

Notice of Public Hearing of the Amherst County Broadband Authority Board

The Amherst County Broadband Authority Board will conduct a public hearing during its regular meeting commencing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room, Amherst County Administration Building, 153 Washington Street, Amherst, Virginia, 24521, to consider public comments regarding a PPEA Comprehensive Agreement with AcelaNet, LLC, doing business as SCS Broadband.

The Amherst County Broadband Authority received an unsolicited proposal from SCS Broadband to enter into a public-private partnership to provide wireless broadband in unserved and underserved areas of the County under the provisions of the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA), Va. Code § 56-575.1 et seq. The PPEA is an alternative procurement method by which the Authority may solicit proposals or accept unsolicited proposals for creative and innovative public-private partnerships for solutions to issues of public infrastructure, planning, and provision of services.

This unsolicited proposal is to mount wireless internet communications equipment atop five radio towers controlled by the Region 2000 Radio Board and extend wireless broadband over more than 80% of the area of Amherst County at low cost by mid-2019. SCS has given guarantees of customer service, maintenance, and replacement schedules.

The proposed document is available for review Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 p.m. in the Amherst County Administrator's office at the above address, and may be accessed on the Amherst County website at <http://www.countyofamherst.com> – Purchasing.

Accommodations for disabled persons may be made by calling 434-946-9400 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing date.

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