

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Engineering & Program Management Partner for TBCP Round 3 Funding & Deployment

- **Issuing Organization:** Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. (SRTI)
- **Entity Type:** Tribal business entity of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- **Issue Date:** September 14, 2026
- **RFP Closing Date:** September 24, 2026 (11:59 PM CST)
- **Follow-up Notifications:** September 27, 2026
- **Primary Contact:** Fred McLaughlin, fred@standingrocktelecom.com

1. Project Purpose & Overview

Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. (SRTI), established in 2009 to deliver vital broadband and telecommunications services across the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering and program management firms.

SRTI is actively exploring all funding mechanisms under the **NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) Round 3**. SRTI seeks an experienced strategic partner to support the grant application process, pre-construction planning, high-level network engineering design, and overall program/grant management for upcoming broadband expansion projects across tribal lands.

2. Scope of Services

The selected partner will work directly with SRTI leadership to perform the following core services:

- **TBCP 3 Grant Strategy & Preparation:** Assist in identifying eligible funding routes, developing grant narratives, preparing engineering cost estimates, and drafting deployment strategies for TBCP Round 3 compliance.
- **Network Engineering & Design:** Provide preliminary and detailed engineering designs for fiber-to-the-home (FTTH), wireless backhaul, and middle-mile broadband network extensions.
- **Environmental & Permitting Compliance:** Guide tribal, federal, and state environmental review processes (NEPA, NHPA Section 106, right-of-way clearances on tribal trust lands).
- **Program & Grant Management:** Provide end-to-end administration, timeline tracking, vendor procurement oversight, budget management, and reporting alignment with NTIA requirements.

3. Proposal Submission Schedule

Event	Date / Target
RFP Release Date	September 14, 2026
Submission Deadline (Closing)	September 24, 2026 (11:59 PM CST)
Initial Applicant Review & Contact	September 27, 2026
Interviews / Final Selection	TBD (Week of September 28, 2026)

4. Submission Requirements

Submissions must be emailed in PDF format to **fred@standingrocktelecom.com** with the subject line *"Proposal: TBCP 3 Engineering & Program Management Partner - [Vendor Name]"* before the closing deadline. Proposals must include:

1. **Executive Summary & Firm Profile:** Overview of company history, core competencies, and background working with Tribal Nations and sovereign entities.
2. **Relevant Experience:** Examples of successful projects involving NTIA grant programs (TBCP Round 1/2/3, BEAD, etc.) and tribal broadband engineering.
3. **Proposed Approach:** Work plan detailing grant development support, technical methodologies, and project management strategies tailored to SRTI's territory.
4. **Key Personnel:** Resumes of the project lead, senior network engineer, and grant management leads.
5. **Fee Structure:** Outline of rate sheets, fixed-fee structures, or percentage-of-grant arrangements for both pre-award and post-award services.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- **Tribal Experience (25%):** Demonstrated success in designing and managing telecom infrastructure on tribal lands.
- **TBCP Grant Track Record (25%):** Expertise with NTIA guidelines, federal compliance, and successful TBCP grant applications.
- **Technical Competence & Capacity (25%):** Experience in FTTH, wireless engineering, and program management capabilities.
- **Cost & Fee Realism (15%):** Clarity and competitiveness of the fee schedule.
- **Responsiveness & Timeline Adherence (10%):** Completeness of proposal and ability to meet fast-track timelines.

6. Terms & Reservation of Rights

SRTI reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, request clarifications, waive informalities, and select the applicant that best serves the strategic interests of Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Indian Preference guidelines apply where applicable.