**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Vinton Municipal Electric Utility (VMEU)**

**December 13, 2018**

The Vinton Municipal Electric Utility (VMEU) is requesting proposals for the following to assist the utility in building a Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) build-out in Vinton, Iowa. The intent of the Owner is to build this network in its entirety during the 2019 construction season.

The proposed network will be direct buried, passing approximately 2,200 homes ultimately, and will require an initial build of approximately 82 miles (40 miles of mainline and 42 miles of drop-line) composed of fiber optic cable. In order to be considered all OSP Bidders shall be required to submit a completed RUS based “Bidder’s Qualifications” form.

The following RFP’s will be also released to qualified Vendors, subject to acceptable RFQ submissions. All equipment proposed shall be new, nor re-used or refurbished equipment will be considered acceptable.

1. OSP
2. Hut for all CDO based electronics and frames
3. Power Plant
4. Routers

FARR Technologies will be in charge of all design and construction of the project listed above. All communications from Vendors shall be routed via the contacts listed below.

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