



## **Volo.net Internet+Tech**

# **Grant 21-431018 OSP Construction Request For Proposals**

Champaign County, Illinois

Addendum #2 – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## RFP Changes through 2/4/2025

### **PON1 BM21 unit - REMOVED**

In the interest of focusing solely on the OSP aspects in this contract, we are removing BM21 from this RFP. Please see updated Appendix A and C dated 2025-02-07.

We are providing updated Appendix A and C files that leave that item out, but we will accept prior versions that included this unit if they are submitted: we will simply remove that cost prior to evaluation for Contractors that include BM21 in their responses.

### **Removal of ACH Request Form from Proposal Requirements**

Proposal Requirements item 2 is updated to remove the requirement of submitting an ACH Request Form at this juncture. It now reads:

2. Any firm responding Firm must become a Volo Approved Vendor to expedite matters if the Firm(s) are to be selected as the winning vendor. The Firm will need to complete and submit the following documents (forms to be provided in electronic format) with their submission:
  - Contractor Safety Pre-Qualification Form
  - W-9
  - Certificate of Insurance (COI),
  - Submit at least three credit references (these can be different, or the same references requested for past work).
  - Including any additional information as requested by Grantor

### **Changes to Proposal Format**

**Item 12 updated to read:**

12. **Bidder's Qualifications Form and other attachments:** Fill out and attach the below Bidder's Qualifications, W9, and ACH Request forms with your proposal, followed by:

- A current Certificate of Insurance (COI)
- At least three credit references (these can be different, or the same references requested for past work)

Compile all documents and submit via email to: [w.tomlinson@finleyusa.com](mailto:w.tomlinson@finleyusa.com)

# Responses to Questions Submitted by Contractors

## Question #1

- What is the scope of work included in the BM21 unit at the PON 1 equipment site?

### *Response #1*

- Per above: In the interest of focusing solely on the OSP aspects in this contract, we are removing BM21 from this RFP. Please see updated Appendix A and C dated 2025-02-07 included with this Addendum #2. Contractors that include these items will not be penalized: will have it removed prior to evaluation, to ensure fair consideration.

## Question #2

- Will you be providing the ACH form?

### *Response #2*

- We are going to remove the ACH form requirement from this RFP.

## Question #3

- Will handhole locations be staked before construction?

### *Response #3*

- Finley will pound lathe at all handhole locations before construction.

## Question #4

- Will the proposed running line be staked before construction?

### *Response #4*

- Running line will not be staked before construction.

## Question #5

- The map shows path creation to the premises, is that part of this project?

### *Response #5*

- No that is not, drops are not a part of this RFP.

## Question #6

- Who is responsible for locates?

### *Response #6*

- Contractor is responsible for contacting JULIE to request utility locates at least 2 business days prior to construction, and generally following all “call before you dig” and related damage prevention rules.
- Utilities are responsible for performing the locate within 2 business days
- Owner will coordinate with drainage districts regarding existence of any unmarked field tile, and attempt to mark it, and will be responsible for repairing damage to any

unmarked field tile. Contractor is responsible for promptly noticing and repairing any damage to marked tile.

## Updated Proposal Format

To aid in the evaluation of construction service proposals, Volo requires that proposals follow this outline:

1. **Cover Letter:** Indicate your firm's interest in the project and highlight your proposal's key points.
2. **Firm Overview:** Include company history, number of employees by discipline, company locations, location of office where this project will be managed, length of time your firm has provided similar services, and other relevant information. Volo requires the selected Firm to be licensed to do business in Illinois.
3. **Project Approach:** Provide a detailed narrative and proposed schedule describing your specific approach and your ability to meet the needs of this Project. Outline your understanding of the Project and identify critical issues based on your Firm's experience. Please include all technologies proposed for construction, placement, and delivery outlined in the proposal.
4. **References:** Please provide at least three (3) references where your organization has completed a construction project similar to our request. Please include each reference's name, address, phone number, email address, and a description of the work and completed dates.
5. **Socioeconomic and Location Considerations:**

Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms under 2 CFR § 200.321, the Recipient and its sub-recipients must take all necessary affirmative steps (as described in 2 CFR § 200.321) to ensure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

Please identify the extent to which Small Businesses (SBs), Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs), HUBZone Small Businesses, Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs) Woman-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs), Minority-Owned Businesses (MOBs), or Local Businesses (LBs) would be utilized in the performance of this proposed contract.

A small business is defined by the Small Business Administration's size regulation 13 CFR 121.201. In addition, as determined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code applicable to this RFP, the offeror's participation as an SB, VOSB, SDVOSB, HUBZone SB, SDB, WOSB, MOB or LB is to be identified in the Socioeconomic and Location Considerations section of this RFP, and DBE participation will be considered in evaluating the Socioeconomic Considerations and Location as an evaluation factor.
6. **Value Add:** Firms should include any "value-added" solutions in their responses to this RFP. Solutions will be evaluated for feasibility and benefits to the project's program goals. If the value-added solution is deemed feasible and beneficial, it will be considered in assessing the Socioeconomic Considerations, Location, and Value-Added evaluation factors.
7. **Financial Statements:** Include information about your financial stability, pending lawsuits or legal actions against your company, a current copy of an Illinois Certificate of Good Standing, and contact information for your financial institution. Include your coverage for general liability, workers' compensation, professional liability, and errors & omissions insurance. Volo requires a minimum of \$1,000,000 in liability insurance.

8. **Other Current Projects:** Indicate your client workload and any other projects your team is committed to, including project time frames. If you have any project that may cause a conflict of interest or could otherwise hinder your proposed timeframes, please describe those projects and how your firm manages multiple client priorities.

9. **Compliance with Illinois Works Jobs Program Act:**

Indicate whether you will -

- A. \_\_\_ Comply with the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act through apprentices you will supply (5 points)
- B. \_\_\_ Request Owner to supply apprentices that will work with your crews, and if so how many and which PW classifications will be required (5 points), or
- C. \_\_\_ Request waiver of the 10% Apprenticeship Requirement (0 points)

10. **Production Efficiency:** Owner recognizes that inefficient construction will be bad for Contractor and Owner and will weigh Contractor's preferences in order to maximize construction and cost efficiency as follows.

- A. Please specify how many miles of contiguous, easement-acquired construction path (CECP) you will require Owner to provide prior to mobilization:

Pre-Mobilization CECP \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Please specify how many miles of Owner Furnished Materials you will require Owner to have on-hand prior to mobilization:

Pre-Mobilization CECP \_\_\_\_\_

- C. Upon construction start, how many miles per week of contiguous, easement-acquired construction path and materials will be required to maintain your crews' productivity:

Ongoing weekly CECP \_\_\_\_\_

- D. If Owner meets the above criteria for mobilization and material availability, what is your proposed completion date:

Proposed Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dates after September 1, 2025 will be considered if they do not push project completion beyond the State's funding deadlines, but will result in some reduction in total points awarded under "Contractor Availability/Schedule". If owner fails to meet above criteria, completion date will be adjusted.

- E. Owner is considering whether to supply toneable duct and/or use toneable, armored, cable. If Contractor's rate for BFOV and/or BM60 line items should be reduced if tracer wire is not

required, identify those savings (negative number) or additional costs (positive number) per foot here:

No-Tracer savings on BFOV/BM60 \_\_\_\_\_

- F. Owner is planning to supply duct with pull tape. If Contractor's rate for BFOxxl units would be altered by removal of the pull tape, identify those savings (negative number) or additional costs (positive number) per foot here:

No-Pull-tape savings on BFOxxl items \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Pricing Proposal:** Attach an Excel .xlsx spreadsheet containing the provided "Grant 21-431018 Volo CONNECT Champaign County OSP Construction RFP - Appendix A 2025-02-04.xlsx" spreadsheet with columns D and E filled in with your proposed cost per unit.

12. **Bidder's Qualifications Form and other attachments:** Fill out and attach the below Bidder's Qualifications, W9, and ACH Request forms with your proposal, followed by:

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## BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

To be submitted in accordance with the provisions set forth in "Notice and Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bidding documents for the project.

The undersigned Bidder makes the following representations relating to its proposal to **Gargoyle Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Volo.net Internet+Tech**

for (Business name and project name)

**Connect Illinois Round 3 Grant 21-431018 - Volo Connect CC Phase 1 OSP Construction**

1. The Bidder maintains a permanent place of business at

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Bidder possesses adequate financial resources as indicated by the following abbreviated statement:

Financial condition at close of business \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSETS:**

|              |   |          |
|--------------|---|----------|
| (a)          | Cash in bank and on hand _____                        | \$ _____ |
| (b)          | Receivable -- notes, open accounts and interest _____ | _____    |
| (c)          | Stock and bonds _____                                 | _____    |
| (d)          | Real estate, furniture and fixtures, materials _____  | _____    |
| (e)          | Equipment _____                                       | _____    |
| (f)          | Other assets (name) _____                             | _____    |
| TOTAL ASSETS |   | \$ _____ |

**LIABILITIES:**

|                   |  |          |
|-------------------|--|----------|
| (a)               | Payable--notes, open accounts and interest _____ | \$ _____ |
| (b)               | Real estate encumbrances _____                   | _____    |
| (c)               | Other encumbrances (name) _____                  | _____    |
| (d)               | Reserves _____                                   | _____    |
| (e)               | Capital stock paid up (all classes) _____        | _____    |
| (f)               | Surplus--net worth _____                         | _____    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |  | \$ _____ |

In addition to the foregoing, a complete and detailed financial statement will be furnished if required.

3. The following judgments are outstanding against the Bidder:

|                 | <i>Judgement Creditors</i> | <i>Where Docketed and Date</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| (a)             | _____                      | - -                            | \$ _____      |
| (b)             | _____                      | - -                            | _____         |
| TOTAL JUDGMENTS |                            |                                | _____         |

4. In the event the contract is awarded to the Bidder, a surety bond in a penal sum not less than the maximum Contract price will be furnished by:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The Bidder will make available for use in connection with the proposed construction the following construction plant and equipment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. The Bidder has had the following experience on other similar work:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. If awarded the contract for the construction of the Project, the Bidder will employ the construction superintendents and supervisors listed hereunder for work throughout the course of the construction of the Project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attached hereto are signed statements of the qualifications of said superintendents and supervisors, including specific experience in supervision of construction of the type of facilities included in the plans and specifications.

8. The Bidder now has the following bonded jobs under contract:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

9. The Bidder possesses Contractor's License No. \_\_\_\_\_ for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ in which the Project is located, and said license expires on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

10. The Bidder to provide their most recent Experience Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

11. The Bidder hereby represents and warrants that all statements set forth herein are true and correct. (If the Bidder is a partnership, the partnership name must be signed, followed by the signature of at least one of the partners. If the bidder is a corporation, the corporate name must be signed, followed by the signature of a duly authorized officer and the corporate seal affixed. A typewritten copy of all such names and signatures shall be appended. No alterations, erasures, corrections or interlineations will be permitted.)

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Bidder

|               |                    |                |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| _____<br>Date | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Title |
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