

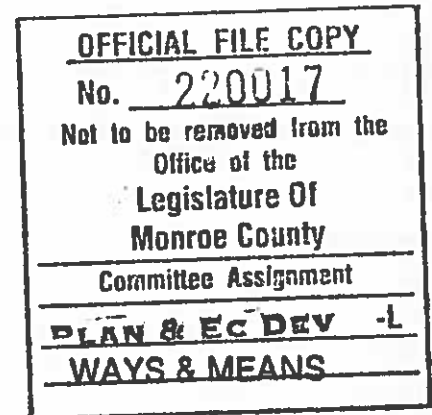


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

January 7, 2022



To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Magellan Advisors, LLC for a Community Access Plan for High-Speed Internet

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Magellan Advisors, LLC ("Magellan") in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide a Community Access Plan for High-Speed Internet for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the option to extend the contract for up to one (1) additional year at no additional cost.

Magellan will develop a Community Access Plan for High-Speed Internet to outline strategies and alternatives to expand broadband and/or high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities throughout the County. Magellan's scope of work will include identifying populations and locations where barriers to low-cost, high-speed internet exist in Monroe County; analyzing public sector and private sector roles for high-speed internet/broadband in Monroe County; ensuring alignment with New York State, Federal, and non-profit high-speed internet/broadband goals; and preparing a final study report with formal, concrete action items that Monroe County can take to ensure all residents have access to affordable high-speed internet services, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, identity, age, or geographic location.

Requests for Proposals were issued for this contract with Magellan Advisors, LLC selected as the most qualified to provide this service.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with Magellan Advisors, LLC, 999 18th Street, Suite 3000, Denver, Colorado 80202 to provide a Community Access Plan for High-Speed Internet in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the option to extend the contract for up to one (1) additional year at no additional cost.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development, general fund 9001, funds center 1401010000, Planning Administration. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Magellan Advisors, LLC, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

John Honker, President and CEO
Courtney Violette, Chief Operating Officer

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely



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