


**Waggoner Engineering, Inc.
And Madison County Board of Supervisors
Task Order Form**

Task Order No. 4-C	
Additional Pages Attached: <u> 2 </u>	
Date of Task Order: _____, 2022	
TASK ORDER TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC. AND MADISON COUNTY, MS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	

This Task Order to the General Services Agreement between Waggoner Engineering, Inc. and Madison County Board of Supervisors dated July 6, 2020 , is a part of, and is subject to all the terms and conditions of the Agreement unless specifically provided otherwise herein.

1. **Project Name:** Madison County Broadband Initiative
2. **Project Number:** WEI Project #021151.000
3. **Project Manager for Client:** County Administrator
Shelton Vance
4. **Project Manager for Waggoner:** Darion Warren, CFM
5. **Method of Compensation:** Lump Sum
6. **Task Order Compensation:** Task 1: First Grant Application - \$40,000
Task 2: Second Grant Application (if needed) - \$27,500
7. **Scope of Work (see additional pages attached):** See attached Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget

8. **Schedule of Performance** (see additional pages attached): To be determined according to anticipated grant deadlines (currently to be determined) for the identified grant opportunities

9. **Approved Subconsultants:** n/a

10. **Special Provisions:** n/a

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Task Order to be executed by their duly authorized representatives effective as of the date set forth above.

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAGGONER ENGINEERING, INC.

By: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Title: _____

Madison County Board of Supervisors

Madison County Broadband Initiative

Grant Application Support Services



Madison County, MS

April 2022

Background and Objectives

The Madison County Board of Supervisors (MCBOS) has identified the need for provision of fiber to home (FTH) broadband service to a largely rural area in the northeast portion of the county, roughly proscribed by U.S. 51 on the west, the county line on the east, Natchez Trace Parkway on the south, and Loring and Honeysucker Roads and MS 43 on the north. Initial estimates of the area identified included approximately 2,600 residents along 285 road miles. The area was then expanded to include approximately 2,942 residents along 328 road miles. The MCBOS has committed to allocate a portion of funds from its anticipated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriation to meet this need, identified as the Madison County Broadband Initiative (the Program). To maximize the opportunity for obtaining additional federal funding, the MCBOS has expressed interest in pursuing grant opportunities.

The MCBOS is in the process of selecting ISP provider. The County has expressed interest in submitting grant applications to augment the County and the ISP investment in the Project. The following are the potential grant opportunities:

1. ReConnect Grant Application in response to the next Notice of Funding Opportunity. The grant program is administered by the Rural Utilities Service, a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The ReConnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan-grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America that currently do not have sufficient access to broadband. Funds that are awarded may be used to pay for (1) the construction or improvement of facilities required to provide fixed terrestrial broadband service, (2) To fund reasonable pre-application expenses, or (3) To fund the acquisition of an existing system that does not currently provide sufficient access to broadband (eligible for 100 percent loan requests only). The amounts awarded under the funding opportunity will be limited to (1) 100 percent grant (2) 100 percent grant for tribal governments and socially vulnerable communities (3) 50% loan / 50% grant combination, or (4) 100% loan.
2. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program grant application in response to the upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity. The grant program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The BEAD Program, established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), appropriates \$42.45 billion for states, territories, the District of Columbia (D.C.), and Puerto Rico (P.R.) to utilize for broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption projects.
3. During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act House Bill 1029 proposed the establishment of the Mississippi Broadband Commission to receive, review, and administer broadband grants for the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the state. There

is also interest from the MCBOS to submit for grant funding that may become available through the Mississippi Broadband Commission.

Scope of Work

Waggoner Engineering will support the MCBOS with the development of identified broadband grant applications as agreed upon by the MCBOS. Waggoner will research the three grant opportunities and recommend to the County the priority of which funding source(s) to pursue. Waggoner will also collaborate with the Independent Service Provider (ISP) selected by the MCBOS to provide a scope of work and other technical information needed for submission of a complete application and supporting documents to take advantage of available funding for broadband infrastructure projects. General grant administration services will be handled by others. Specific services will include:

- a) Coordinate, as necessary, between the MCBOS representatives and the County’s selected Independent Service Provider to ensure compliance with grant program requirements and the preparation of the grant application package.

Schedule

Waggoner believes that these services can be completed before the anticipated grant deadlines (currently to be determined) for the identified grant opportunities, and will endeavor to perform and complete all work associated with the scope of work on or before those grant deadlines following the approval of Task Order 4-C. Once the services are authorized, the work will be completed within calendar days agreed upon between Waggoner and MCBOS.

Budget

Waggoner will perform the services described above on a Lump Sum basis for one or two of the grant opportunities described above as determined by the MCBS once the research on the different grant opportunities is completed. Any additional services and reimbursables will be billed on an hourly basis. The estimated cost for the work described above is as follows:

Task	Compensation Terms	Proposed Budget
Grant Application Support Services		
• Task 1 – First grant application	Lump Sum	\$40,000
• Task 2 – Second grant application, if needed	Lump Sum	\$27,500