Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Dedicated Fiber Systems, Inc.

Summary: DFS has worked locally over the past 15 years to build a successful business based on our core carrier netural dark fiber network and believe strongly that this track record brings the ability not only to prepare a grant application, but to actually have the ability to deliver the proposed network. It is noteworthy that the DFS proposal is not based on merely a good idea, but rather it rests solidly on fifteen very successful years of organic growth based on market demands that took the business from zero to over 100 miles (95,000 fiber miles) of installed fiber base. The current DFS dark fiber rings can, day one, be leveraged by police and fire departments, government agencies like Jacksonville City Hall and Courthouse and with the deployment of the recommended routes in this grant request the state colleges and libraries can be brought on net. Through the existing network DFS can also provide ready access to Tier 1 hosting facilities in the Jacksonville area for any of the community organizations, colleges and libraries.