

## **REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

The City of Beaufort is going to purchase and install a new telephone and data system. This system will be using the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology. Installation will be funded by City resources and the City wishes to lease/purchase the equipment cost of \$115,000. Attached is the equipment list and costs.

The City desires to make monthly payments over 36 months. This lease/purchase is tax exempt and Bank Qualified.

Bids showing the interest rate offered and monthly payment required should be mailed to: Finance Director, City of Beaufort, P. O. Drawer 1167, Beaufort, SC, 29901 or hand delivered to City Hall at 302 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC. Bids must be clearly marked "VOIP Equipment Bid" on the outside of the envelope.

Bids must be received by 5:00 pm, Thursday, 25 February, 2005 to be eligible. Bids will be opened on Friday, February 26, 2005.

Direct any questions to Ross Jones at 843 525 7009.