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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steve Monaghan, Director of Information and General Services
SUBJECT: Resolution approving a qualified list based on the competitive Request for Qualifications No. 170098 for the Last Mile Broadband Grant and Support Opportunity

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution

FUNDING: Six firms were selected and will be asked to propose on future Last Mile Broadband Grant Opportunities funded by the County through various grants and other County funded opportunities. A budget amendment will not be required at this time and there is no additional impact on the General Fund by approving the qualified list.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Purchasing issued RFQ 170098 for Last Mile Broadband Grant and Support Opportunity. A committee was formed to review and select firms based on their experience and qualifications for the Qualified List. The following six firms were chosen:

- AT&T
- Cal.Net
- NevCo Fiber
- Oasis Broadband
- Race Communications
- Smarter Broadband

The County of Nevada intends to utilize the qualified list to support the firms in the following ways: assist selected firms with grant selection funding opportunities, and data collection such as but not limited to: survey results, priority areas, speed test data etc. The List will also fast-track project readiness in preparation of the County-funded Last Mile Grant program and provide partnerships with Letters of Support for future non-county funded grant opportunities such as the Federal

Funding Account (FFA), California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), or Broadband, Equity, Access Deployment (BEAD) opportunities. The List shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of award.

Individual assignments will be awarded on an as-needed basis. The County may assign work by soliciting proposals from one or more of the Firms approved for the Qualified List depending on the type of work required, estimated dollar value of the contract, experience, and expertise required for the work, Firm's current workload, ability to respond, or other criteria. The County reserves the right to unilaterally assign work to any of the awarded firms, as it deems prudent.

This Resolution will authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids from the Qualified List for Last Mile Broadband Grant projects as they arise and to award, execute and encumber funds up to a maximum amount of \$300,000 per firm. In the event a larger award arises from the solicitation of the qualified list it will be brought to the Board for approval. The aggregate budget for the awards will not exceed \$1,000,000 annually and funds will be encumbered as needed. This Resolution also authorizes letters of support to be issued to the qualified firms for future non-county funded grant opportunities such as the Federal Funding Account (FFA), California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), or Broadband, Equity, Access Deployment (BEAD) opportunities.

Item Initiated by and Approved by: Steve Monaghan