

# *Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

## ADDENDUM NO. 1 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

**Q.** Is this intended to be a union / IBEW project requirement, or was the prevailing wage language included from a standard cooperative template? We ask because portions of the scope appear to involve wireless tower and microwave infrastructure work, which is often performed by specialized wireless tower crews that are not typically classified under traditional electrical/IBEW labor structures.

**A.** This is not a union-only or IBEW-required project. The prevailing wage language was included due to the federal funding requirements applicable to this project, including Davis-Bacon compliance requirements.

Lea County Electric Cooperative is currently seeking federal approval for labor classifications and wage rates related to portions of the specialized communication, microwave, and related infrastructure scope that are not currently included within the applicable wage determinations. Once finalized, the approved classifications, wage rates, weekly prevailing wage payroll requirements, certified payroll reporting requirements, and LCPtracker setup requirements will apply to the project and be shared with the awarded contractor.

At this time, there is not a directly applicable published wage determination covering all specialized communication-related labor classifications associated with this scope. However, the selected contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

The IBEW wage schedules referenced in the RFP were provided solely as a basis for developing labor cost estimates.

**Q.** Is Lea County expecting the selected vendor to perform the RF/network design as part of the engagement, or has preliminary engineering/path design already been completed?

**A.** Yes, the selected vendor is expected to perform the RF/network design.

**Q.** Are there additional scope documents, CDs, path studies, bandwidth requirements, or equipment assumptions that have not yet been released?

**A.** No. The vendor is expected to complete the path study as part of the design process. Bandwidth requirements for Recloser communication are minimal.

**Q.** Is the expectation licensed microwave throughout, or are point-to-multipoint architectures being considered where appropriate?

**A.** Point-to-multipoint architecture should be utilized where appropriate. However, all frequencies can be in the 900 MHz range, but they must be licensed frequencies.

**Q.** Are there target throughput/bandwidth requirements defined between sites?

**A.** No, Bandwidth requirements for Recloser communication are minimal.

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**Q.** Has any preliminary frequency coordination or path engineering already been performed?

**A.** No. This is a requirement of the vendor.

**Q.** Is there an intended equipment platform or manufacturer preference already being considered internally?

**A.** No. Vendors may use their discretion on a platform and manufacturer. However, all components must meet BABA compliance requirements.

This document constitutes Lea County Electric Cooperative's official responses to all questions received by the stated deadline of Friday, May 29, 2026, in accordance with Addendum No. 1 to the Microwave Communication System for Distribution Reliability and Operational Visibility Solicitation, Version 1.0 dated May 11, 2026.