



AGENDA

QLife Special Board Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2020 | 12:00 pm

Via Google Hangouts - <https://meet.google.com/qqb-hfpu-zcv>

- 12:00 Call to Order
- 12:00 Approval of Agenda
- 12:00 Action Items
 - [Downtown-Liberty Street Extension Bid Results](#)

Old/New Business

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 | 12:00 PM

Adjourn

**Agenda subject to change*

**Executive Session held as needed*

An executive session may, in the discretion of the presiding officer, be called based on one or more of the following: ORS 192.660 (2)(a) Consider employment issues; (2)(e) Real property; (2)(f) Consider exempt records or information; (2)(g) Competitive trade or commerce negotiations; (2)(h) Consult with counsel re litigation; (2)(m)(D) & (E) Discuss information regarding security of telecom systems and data transmission.



Action Items

- [Fiber Guys Bid Package](#)
- [Gorge Net Bid Package](#)



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Request for Quote

Location: The Dalles, OR

Date Responses Due By: June 29th Monday morning 10:00am

Questions can be emailed to: john@aristonetworks.com

Responses can be emailed to: john@aristonetworks.com A receipt response will be returned when received.

Site Review: Available upon appointment. Please contact John at 541-340-0032 to schedule.

Description: QLife is currently seeking design/build bids from contractors for the project know as “**Downtown-Liberty St. Extension**”.

Bidding contractor shall be responsible for:

1. Presenting engineering plan to QLIFE for review before submitting through NJUNS.
2. Submitting NJUNS tickets to Pole Owners **under QLIFE's name**.
3. Adhering to all codes including but not limited to NEC, NESC NWCPUD policies, City ROW (transportation plans), Building Codes, OSHA, 811.
4. Verifying fiber being picked up at vendor in Portland is in good working order.
5. Returning unused reel back to vendor in Portland in good working order.
6. Special note should be taken regarding City of The Dalles ROW and transportation requirements. Please reference:
 - <http://www.ci.the-dalles.or.us/sites/default/files/imported/forms/09ROWpermits.pdf>
 - http://www.ci.the-dalles.or.us/sites/default/files/2020_sidewalk_street_closure_permit_fillable.pdf
 - <http://www.ci.the-dalles.or.us/publicworksdocs>

QLIFE will accept responsibility for the following items:

1. NWCPUD (or other pole owner) make ready costs. Contractor should make reasonable efforts to keep QLIFE's make ready costs low.
 2. NWCPUD (or other pole owner) Pole Load Analysis
 3. Purchasing 144 Count Cable(s) (OFS AT-3CEH2YT-144 or similar type) to be picked up and remaining reel(s) delivered to Portland by responsible contractor.
- *All other costs/responsibilities will be the responsibility of the responsible bidder.**

Project Definition:

This RFQ is for Design/Build of two identical 144 count fiber cables. Both cables will start at the corner of where Union street crosses the alley between 3rd and 4th street (45.601468°, -121.185198°) and extend to QLIFE's existing splice case located at Liberty and 14th street (45.595238°, -121.192583°).

This RFQ does not require any splicing. Winning bidder will secure each of the ends (all 4 of them) with separate cases to protect the fiber ends from the elements. Cables are not required to be prepared within the cases however the cable ends must be sealed such that no moisture can enter. Splice cases do not require any internal hardware as they will likely be replaced as future plans evolve.

Both cables are to be marked with unique colored fiber tags (to be provided by responsible bidder) at each end point as well as each slack point such that easy cable identification can be accomplished without having to look at sequentials to determine which cable is which. Additionally, both cables are to be marked with QLIFE provided identification tags indicating that the cables belong to QLIFE.

Additionally each of the slack loops for each cable will be contained in their own snowshoes (to be provided by responsible bidder) such that the slack of one cable can be accessed without touching the slack loop of the adjacent cable.

Winning responder is responsible for adhering to all codes and industry standards with regards to both design as well as construction of the two fiber paths.

Winning responder may choose to alter the path as required however any alterations shall meet the following requirements:

1. Beginning and ending points of both fiber cables must match the original requested locations.
2. All slack points must match the original requested locations.

Winning responder shall engineer and build all strand, down guys, and other associated hardware in compliance with pole owner policies as well as adhering to all authoritative codes.

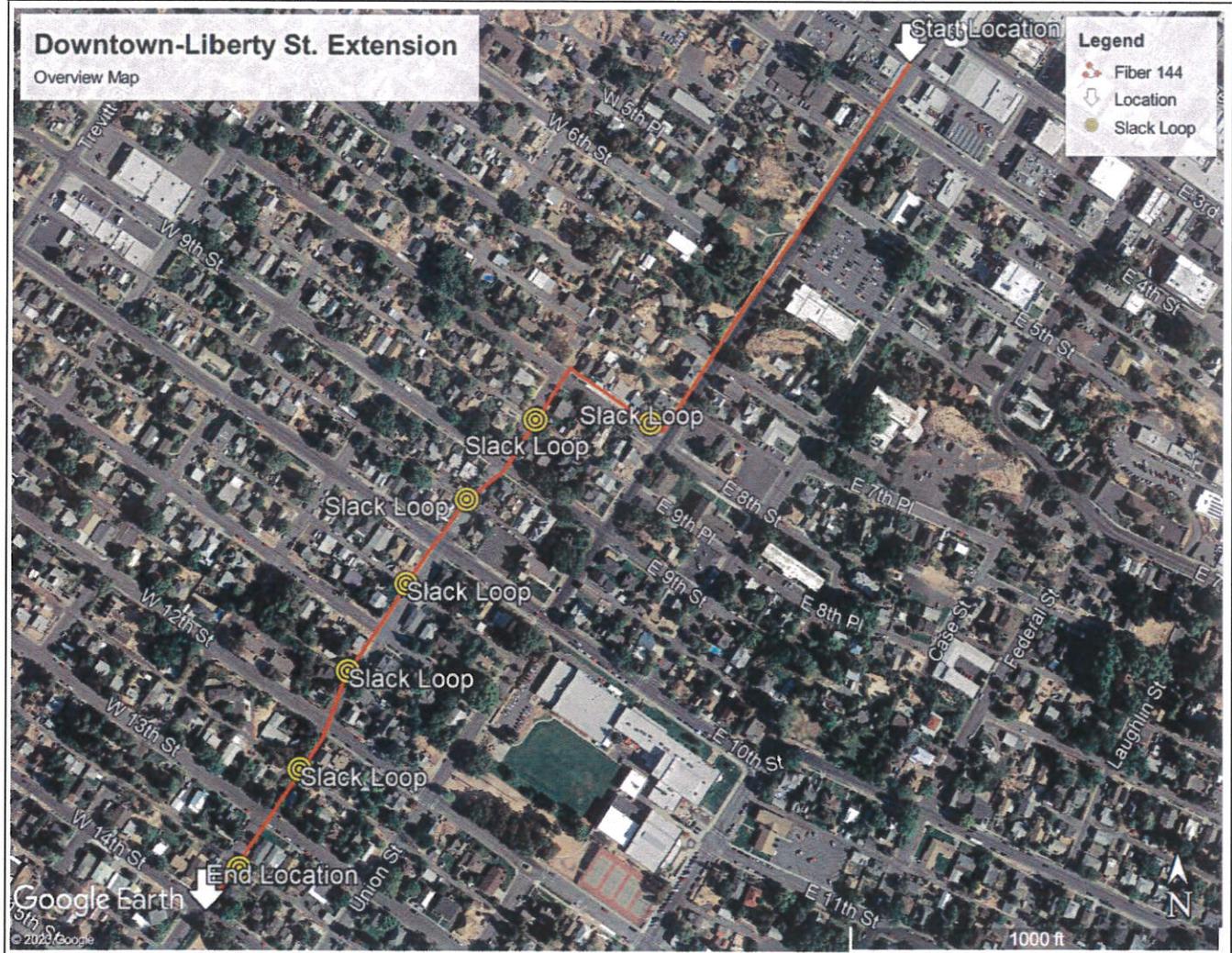
Winning responder shall provide snowshoes and other hanging hardware for both fiber cables. Fiber cable to be placed is expected to be OFS AT-3CEH2YT-144 or similar type cable.

Winning responder is responsible for picking up fiber reels from fiber vendor (within Portland region) as well as dropping off unused reels to same vendor. QLIFE will issue a PO for the fiber and pay for the fiber separate from this RFQ. It is the responsibility of the winning responder to confirm returned fiber reels are in proper working order.

Upon acceptance of awarded contract the winning contractor should adhere to the following schedules:

1. Submittal of plan to QLIFE engineering for review within two weeks of award of contract.
2. Submittal of NJUNs within one weeks of QLIFE approval of plan.
3. Initiation of construction work within two weeks of authorization by all authoritative bodies.
4. Completion of construction within three weeks of initiation of project.

Project Overview Map:



* See "Downtown-Liberty St. Extension.kmz" for details

Bid Timeline

1. QLIFE Award of bid.
2. QLIFE and winning bidder to enter into a mutually agreeable contract.
3. Contractor to develop engineering plan.
4. Contractor to submit engineering plan to QLIFE for review
5. QLIFE to review plan and provide authorization to proceed with submission into NJUNS
6. Contractor to Submit into NJUNS
7. All pole owners to accept NJUNS request with status of "Approved"
8. Contractor to confirm they have completed all City of The Dalles ROW requirements.
9. Contractor to inform QLIFE they are ready to initiate construction
10. Contractor to pick up fiber reel from QLIFE'S vendor in Portland metro region.
11. Contractor to place fiber and associated splice cases and slack loops.
12. Contractor to return unused fiber back to QLIFE's vendor in Portland metro region.
13. Contractor to work with QLIFE on walk-through for final buyoff.
14. QLIFE to accept ownership of fiber and fulfill contractor's payment.

Bidder's Response Format:

Bidder is to break out their bid into the following categories and units:

Item	Unit of Measurement	Cost per Unit	Total Units	Total Cost
Successful engineering and submission to NJUNS	Submission of accepted solution into NJUNS by all power owners.	\$11,484.00	1	\$11,484.00
Installation of 144 count fiber cable, strand, guys, and other associated hardware.	Per linear meter (not fiber meter) (assumes 988 meters for overall project as currently defined)	\$28.74	988	\$28,395.12
100' slack loop	Per slack loop. Pricing includes snow shoe for "OFS AT-3CE12YT-144" or similar cable.	\$200	7	\$1,400.00
Preparation and installation of fiber end points splice cases	Per splice case	\$300	4	\$1,200.00
	Total Bid Cost			\$42,479.12

RFQ Notes:

- Contractor is responsible for adhering to City of The Dalles ROW and Transportation requirements.
- Contractor is responsible for adhering to all manufacturer recommendations and industry standard practices for materials to be placed.
- Evaluation criteria may include but is not limited to cost, ability to meet construction start date, ability to meet RFQ stated time lines, and/or past performance. **Please include documentation of your companies ability to meet these criteria within your bid responses.**
- QLIFE reserves the right to discard potential bidders at QLIFE's discretion if it is determined a potential contractor does not meet qualifications.
- QLIFE reserves the right to not award at QLIFE's discretion if it is determined no qualified bids came in within QLIFE's acceptable bid range.



Gorge Networks response to Q-life RFQ

“DOWNTOWN-LIBERTY ST. CONNECTION”

Gorge Networks is pleased to provide the following response Q-life’s request for RFQ “QLIFE NETWORK - DOWNTOWN-LIBERTY ST. CONNECTION”. Gorge Networks is excited to have the opportunity to continue to partner with Q-life to increase the availability of telecommunications services to our communities.

Primary contact for Gorge Networks for this RFQ will be:

Richard Holbo

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541-289-7000

- Gorge Networks agrees to all deliverables listed under Description.
- Given existing information (pre-permitting) Gorge Networks does not see any issues with the Project Overview Map.
- Gorge Network agrees to the Bid Timeline and does not see any issues delivering the proposed services.
- Gorge Networks provides the following pricing in regards to Bidders Response Format.
- Gorge Networks Agrees to all stipulations in the RFQ Notes Section.

Item	Unit of Measurement	Cost Per Unit	Total Units	Total Cost
Successful engineering and submission to NJUNs	Submission of accepted solution into NJUNs by all power owners.	\$2,300.00	1	\$2,300.00
Installation of 144 count fiber cable, strand, guys, and other associated hardware.	Per linear meter (not fiber meter) (assumes 750 meters for overall project as currently defined)	\$11.49	988	\$11,352.12
100' slack loop	Per slack loop. Pricing includes snow shoe for “OFS	\$250.00	7	\$1,750.00

	AT3CE12YT-144" or similar cable			
Preparation and installation of FOSC Splice Cases	Per splice case	\$300.00	4	\$1,200.00
			Total Bid Cost	\$16,602.12

Additionally Gorge Networks provides the following Exhibit as initial documentation of Gorge Networks abilities to meet these criteria of the RFQ. If additional documentation is needed we will be happy to comply with all requests.

Exhibit 1

Gorge Networks has been in the telecom business for over 24 years. We have 28 employees dedicated to the mission of providing exceptional customer service. Our Service area covers the counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and part of Gilliam County as well as Klickitat and Skamania Counties in Washington. We also provide service in Klickitat and Skamania County in Washington. We have extensive experience in the use of many technologies such as wireless, Copper (xDSL), and Fiber. Our customer base consists of several thousand business and residential customers throughout the Gorge. Our service offering includes broadband services up to 1Gig, residential voice (analogue and VoIP), Hosted PBX for enterprise class voice service to business, and POTs lines for fax and alarms systems.

Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Designed/Installed/operate fiber networks in four Mid-Columbia communities. The networks serve as mission critical data services for hospitals, State Offices, Schools, professional offices and residents
- Installed/operate an enterprise grade voice platform that provides traditional and IP based voice service throughout southern Washington and northern Oregon
- Designed/installed/operate an extensive high capacity/low latency regional microwave backbone network including 50 towers and supports several thousand customers in rural Oregon and Washington
- Designed/Installed/operate a regional 10Gbps MPLS network which ultimately provides diverse paths in/out of the Gorge to the internet and can tolerate faults without an interruption of service.

The business maturity, operational discipline, technical expertise and customer interaction required to successfully achieve these accomplishments serves as credible examples of who we are as a company. Gorge Networks continually demonstrates the maturity, technical expertise, and exceptional customer interactions that differentiate us from most providers.

