



## **Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc. Request for Quote (RFQ)**

### **2026 Primary URD Upgrade**

Submittal Deadline Date

April 28, 2026

Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc. (CVEA) is soliciting bids from qualified firms to replace single phase primary URD power line and terminate transformers on Silver Springs Loop Road in the Copper Basin district.

CVEA is a nonprofit cooperative providing electric service to roughly 2,800 residential and commercial members with over 4,000 meters within the Copper River Basin and Valdez regions of Alaska. More information about CVEA is available at [www.cvea.org](http://www.cvea.org).

### **Project Background**

Copper Valley Electric Association has critical infrastructure in the Silver Springs area of the Copper Basin that requires upgrading. This existing primary single-phase cable is an aging direct-buried primary wire with exposed concentric neutral at the end of its lifespan. This will be replaced with new 1/0 primary URD wire in 2" PVC conduit.

### **Description of Work**

There is going to be a total of 3325' of single-phase primary power line along with secondary services feeding pedestals. Details are as follows:

- Larkspur Loop will include:
  - Replacing the cut-out assembly along with the dead-end assembly insulator on the pole
  - Replacing the riser along with the pothead and installing underground 2" pipe and with 1/0 primary cable and elbow terminations to the existing pad mount transformers
    - This may include replacing the underground pad mount transformers if needed.
- Rosehip Lane will include:
  - Replacing the fuse cutout assembly along with upgrading the dead-end assembly insulator on the pole
  - Replacing the riser along with the pothead and installing underground 2" pipe and 1/0 primary cable and elbow terminations to existing pad mount transformers

- Installing new pad mount transformer in place of a pedestal
- Replacing pedestals and one run of secondary, from new transformer to new pedestal in new 2” pipe
  
- Tanada Lane will include:
  - Replacing the fuse cutout assembly along with upgrading the dead-end assembly on the pole
  - Replacing the riser along with the pothead and installing underground 2” pipe and 1/0 primary cable and elbow terminations to existing pad mount transformers
  - Installing a new pad mount transformer in place of a pedestal
  - Replacing pedestals and one run of secondary, from new transformer to new pedestal in new 2” pipe

### **Project Timeline**

The materials for this project are currently in Valdez and can be picked up by the contractor or delivered to the job site by CVEA.

### **Location of Work**

Silver Springs Road off the Old Richardson Highway in the Copper Center area.

- Location one is on Larkspur Loop
- Location two is on Rosehip Lane
- Location three is on Tanada Lane

### **Site Meeting**

A site visit is recommended. Contact Darin Davis at [Ddavis@cvea.org](mailto:Ddavis@cvea.org) for information.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

CVEA intends to award a contract to the firm that will provide the best overall value and experience to CVEA. CVEA reserves the right to determine it may not be in the Cooperative’s best interests to award a contract to the firm with the highest number of evaluation points from the bid and possible interview.

CVEA is looking for the best time and equipment bid for this work. The bid must include, and will be evaluated on, the following evaluation criteria. Each firm's bid must include an index and be organized into distinct sections that follow the criteria outlined below, maintaining the same order:

1. Summary: A high-level summary of your firm’s relevant qualifications and the relevant experience of key staff proposed for this project in performing similar services. Please indicate if you have provided work for CVEA in the past.

2. Firm Size and Workload: Outline the size of your firm and discuss your capability to manage projects of similar size and scope within the identified time frame, relative to your current workload.
3. Office Location: Identify the location of the office of your firm.
4. Contact Information: The name and contact information of whom CVEA should contact regarding questions about the bid and for scheduling a potential interview. The contact information should include individual name, title, firm name, address, telephone number, and email.
5. Relevant Experience of the Firm: Demonstrated expertise and experience in performing projects of the type and size of this project. Include at least three examples of similar projects. This section must include the relevant expertise and experience of any subcontractors you intend to hire on this project and that are a part of your proposed team.
6. Ability to Manage Schedule and Budget: Experience and history of successful completion of related projects showing ability to manage schedule and budget.
7. References: At least three project owner references for similar work completed by your firm. Cited references should include project name, reference name, title, project role, and current contact telephone number.
8. Project Schedule: Provide a schedule to complete the scope of work detailed in this RFQ.
9. Proposed Cost: The cost submitted must be for the job as a whole.

CVEA would reserve the right to inspect the project for final approval for up to six months to ensure quality installation. Contractor will be required to make any changes necessary to meet the standards with no additional cost to CVEA. Inspections will be available prior to contractor leaving CVEA territory to assist with contractors' efficiency. Contact for the inspection will be scheduled with Operations Manager, Darin Davis.

The selected contractor will be required to enter into CVEA's Professional Service Agreement (PSA) located here: <https://www.cvea.org/about/doing-business-with-cvea.html>.

Questions regarding this RFQ should be addressed to Lisa Howard, Admin & HR Manager at [Lhoward@cvea.org](mailto:Lhoward@cvea.org) and Darin Davis, Manager of Operations, at [Ddavis@cvea.org](mailto:Ddavis@cvea.org).

### **Submittal Deadline**

The bid must be received by CVEA no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday April 28, 2026. Bids are to be submitted via email to [Lhoward@cvea.org](mailto:Lhoward@cvea.org).

Please note, CVEA's email system cannot accept emails or attachments exceeding 20 MB. If a bid exceeds this limit, please send in multiple emails. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that CVEA receives the complete bid at the specified location or via email by the stated deadline. Submittals received after the deadline will be rejected as non-responsive.

The bid must include a copy of the contractor's current insurance certificate. Please see the minimum insurance standards for doing business with CVEA at <https://www.cvea.org/about/doing-business-with-cvea.html>.

### **Selection Process**

Quotes will be reviewed by an evaluation committee, and the most qualified firms may be invited to an interview.

### **Reference Checks**

CVEA reserves the right to conduct reference checks for firms submitting quotes, either after quotes have been evaluated, and/or after interviews have been held.

In the event information obtained from the reference checks reveals concerns about a firm's past performance or their ability to successfully perform the contract to be executed based on this RFQ, CVEA may, at its sole discretion, select a different firm whose reference checks validate the ability of the firm to successfully perform the contract to be executed based on this RFQ. In conducting reference checks, CVEA may include itself as a reference if the firm has performed work for CVEA, even if the firm did not identify CVEA as a reference and may conduct reference checks with others not identified by the contractor.