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Commissioners Announce Broadband Request for Proposal

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are pleased to announce the Request for Proposal (RFP) for communitywide broadband is open for interested broadband providers. To request a copy of the Broadband RFP, interested providers should email Kevin Dellicker, RFP facilitator, at Kevin@dellicker.com. The RFP submission deadline is Dec. 4, 2020. RFP purchasing options will be shared as early as Dec. 15, 2020.

Reliable internet access in St. Mary's County has been a top priority of the Commissioners, and on Sept. 15, the Commissioners allocated \$100,000 toward formally assessing local broadband capabilities. To date, more than 2,400 households and 90-employers have responded to the broadband assessment surveys.

For the second phase of St. Mary's Broadband Assessment Project, the Commissioners are authorizing the release of a communitywide Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit broadband providers to submit proposals to improve broadband options, availability and pricing.

It's not too late for residents to complete The St. Mary's County Broadband Assessment Project surveys for Households, posted here:

<https://www.stmarysmd.com/it/broadband/BroadbandAssessment.aspx>

The household survey deadline is Nov. 24, 2020.

The broadband assessment project is designed to spur broadband options, more broadband investment across the county. Affordable and fast broadband is critical to local economies, education and the real estate market.

For more information about the surveys or the RFP, please contact Kelly Lewis at Kelly@LewisStrategic.com.

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