RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, Spokane County, Washington is a class A county duly organized and existing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.01.030, the powers of Spokane County can only be exercised through the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington ("Board" or "Board of County Commissioners"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, the Board, through Resolution No. 2023-0362 approved the use of Spokane County’s Revenue Replacement funds to be spent on expanding broadband capacity throughout Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, the County published a Request for Proposal ("RFP") P611 on June 30, 2023 seeking Revenue Replacement - Broadband projects, under ARP category 6.1, consistent with broadband services projects eligible for ARP Act purposes of necessary investments in broadband infrastructure to address the challenges with access, affordability and reliability through construction or modernization; and

WHEREAS, the time for submission of RFPs expired on August 8, 2023, and the County has received and reviewed RFPs from the qualified entities; and

WHEREAS, responsive RFPs were received from two (2) entities for the following purposes: Ziply for the development and implementation of mixed fiber and wireless broadband services to the areas of Fairfield, Latah, Rockford and Spangle, Spokane County, Washington; and Broadline Public Development Authority (PDA) for the development and implementation of fiber broadband services to the areas of Fairfield, Latah, Rockford, Spangle, Medical Lake, and Airway Heights, Spokane County, Washington. The submitted proposals which were evaluated by the ARP Selection Team comprised of Jeffery McMorris, Spokane County Community Engagement & Public Policy Advisor; F. Dayle Andersen, Deputy Spokane County Prosecutor; and Heather Arnold, Spokane County Grants Administrator in accordance with Spokane County ARP solicitation, selection and allocation policy as advised by the contracted vendor Clifton Larson Allen (CLA). Based on the above subcommittees’ statements of qualifications, scope of work, budget and proforma, outcome and metric reporting commitment to performance data, and materials provided to the County, the above subcommittee deemed Broadline PDA the most highly qualified project.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Proposal submitted by Broadlinc PDA presents a valuable broadband project consistent with the type of projects promoted by ARP funding. Broadlinc’s proposal will provide needed investments in broadband infrastructure to address the County’s challenges with access, affordability and reliability through construction or modernization. The project completion must occur before December 31, 2026; therefore:

1. The Spokane County Grants Administrator is authorized to negotiate a proposed scope of work, fee, and written agreement with Broadlinc PDA in an amount not to exceed $9,636,329.00.

2. This selection and award does not constitute a contract with the entity; and

3. The Spokane County Grants Administrator is authorized to negotiate on behalf of Spokane County at other than public meeting, any agreements, change orders, annual term renewals or any other document(s) necessary to complete these projects, whether the values of such documents in the aggregate, or incrementally, and notwithstanding any limitation of value to the contrary in County Code Chapter 1.04; and

4. Either the Chair of the Board, majority of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or the Sr. Director of Finance & Administration, is hereby authorized to execute, at other than an open meeting, any and all documents to implement this award as well as any subsequent amendments.

5. Each and every recital set forth hereinabove is adopted as Findings of Fact in support of this award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary L. Kenney, Chair

Josh Kerns, Vice-Chair

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Chris Jordan, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board

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Submit to Clerk of the Board with available supporting materials (Resolutions, Agreements, Presentations, etc.)

AGENDA SHEET

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Public Works No. 
Purchasing Dept. No.

AGENDA TITLE (please provide a reasonably descriptive agenda title for this item): In the matter of selecting and approving of the Firm for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Category Revenue Replacement Broadband (6.1), RFP P661.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY (please provide anticipated fiscal and budgetary information & reason for request): Spokane County opened RFP P661 for ARP category Revenue Replacement - Broadband on June 30, 2023. This RFP closed on August 8, 2023 and Spokane County received 2 applications, and Broadline PDA was the highest scored responder.

FISCAL IMPACT (please provide anticipated fiscal and budgetary impact, with amount and source of funds, if applicable): $9,636,329.00 in federal funds

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION (if any): Approve

This Item will need to be codified in the Spokane County Code: No