

Questions and Responses to State of Vermont Request for Proposals “State-Owned Wireless Network Operator” issued August 23, 2018. This document, issued September 21, 2018, includes responses to follow-up questions raised during the bidders’ conference.

1. To whom were the pole attachment licenses for the installed microcell systems issued? Can these licenses be transferred?

The Department inquired with several pole owning utilities and was told that the licenses for the microcell systems were issued to Vanu CoverageCo, and that these licenses can be transferred to other companies. The Department recommends that bidders contact the pole owning utilities for specific information.

2. Are the microcell systems under warranty? Will the manufacturer support the equipment?

The microcell systems were manufactured by Vanu Inc. and are no longer under warranty. The company has expressed to the Department that it desires the continued operation of its products. It is the Department understanding that the company will continue to support the products. The Department recommends that bidders contact the company directly for specific information.

3. Will the lease of the microcell systems include the electric meter bases?

The installed microcell systems incorporate all electric hardware on the poles not owned by the electric utility, including the meter receptacles.

4. What is the make and model of the antennas?

Vanu deployed the Digital Antenna model 1229-PB-15. The specifications are on company website: http://www.digitalantenna.com/prods/cellantenna_mimo_backhaul-1229.html

5. Would the Department consider extending the RFP response deadline?

The Department has considered the request for an extension and intends to extend the response due date to October 29, 2018 by 4:00pm. The Department will issue an addendum modifying the schedule.