# NAVAJO NATION BROADBAND OFFICE

Office of the President and Vice President

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# Request for Expressions of Interest for Broadband Deployment in the Navajo Nation

The Navajo Nation is seeking expressions of interest from firms with expertise in telecommunications infrastructure to significantly enhance connectivity across Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. This effort aims to lay the foundation for the implementation of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and further the development of 5G technology throughout the Nation.

### **Project Overview:**

**Goals**: Build 76 new multitenant communications towers, extend approximately 1,500 miles of fiber to connect existing and new towers, and expand fiber connectivity to Chapter Houses, creating a robust infrastructure for future technology initiatives.

**Funding**: The project will be funded by the Navajo Nation. Other development incentives are being considered.

#### **Requirements for Submission:**

Interested companies should submit a response (submissions must be concise, formatted to a maximum of 2 pages) addressing at a minimum the following topics:

- Company Profile: Include a brief history and organizational structure; highlight experience in large-scale deployment telecom projects.
- Technical Expertise: Detail capabilities in telecommunications structure and fiber installations, including strategic partnerships.
- Financial Stability: Provide evidence of financial health.
- Regulatory Compliance: Confirm compliance with all relevant regulations and registration to conduct business in the Navajo Nation.
- Telecommunications Experience: Describe previous projects, particularly on tribal lands or similar environments.

#### **Submission Details:**

Please submit your expression of interest via email with the Subject Line: RFEI NN Broadband Deployment by 4/30/2024 to Sonia Nez at <a href="mailto:sonianez@navajo-nsn.gov">sonianez@navajo-nsn.gov</a> and Bernardo Portilla at <a href="mailto:bportilla@americasrf.com">bportilla@americasrf.com</a>

Selected firms will be invited to participate in the formal RFP process.

#### **Contact:**

For inquiries, please contact Sonia Nez at <a href="mailto:sonianez@navajo-nsn.gov">sonianez@navajo-nsn.gov</a> and Bernardo Portilla <a href="mailto:bportilla@americasrf.com">bportilla@americasrf.com</a>

This strategic initiative is crucial for advancing technological access and connectivity within the Navajo Nation, supporting broadband equity for the Navajo People.