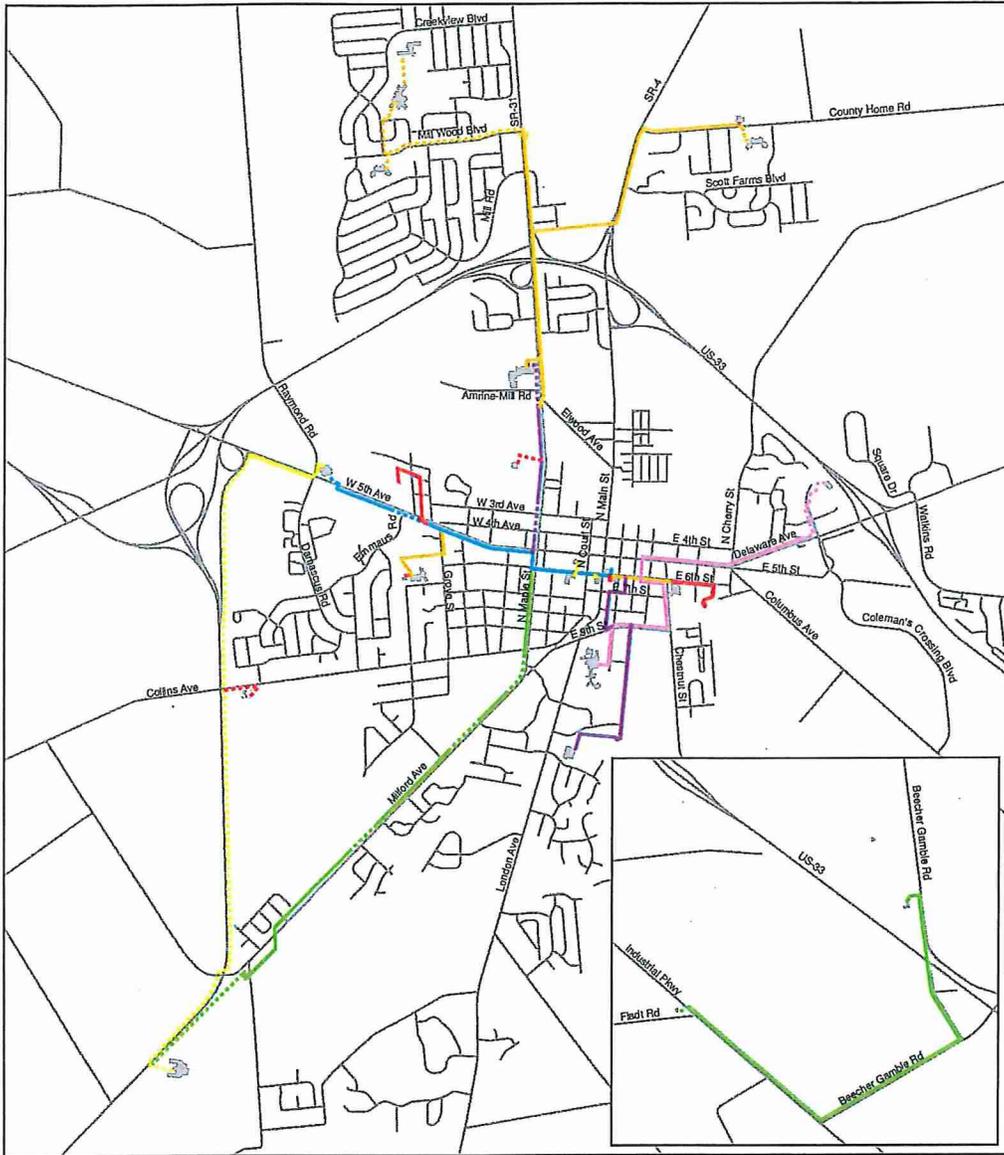
C. If the entity is a Joint Venture, Partnership or Limited Liability Company, indicate the name and role of each member firm in the space below.

<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Role</u>

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized to represent these matters on behalf of the firm:

By: _____ Print Name:

Title: _____ Date:



Fiber Count (Underground, Overhead)

6	(1,878', 3,828')
12	(5,979', 16,931')
24	(15,255', 2,261')
48	(6,234', 20,142')
72	(1,268', 6,218')
96	(1,788', 8,114')
144	(2,023', 7,954')
Total: 99,873' (34,425', 65,448')	

Dashed line indicates underground build

NOTE: This map is a resource to be used for general information purposes only. The City of Marysville shall assume no liability for any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided.

All GIS data layers are referenced in the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, Horizontal - North American Datum (NAD) 83 (95) Vertical - North American Datum Vertical Datum (NAVD) 88, Units - Surveyors Feet.

All data has been developed from public records that are constantly undergoing change and is not warranted for content, completeness, or accuracy. The City of Marysville does not warrant, guarantee or represent the data to be fit for a particular use or purpose.

UCCOG Fiber Map

March 18, 2015