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July 13, 2010

Re: MATTER 10-01160 - APPLICATION FROM THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
SUPERVISOR FOR A PUBLIC INTEREST  
PAYPHONE (PIP) IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY LOCATED AT THE TOWN HALL IN THE TOWN OF  
FARMINGTON, NEW YORK

NOTICE REQUESTING BIDS FOR A PUBLIC-INTEREST-PAYPHONE  
LOCATION

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

On May 14, 2010, the Town of Farmington requested Public Interest Payphone (PIP) status at the Farmington Town Hall payphone, 1000 County Route 8, Farmington, NY 14425. In support of the federal and state qualifications for PIP status, the petitioner's application states the town is a predominantly rural community where a PIP is an absolute necessity and a matter of public safety as the location is in close proximity to the New York State Thruway, adjacent to several public playing fields, and a town park. Additionally, the applicant states that the Town Hall is a community hub with a busy Town Court. According to the applicant, people in the building have witnessed and heard stories of stranded children using the phone to call for a ride after a ball game in one of the fields that surround the Town Hall and neighboring Town Park. Likewise, the Town Court, located inside the building, produces regular pay phone users, according to the applicant.

The Department has received letters from Assemblyman Joseph A. Errigo and Senator Michael F. Nozzolio supporting the need for a permanent Public Interest Payphone in Farmington.

The incumbent telephone company is in the process of eliminating the existing public payphone.

Based on my review, I have determined, per Commission Order in Case 96-C-1174,<sup>1</sup> that the applicant provided documentation explaining how this location meets the definition of a Public Interest Payphone (PIP).

- The PIP candidate has provided the location of the existing payphone as the proposed location for PIP status.
- The PSC staff has investigated the general location of the nearest payphone and determined the distance to be insufficient for necessity, safety, and quick accessibility.
- The Farmington PIP candidate fulfills a public policy objective in health, safety, or public welfare.
- The applicant has no location provider with an existing contract for the provision of a payphone.
- A payphone would not otherwise exist as a result of the operation of the competitive marketplace.

Therefore, I am seeking bids for the Farmington Town Hall PIP candidate location.

The level of funding will be capped at an amount equal to the recurring and local usage charges for public access line service and features used to serve the PIP.

Targeted Accessibility Fund (TAF) payments will be made to the carrier providing the access line service to the PIP, which in turn will credit that amount to the PIP provider.

Continuation of TAF funding beyond a two-year period, after PIP is established, will be conditioned upon the PIP provider demonstrating, to Department of Public Service Staff, that the PIP continues to be needed to fulfill its original need.

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the criteria established in 1998 did not consider the availability and widespread use of wireless devices which has lead to a decline in payphone use. Therefore, the presence of wireless service does not, at this time, disqualify this location as a PIP candidate.

Bids must be received no later than 21 calendar days from this notice.

Please send bids to:

New York State Department of Public Service  
Office of Telecommunications  
Attn: Chad Hume, Director  
Agency Building 3  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Dan Degener at 518-486-2832.



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Director  
Office of Telecommunications