

**February 24, 2009**

**RE: RFP VTA2009-104 – Questions posed and answers provided**

1. **Question:** Does coverage have to be all GSM and CDMA?

**Answer:** No. Coverage is defined as the aggregate of all technologies.

2. **Question:** What signal strength was used for the mapping?

**Answer:** Neg 85 db was the standard used.

3. **Question:** What is the VTA's position on building out non covered areas in population centers?

**Answer:** The VTA would favorably consider additional fill in sites in populated areas as part of an overall plan to build out the undeserved rural areas.

4. **Question:** Are all radio formats considered?

**Answer:** Yes. All technologies are included to include GSM, CDMA and Iden.

5. **Question:** Will towers support only omni antennas?

**Answer:** No. The towers will accommodate a sectored site.

6. **Question:** Is there detailed design data available for the towers?

**Answer:** The tower data will be available to successful bidder during negotiations.

7. **Question:** Are there any cellular wind turbine installations that can be looked at?

**Answer:** There is one installation in Townshend, VT that can be seen. ET can refer you to thousands of sites that their sister company, NRG, has erected.

8. **Question:** Can we see the site layout and a demo of the tower being lowered and raised?

**Answer:** Yes. Demo requests should be coordinated directly with ET.

9. **Question:** What happens when maintenance is needed?

**Answer:** Tower maintenance will be provided by ET for the first five years under our existing agreement. ET personnel will accommodate cellular maintenance schedules in the early hours of the day and will be available on a 24/7 basis.

10. **Question:** What is the power output of the turbine?

**Answer:** The output of the turbine will not be available for use by the MSP. All output is net metered to the homeowner.

11. **Question:** Who will pay for the conduits for power and backhaul facility?

**Answer:** The conduits will be installed as part of the tower construction and are part of the overall cost structure.

12. **Question:** Will the rent be the same if there is no wind turbine?

**Answer:** Yes. All locations will be provided at the same cost to the MSP.

13. **Question:** Who is responsible for the initial preparation for equipment pads?

**Answer:** Ground leveling will be done by ET as part of site prep. All sites will be done with the minimum of ground disturbance as this allows for an expedited permitting process with lower overall costs.

14. **Question:** What is considered to be a controversial site?

**Answer:** Any site would be considered controversial if it was met with a level of public resistance that would place the build schedule in jeopardy.

**15.Question:** How will sites be assessed for a wind turbine?

**Answer:** It is expected that the MSP will identify areas (search rings) where a network site is required. Then the MSP and ET will jointly perform a site review and through an iterative process select a location that will meet both RF and wind expectations.

**16.Question:** When will the fiber RFP be issued?

**Answer:** This is projected to be released by the end of March 2009.

**17.Question:** How will the VTA's bonding authority be used?

**Answer:** The current tower project is being financed by ET. The VTA has the option to sell bonds and pay off the towers once the project is well under way and producing results. A portion of the bonding authority may be used in support of the fiber backbone project. The various alternatives could be favorably impacted by federal stimulus funds.

**18.Question:** Can the tower support microwave dish?

**Answer:** Yes. The tower will support a panel type dish.

**19.Question:** What about partnering?

**Answer:** There was unanimous consensus that a list of participants with contact information would be beneficial. The list was provided to those who provided contact information on February 23, 2009 and is also posted on the web site.

**20.Question:** Is the network expected to be engineered at neg 85 throughout or will it be judged on overall functionality of the network.

**Answer:** It is recognized that carriers will have different engineering standards and the VTA expects to achieve a functional network that will allow a customer to place and maintain a call throughout.

21.Question: What is meant in 2.2 (b) and (c) with respect to build out?

Answer: In 2.2 (b) we are asking the carrier to detail how they would achieve a 55% - 65% if they are not already at that level of coverage with their existing network. Once that level of effort is defined, part (c) asks for definition of effort required to build from 55 - 65% level up to the 90% level.

22. Questions and comments from Verizon Wireless (in letter format)

and the VTA's response to same are posted as two separate documents on the web site.