

Vermont Department of Public Service
Q&A for the 10-Year Telecommunications Plan RFP
December 18, 2020

1. How many central offices are there in the state?

About 140 centers. A map of Wire centers can be found here:

https://publicservice.vermont.gov/telecom/maps/telephone_service_territories

2. What is the current number of facilities-based providers?

Vermont has 10 local exchange carriers and 10 cable television companies. There are numerous other facilities based CLECS and wireless carriers operating in the state. Information about cable providers can be found here: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/cabletv>

3. What are “Communications Union Districts”?

Information about communications union districts can be found at our website;

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vermont-communications-union-districts>

4. Will there be access to maps or schematics reflecting fiber routes?

The Department will provide the winning contractor with any and all broadband availability data it is allowed to share including information about fiber optic resources.

5. Will there be access to maps showing location of cell towers and area of coverage? *Yes.*

6. What records are available detailing state-owned networks?

Bidders may find information about the state’s fiber network here:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/fiber-optic-cable>

The Department will share any publicly available information the contractor deems necessary.

7. At what time in the project will the results from the survey of businesses and residents be made available to the consultant

The RFP asks bidders to bid to provide this service. If the contractor is not providing this service, the Department will make the results available as soon as they become available.