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RE: Intent to Award - RFP 599020 - ARE-ON Dark Fiber IRU's

To All Respondents:

The University of Arkansas Procurement division has received the official recommendation of award from the evaluation committee elected to review the proposals requested for the above captioned RFP. The proposal due date was April 26, 2016. The University received five (5) certified responses. Upon the results of the selection committee evaluation, the recommendation for award extends to South Arkansas Telephone Company (SATCO) for both fiber routes awarded at this time; ROUTE4C (Monticello's Crossett campus) and ROUTE7C (National Center for Toxicological Research).

Respectfully, this letter of "Intent to Award" serves as notification that contract negotiations will begin between SATCO and ARE-ON toward the ultimate goal of a Purchase Order/Contract to be issued by the University of Arkansas.

The University of Arkansas is thankful for the attention of each respondent, and for the time and effort spent in responding to the RFP. We appreciate and encourage the participation of our vendor community. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Best Regards,

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