

NUSF-131 2024 Reverse Auction Pre-Auction Application Form

Section I: Applicant Details

1. Applicant/Entity name:	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
2. Applicant NE Code:	NE000014
3. NETC Status: NOTE: Post auction, winning bidders must pursue any ETC application/amendment process that may need to be completed prior to support authorization.	
4. Applicant address:	4005 North Rodney Parham Road
4a. Applicant city:	Little Rock
4b. Applicant state:	AR
4c. Applicant zip code:	72212
5. Applicant contact (first and last name):	Jason Tompkins
6. Applicant e-mail:	Jason.Tompkins@Windstream.com
7. Applicant phone number:	501-517-2341
8. Legal representative name (must be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska):	Mary Vaggalis
9. Legal representative e-mail:	Mary@BruningLawGroup.com
10. Legal representative phone number:	402-261-3475

Section II: Bidding Details

11. Indicate the speed tier or tiers in which applicant intends to bid, and the proposed technology for the respective speed tier. Technologies other than fiber to the premise need to provide supporting documentation, including speed tests, proving that the technology can meet the required speed thresholds:

A. Baseline: $\geq 100/100$ Mbps; - Low Latency (≤ 100 ms)	<u>Yes/No</u>
Technology for Baseline tier	Fiber to the Premise (FttP)
B. Gigabit ≥ 1 Gbps/500 Mbps; - Low Latency (≤ 100 ms)	<u>Yes/No</u>
Technology for Gigabit tier	Fiber to the Premise (FttP)

12. Please provide the names and email addresses of the bidders authorized to bid (up to 3 bidders per applicant/entity allowed):

	Name of Bidder (Last, First)	E-mail Address
Authorized Bidder 1:	Andrew Kincaid	Andrew.Kincaid@Windstream.com
Authorized Bidder 2:	Jason Tompkins	Jason.Tompkins@Windstream.com
Authorized Bidder 3:	Lanie Benefiel	Charlana.Benefiel@Windstream.com

Attach/Include:

Please label attachments as follows: “[Applicant Name]_[Attachment Letter].” If it is necessary to submit multiple attachments under one attachment letter category, label the attachments to identify the separate attachments. Ex. “[Applicant Name]_[Attachment Letter]_1”, “[Applicant Name]_[Attachment Letter]_2”, etc.

- Technical Capability: Attach a detailed network proposal in addition to documents showing a demonstrated history of at least two (2) years of service at the speeds for which the applicant proposes to bid and with the technology to be used to complete the proposed deployment. (Attachment Letter: A)
- Financial Capacity: Attach documentation of financial information showing the applicant’s financial capability to bid on the proposed service areas. This should include audited financial statements along with an opinion letter when the applicant or its parent company are audited in the ordinary course of business. If the company is not audited in the ordinary course of business, unaudited financial statements from the prior fiscal year must be provided. If unaudited financial statements are provided with the pre-auction application, the applicant must also provide a statement certifying that if it is identified as a winning bidder, the audited financial statements and opinion letter will be provided with the post-auction commitment form. (Attachment Letter: B)
- Operational Capacity: Provide subscribership information for an existing network that currently provides the speeds in which the applicant intends to bid are currently being offered to customers. This information is required to demonstrate the ability of the applicant to run a successful broadband operation and serve its customers. Applicant should identify existing services in Nebraska, and the number of customers that subscribe to their services, separated by exchange. (Attachment Letter: C)
- The proposed Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Plan service plans of the applicant. (Attachment Letter: D)
- Information relative to whether the applicant participates in the FCC’s Affordable Connectivity Program (formerly Emergency Broadband Benefit Program) and how that participation may impact proposed service offerings to subscribers in auctioned areas. (Attachment Letter: E)
- Applications proposing to use technology other than fiber or proposing to use a combination of fiber and other technologies, must include an attestation from a qualified engineer describing the speed capabilities of the proposed technology, as well as speed test data complying with the requirements of NUSF-133 for at least ten Nebraska customers subscribing to the product, demonstrating the ability of the provider to meet the speed requirements of the program. (Attachment Letter: F)
- Attach documentation with details of the standalone voice plan and service plan currently offered by the application that provides broadband at the relevant performance tier and latency requirements at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates offered in urban areas. (Attachment Letter: G)

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: By signing this statement, the applicant certifies that the information submitted on the application and all supporting documents are true and correct. The applicant agrees to refrain from any discussion of eligible areas, bids, bidding strategies, or agreements to bid or not bid on eligible areas with other participants at any point during the auction. The applicant agrees to perform and adhere to all requirements for funding, and to comply with all state and federal regulations and requirements pertaining to this program. The applicant agrees not to use equipment prohibited by the FCC within the network, to offer rates in the project area that are comparable to the rates offered by the applicant in urban areas outside the project area and as compared to the FCC’s national rate survey, to submit network performance testing information as prescribed by the Commission, and to complete the project build within two (2) years following the grant award unless granted an extension. The applicant acknowledges that failure to comply with the requirements of the Auction may result in penalties as determined by the Commission, including but not limited to civil penalties pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-156.

Brad Hedrick

12-8-2023

Printed Name of Authorized Person

Date

President - State Operations

Title of Authorized Person

Brad Hedrick
Brad Hedrick (Dec 8, 2023 09:23 CST)

Signature of Authorized Person







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