

Resolution No. 2025-59

**City of Osceola, Arkansas**

**A resolution to use DRA Grant money to hire Arcadis to conduct a Broadband Study**

**Whereas**, the city of Osceola has applied for DRA (Delta Regional Authority) grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 in order to study the economic feasibility of creating a broadband loop into homes and businesses; and

**Whereas**, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for the project; and

**Whereas**, nine firms submitted packets in accordance with the RFQ, representing firms from at least six different states; and

**Whereas**, all submissions were evaluated using an established scoring rubric, and the highest-ranked finalists were interviewed by the review committee; and

**Whereas**, following interviews and further evaluation, Arcadis was selected based on its submission quality, interview performance, extensive staff qualifications, and strong experience in broadband planning and analysis; and

**Whereas**, we have negotiated with Arcadis to conduct the study for the amount of the grant funding, which is in-line with market standard cost for similar studies elsewhere;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OSCEOLA:**

That we formally hire Arcadis and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount of \$100,000 to conduct the grant-funded broadband feasibility survey in the year 2026.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS** 17th **DAY OF** December **2025**

**CITY OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS**

By: Joe Harris Jr.  
Mayor Joe Harris Jr.

ATTEST:

By:

Jessica Griffin  
City Clerk Jessica Griffin



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To Mayor Harris, Osceola City Council, and Chief Hill

The Armorel Huffman Volunteer Fire Department (Armorel Fire District) is formally expressing its interest in the 1991 Pirsch pumper from the Osceola Fire Department. Our department has identified a significant need for this pumper.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Chief Samuel Bourland