

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

FEDERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND SURVEY, Odanah, Wisconsin

FOR A FIBER BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT FUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING: Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, ARPA Broadband Access Grants in docket 5-BF-2022, PSC REF#:424857

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through a competitive solicitation for the preparation of a **Federal Right-of-Way (ROW) Land Survey** in support of its **Fiber Broadband Rez Connect Project**.

The scope of work includes the preparation of **Maps of Definite Location (MDLs)** identifying affected parcels of individually owned land, allotments, and Tribal trust land. MDLs must be stamped and signed by a licensed professional surveyor or engineer and must clearly define the precise limits of land owned by, or legally accessed by, the Bad River Tribe. Services also include assisting the Tribe with the review of land title documents, identification of encumbrances, and establishment of boundaries using field measurements, maps, and legal descriptions; preparation of title commitments, as applicable; and completion of **Federal Right-of-Way Survey Maps** in accordance with the minimum standard detail requirements for Federal Right-of-Way Land Surveys as specified under **25 CFR Part 169**, applicable **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** standards, and the requirements of the project funders.

For this linear infrastructure project, use of a **strip description format** based on a defined centerline is acceptable. Survey data and deliverables shall be submitted in both signed hard-copy form and digital formats, including but not limited to **AutoCAD** and/or **ArcGIS-compatible files**.

Maps of Definite Location (MDLs) and survey deliverables shall include, at a minimum:

- A legal description showing the size and location of the right-of-way, expressed in acres;
- The associated **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** tract number; and
- A professional seal, signature, and date from a licensed surveyor or engineer.

Proposals must include the following information:

- Technical qualifications of the firm or office;
- Demonstrated experience with similar Federal ROW or tribal land survey projects, including project references with contact names, phone numbers, and dates for projects completed within the last **five (5) years**, preferably in small or rural communities;
- Demonstrated ability to complete the survey in a timely manner, including identification of key staff assigned to the project and brief resumes or documentation of relevant experience;
- Evidence of the firm's ability to deliver a complete and thorough work product that complies with the minimum standard detail requirements of **25 CFR Part 169**, applicable **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** standards, and funding agency requirements; and
- A **total cost proposal**, inclusive of all services required to complete the scope of work.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 5123. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Proposals may be submitted in person, by delivery service or regular mail to the Executive Secretary at the following address labeled 'FEDERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND SURVEY FIBER BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT, Odanah, Wisconsin and by March 25, 2026 at 11 am to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
72682 Maple St/PO Box 39
Odanah, WI 54861-0039
p.dax@badriver-nsn.gov

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Matt Eitrem, GIS Coordinator, (715) 682-7111 and brgis@badriver-nsn.gov and Kelly Shaggy, Superior Connections Manager at scmanager@superiorconnections.com

Bid opening will be scheduled at the Chief Blackbird Center, 72682 Maple St, Odanah, WI 54861 on March 25, 2026 at 1:00 pm (Bad River will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders within 10 calendar days if bid is \$25,000 or greater)

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

Program:	<u>Kelly Shaggy</u>
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