



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

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Strategic Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Project

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1. Introduction & Project Overview

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) is seeking proposals for a strategic fiber installation to modernize connectivity between the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC), the Mshkikiikaan garden, and major cultural hubs. This project supports:

- **Enhanced Safety:** Enabling real-time HD surveillance for student and resource protection.
- **Academic Research:** Supporting SCTC's role as a 1994 Land-grant Institution through high-speed agricultural and environmental data collection.

2. Administrative & Compliance Requirements

As this project is funded by federal grants, the following regulations are strictly enforced:

- **2.1 Prevailing Wages:** All laborers must be paid no less than the local prevailing wage rates as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor per the **Davis-Bacon Act**.
- **2.2 Certified Payroll:** The General Contractor must submit weekly certified payroll records to the project administrator via the U.S. Department of Labor's compliance portals.
- **2.3 Anti-Kickback:** Contractors must comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874).

3. Scope of Work

The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment for the following:

3.1 Main Hub Connection (Ziibiwing Center)

- 3.1.1** Provide and install **24-strand Single Mode Fiber** UPC between Network Closet 138 and the Ziibiwing Center MDF.
- 3.1.2** Terminate all ends with LC connectors.
- 3.1.3** Provide and install one 1U LIU Enclosure in each Ziibiwing & Casino-138 MDF/DMARK
- 3.1.4** Install fiber into the dedicated rack-mount LIU enclosure.

Assumption: All existing pathways are free and clear of obstructions.

3.2 Mshkikiikaan Garden Infrastructure

- 3.2.1 Provide and install **6-strand Single Mode Fiber** UPC between the Mshkikiikaan gardens utility shed and the Andahwod Senior Center MDF.
- 3.2.2 Provide and install one 6U wall-mount open frame network rack in the Mshkikiikaan gardens utility shed.
- 3.2.3 Provide and install one 1U LIU Enclosure in the utility shed network rack
- 3.2.4 Terminate all ends with LC connectors.
- 3.2.5 Provide and install a 1U LIU Enclosure in Andahwod Senior Center into existing network rack
- 3.2.6 Terminate all ends with LC connectors.

Assumption: All existing pathways are free and clear of obstructions.

4. Technical Standards & Testing

- **Testing:** All strands must be tested with **Power Meters** (Tier 1 testing).
- **Documentation:** Contractors must provide a comprehensive report of all test results upon completion.
- **Schedule:** Base pricing must reflect work performed during **normal business hours**.

5. Proposal Submission Instructions

Proposals should include:

1. **Itemized Costing:** Breaking down materials, labor, and DBRA compliance overhead.
2. **Timeline:** Estimated start and completion dates.
3. **Qualifications:** Evidence of previous tribal or federal grant-funded project experience.

6. Evaluation Criteria

- Compliance with DBRA and federal reporting requirements.
- Technical expertise in Single Mode Fiber installation and LC termination.
- Cost-effectiveness within grant budget parameters.
- Experience with Tribal Educational or Cultural institutions.

7. Selection Process & Bid Matrix

- The owner will use a Best Value evaluation method. The following matrix will be used by the SCTC review committee to score each proposal:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight	Score (1-10)	Weighted Total
Proposed Total Cost (Normalized to lowest bid)	35%		
Plumbing & Restoration Experience	25%		
Federal Compliance Track Record (Davis-Bacon)	20%		
Proposed Schedule & Efficiency	15%		
References & Past Performance	5%		
Total Score	100%		

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For specific wage determinations, refer to SAM.gov Wage Determinations.