

1. Preferred installation method – aerial or underground? If underground, what methods are acceptable (drill, plow, trench, micro-trench, etc.)?

There will be some of both types of installation. Starbuck will be mostly aerial, and the extension to Thorn Tower Communication Hub will be mostly underground.

2. Who owns the utility poles (PacifiCorp, Columbia REA, etc.) and are there existing joint-use agreements? What are the make-ready requirements?

Both utilities have poles in the project area, and we have existing joint-use agreements with both utilities. Starbuck is served by Columbia REA. The extension to Thorn Tower Communication Hub has Pacific Power at the junction of North Touchet Rd and Crall Hollow, and Columbia REA poles further up the hill.

3. Is a P.Eng stamp required for aerial and/or buried design components?

No.

4. Are as-builts part of this scope of work?

No.

5. Has an Environmental Assessment (EA) been initiated or is that the design firm's responsibility?

Cultural Resources Review will be handled as a separate contract. It is not the design firm's responsibility.

6. Does this project traverse any tribal lands?

No.

7. Are there any specialty or environmental permits required (e.g., endangered species, waterways, Army Corps, railways, pipelines)?

No.

8. Are there any planned road or municipal construction projects that might overlap the proposed route?

Unknown at this time.

9. What is the total route length (footage) across both project areas?

Unknown at this time.

10. How many premises (homes, businesses, and anchor tenants) are included?

Number of Passings	100/20 Mbps	100/100 Mbps	300/70 Mbps	1G/1G
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Households				103
Businesses				36
Anchor Institutions				1
TOTAL				140

11. What is the desired fibre architecture (GPON, XGS-PON, etc.)?

Active-E, home-run architecture, 1 fiber from the colo to each service location.

12. Are there distinct service platforms for residential vs. commercial customers?

No

13. What GIS format and deliverable standards are required?

PDF drawing, KMZ or Shapefiles

14. Will the Port provide local municipal and permitting contacts?

Yes.

15. Have relevant permitting agencies (WSDOT, county, or others) been informed or engaged?

Columbia County and the Town of Starbuck have been engaged.

16. Are there any specific survey requirements pre- or post-construction?

No

17. What is the process for property access where poles or routes cross private land?

The fiber network will all be located on public property other than the drops to homes. The Port will contact the homeowners for drops to homes that need to be underground and ask them to sign a waiver before any work will commence.

18. Can existing telecom infrastructure (aerial or buried) be leveraged, including over-lash where possible?

The Port does not own telecommunications infrastructure in Starbuck. The extension to Thorn Tower Communication Hub will connect to existing Port owned infrastructure at one end. If aerial is determined to be the preferred method for part of the extension, over lashing will not be possible as the rest of the build will be new build and new attachments.

19. Does winning this design RFP preclude us from bidding on the construction portion?

No.

20. Are permit fees included in the bid or reimbursed separately?

Reimbursed separately. Permit fees should be invoiced to the Port directly from the permitting agency.

21. What key milestones or review points should we plan for?

- December 1, 2025: Anticipated contract start date for design firm
- By January 1, 2026: Begin permitting processes
- By February 1, 2026 (2 months post-contract):
 - Bill of Materials (BoM) due from design firm
- By April 1, 2026 (4 months post-contract):
 - Bill of Labor (BoL)
 - Construction Design Documents due
 - These will be used to prepare the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for construction

22. As we have not received a contract along with the RFP, could you please provide the contract document or sample terms and conditions?

See attached template.