

**STATE OF WASHINGTON RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION OFFICE OLYMPIA,
WASHINGTON**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND QUOTATIONS
RFQQ RCO1806**

PROJECT TITLE: Invasive Mussel Enhanced Rapid Response Exercise Services

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: November 26, 2018 – 12:00 P.M. PST

**EXPECTED TIME PERIOD FOR CONTRACT: December 10, 2018 through March 15,
2020**

**CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: This procurement is open to those consultants that
satisfy the minimum qualifications stated herein and that are available for work in
Washington State.**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is a small state agency that manages grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protects the best of the state's wildlife habitat and farmland, and helps return salmon from near extinction. The RCO hosts the Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) which was established by the legislature in 2006. The council is tasked with providing policy level direction, planning, and coordination for combating harmful invasive species throughout the state and preventing the introduction of others that may be potentially harmful.

1.1 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The RCO, hereafter called "AGENCY," is initiating this Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to recruit a CONSULTANT to collaborate with the AGENCY and partners to plan, facilitate, and hold a rapid response exercise at Lake Roosevelt simulating a detection and five day incident response to a mock detection of invasive quagga and zebra mussels at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.

AGENCY reserves the right to award multiple contracts to provide the services described in this RFQQ.

1.2 OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of this advertisement for an RFQQ is to select a successful candidate that will work with the AGENCY, WISC, and partners to plan, facilitate, and hold a rapid response exercise at Lake Roosevelt simulating a detection and five day incident response to a mock detection of invasive quagga and zebra mussels at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. The CONSULTANT will assist with project planning, logistics and facilitation, implementation, and development of after action reports and other technical documents. See Exhibit B for Scope of Work.

The AGENCY will award one or more contracts to CONSULTANTS who submit proposals as a result of this RFQQ.

1.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The CONSULTANT must be licensed to do business in the State of Washington and have:

- At least ten years of experience in one or more of the fields of natural resources management, invasive species management, environmental emergency response, or environmental affairs. If the successful CONSULTANT is a team of consultants, years' experience may be cumulative.
- A masters, or PhD degree, or combination of education and experience in the fields described above.
- A working knowledge of the function, purpose and operation of the WISC, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.
- Expertise in invasive species prevention and management approaches, rapid response processes and strategic planning.
- Familiarity with Lake Roosevelt and the eastern region of Washington State.

- The ability to work as a member of a team that may include participation from state, tribal, federal and other governmental agencies.
- Effective written and oral communication skills and ability to present to large and small groups in formal and informal settings.
- Experience in bridging the gap between science and policy and inclusion of the community and stakeholder interests in policy development and decision-making.
- Knowledge and experience implementing invasive species projects.
- Willingness to travel.
- Demonstrated ability to work with project proponents to provide constructive feedback.
- High speed internet access and ability to download large files and access webinar services.

Bidders who do not meet these minimum qualifications will be rejected as non-responsive and will not receive further consideration. Any proposal that is rejected as non-responsive will not be evaluated and no score will be assigned.

1.4 FUNDING

The AGENCY has budgeted an amount not to exceed Forty Five Thousand Dollars (**\$45,000**) for this project. The funding available includes travel costs and will be reimbursed at the current government rates in effect at the time of travel. Proposals in excess of \$45,000 will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

Any contract(s) awarded as a result of this procurement is contingent upon the availability of funding.

1.5 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance resulting from this RFQQ is scheduled to begin on or about **December 10, 2018** and to end on **March 15, 2020**. Individual task orders will be issued at the time services are needed.

1.6 DEFINITIONS

Definitions for the purposes of this RFQQ include:

Agency – The Recreation and Conservation Office is the AGENCY of the State of Washington that is issuing this RFQQ, on behalf of the Washington Invasive Species Council.

Consultant – Individual or individuals submitting a proposal in order to attain a contract with the AGENCY.

Contractor – Individual or individuals whose proposal has been accepted by the AGENCY and is awarded a fully executed, written contract.

Proposal – A formal offer submitted in response to this solicitation.

Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) – Formal procurement document in which services needed are identified and firms are invited to provide their qualifications to provide the services and their hourly rates.

1.7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The AGENCY complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). CONSULTANTS may contact the RFQQ Coordinator to receive this Request for Qualifications and Quotations in Braille or on tape.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONSULTANTS

2.1 CONTACT INFORMATION

The RFQQ Coordinator is the sole point of contact in the AGENCY for this procurement. All communication between the CONSULTANT and the AGENCY upon receipt of this RFQQ shall be with the RFQQ Coordinator, as follows:

Name:	Justin Bush
Address/Phone:	1111 Washington Street SE PO Box 40917 Olympia WA 98504-0917 360-902-3088
E-Mail Address:	Justin.Bush@rco.wa.gov

Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the AGENCY. CONSULTANTS are to rely on written statements issued by the RFQQ Coordinator. Communication directed to parties other than the RFQQ Coordinator may result in disqualification of the CONSULTANT.

2.2 ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

Issue Request for Qualifications and Quotations	November 8, 2018
Question and answer period	November 8 -19, 2018
Agency posts final Addendum with answers and clarification to any questions received	November 20, 2018
Proposals due	November 26, 2018, 12 p.m. PST
Evaluate proposals	November 27- 28, 2018
Announce "Apparent Successful Contractor" – notify vendors via phone or e-mail and WEBS	November 29, 2018
Negotiate contract	December 3-7, 2018
Deadline for debriefing request	December 4, 2018
Begin contract work	December 10, 2018

The AGENCY reserves the right to revise the above schedule.

2.3 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

The complaint process is available to CONSULTANTS interested in this solicitation. The complaint process allows CONSULTANTS to focus on the solicitation requirements and evaluation process and raise issues with these processes early enough in the process to allow the RFQQ Coordinator time to correct a problem before proposals are submitted and time expended on evaluations.

A CONSULTANT may submit a complaint based on any of the following:

- The solicitation unnecessarily restricts competition;
- The solicitation evaluation or score process is unfair or flawed; or
- The solicitation requirements are inadequate or insufficient to prepare a response.

CONSULTANTS may submit complaints up to five (5) business days prior to the due date noted in the Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities. However, CONSULTANTS are encouraged to submit complaints as soon as possible so the issue(s) can be rectified early in the process. Complaints must be submitted to the RFQQ Coordinator. In order to be considered a valid complaint, the complaint must meet the following requirements:

- Must be in writing.
- Must be sent to the procurement coordinator, or designee, in a timely manner.
- Should clearly articulate the basis for the complaint.
- Should include a proposed remedy.

Complaints not received by the deadline noted in the Estimated Schedule of Procurement Activities will not be reviewed.

The RFQQ Coordinator, or an employee delegated by the RFQQ Coordinator, will review valid complaints and respond to the applicant in writing. The response, and any changes to the solicitation, will be posted to WEBS prior to the proposal due date. Any complaint addressed during the complaint process cannot be raised during the protest process.

2.4 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

E-Mail Submittal Only

CONSULTANTS are required to submit an electronic copy of their completed proposal to the RFQQ Coordinator, at Justin.Bush@rco.wa.gov. The proposals must arrive at the RCO office no later than 12:00 P.M. Local Time on **November 26, 2018**.

Proposals may **NOT** be transmitted in hard copy or by using fax transmission.

CONSULTANTS should allow sufficient time to ensure timely receipt of the proposals by the RFQQ Coordinator. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration, unless the RCO'S e-mail is found to be at fault. All proposals and any accompanying documentation become the property of the RCO and will not be returned.

2.5 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION/PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Materials submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of the AGENCY.

All proposals received shall remain confidential until the contract(s), if any, resulting from this RFQQ is signed by the Director of the AGENCY and the apparent successful Contractor; thereafter, the proposals shall be deemed public records as defined in RCW 42.17.250 to.340, "Public Records."

Any information in the proposal that the CONSULTANT desires to claim as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the provisions of RCW 42.17.250 to .340 must be clearly designated. The page must be identified and the particular exception from disclosure upon which the CONSULTANT is making the claim. Each page claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the word "Confidential" printed on the lower right hand corner of the page.

The AGENCY will consider a CONSULTANT'S request for exemption from disclosure; however, the AGENCY will make a decision predicated upon Chapter 42.17 RCW and Chapter 143-06 of the Washington Administrative Code. Marking the entire proposal exempt from disclosure will not be honored. The CONSULTANTS must be reasonable in designating information as confidential. If any information is marked as proprietary in the proposal, such information will not be made available until the affected proposer has been given an opportunity to seek a court injunction against the requested disclosure.

A charge will be made for copying and shipping, as outlined in RCW 42.17.300. No fee shall be charged for inspection of contract files, but twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the RFQQ Coordinator is required. All requests for information should be directed to the RFQQ Coordinator.

2.6 REVISIONS TO THE RFQQ

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQQ, amendment(s) will be provided to all who received the RFQQ through WEBS. It is the responsibility of the applicant to send name, address, e-mail address and phone number to the RFQQ Coordinator in order to receive any RFQQ amendments and/or bidder questions and answers.

The AGENCY also reserves the right to cancel or to reissue the RFQQ in whole or in part, prior to execution of a contract.

2.7 MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the legislative findings and policies set forth in chapter 39.19 RCW, the state of Washington encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation or on a subcontractor basis. However, no preference will be included in

The evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis.

The established annual procurement participation goals for MBE is 10% and for WBE, 4%, for this type of project. These goals are voluntary. Bidders may contact OMWBE at 360/753-9693 to obtain information on certified firms.

2.8 ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Proposals must provide 60 days for acceptance by AGENCY from the due date for receipt of proposals.

2.9 RESPONSIVENESS

All proposals will be reviewed by the RFQQ Coordinator to determine compliance with administrative requirements and instructions specified in this RFQQ. The CONSULTANT is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of the RFQQ may result in rejection of the proposal as non-responsive.

The AGENCY also reserves the right, however, at its sole discretion to waive minor administrative irregularities.

2.10 MOST FAVORABLE TERMS

The AGENCY reserves the right to make its award(s) without further discussion of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms, which the CONSULTANT can propose. The AGENCY does reserve the right to contact a CONSULTANT for clarification of its proposal.

The CONSULTANT should be prepared to accept this RFQQ for incorporation into a contract resulting from this RFQQ. Contract negotiations may incorporate some or the CONSULTANT'S entire proposal. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official procurement file on this matter without obligation to the AGENCY.

2.11 CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Any apparent successful contractor will be expected to enter into a contract, which is substantially the same as the sample and general terms and conditions described in **Exhibit C**. In no event is a CONSULTANT to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions in response to this solicitation. The CONSULTANT may submit exceptions as allowed in the Certifications and Assurances section, **Exhibit A** to this solicitation. The AGENCY will review requested exceptions and accept or reject the same at its sole discretion.

2.12 COSTS TO PROPOSE

The AGENCY will not be liable for any costs incurred by the CONSULTANT in preparation of a proposal submitted in response to this RFQQ, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to responding to this RFQQ.

2.13 NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRACT

This RFQQ does not obligate the State of Washington or the AGENCY to contract for services specified herein.

2.14 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The AGENCY reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals received without penalty and not to issue a contract as a result of this RFQQ.

2.15 COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

The director of the AGENCY or her delegate is the only individual who may legally commit the AGENCY to the expenditures of funds for a contract resulting from this RFQQ. No cost chargeable to the proposed contract may be incurred before receipt of a fully executed contract.

2.16 INSURANCE COVERAGE

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage as set out in this section. The intent of the required insurance is to protect the State should there be any claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any negligent or intentional act or omission of the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage, which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Contract, as follows:

1. Automobile Liability. In the event that services delivered pursuant to this contract involve the use of vehicles, either owned or un-owned by the CONTRACTOR, automobile liability insurance shall be required.
2. The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company/ies authorized to do business within the State of Washington. At AGENCY's request, CONTRACTOR shall submit to AGENCY within 15 days of the contract effective date, a certificate of insurance which outlines the coverage and limits defined in the *Insurance* section. CONTRACTOR shall submit renewal certificates as appropriate during the term of the contract.

Worker's Compensation Coverage

The Contractor will at all times comply with all applicable workers' compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the full extent applicable. The State will not be held responsive in any way for claims filed by the Contractor or their employees for services performed under the terms of this contract.

3. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Statements of qualifications and quotations (proposals) must be submitted by e-mail to the RFQQ Coordinator at Justin.Bush@rco.wa.gov. Proposals are due **November 26, 2018, by 12:00 p.m. PST**. The contents of the proposal are to be submitted in the order noted below:

1. Letter of Submittal, including signed Certifications and Assurances (Exhibit A to this RFQQ)
2. Qualifications
3. Quotations

Proposals must provide information in the same order as presented in this document with the same headings. This will not only be helpful to the evaluators of the proposal, but should assist the CONSULTANT in preparing a thorough response.

Items in this section marked "mandatory" must be included as part of the proposal for the proposal to be considered responsive; however, these items are not scored. Items marked "scored" are those that are awarded points as part of the evaluation conducted by the evaluation team.

3.1 LETTER OF SUBMITTAL (MANDATORY)

The Letter of Submittal and the attached Certifications and Assurances form (**Exhibit A** to this RFQQ) must be signed and dated by a person authorized to legally bind the CONSULTANT to a contractual relationship, e.g., the President or Executive Director if a corporation, the managing partner if a partnership, or the proprietor if a sole proprietorship. Attach the Certifications and Assurances form to the Letter of Submittal.

3.2 QUALIFICATIONS SECTION

The services to be provided under this project are described in **Exhibit B**.

The Qualifications Section of the proposal must contain information that will demonstrate to the evaluation committee the CONSULTANT'S understanding of the types of services proposed, the CONSULTANT'S ability to accomplish them, and the ability to meet tight timeframes.

The Qualifications response is to be submitted in four sections as follows: 1) Business Information, 2) Education and Experience, and 3) Schedule, and 4) References. The optional fifth section would include proof of certification for minority- and women-owned businesses participating on the project.

3.2.1 BUSINESS INFORMATION (MANDATORY)

1. State the name of the CONSULTANT, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, legal status of entity (ownership) and year entity was established as it now substantially exists.
2. Provide the CONSULTANT'S Federal Employer Tax Identification number or Social Security number and the Washington Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number issued by the State of Washington Department of Revenue.
3. Identify any State employees or former State employees employed by the CONSULTANT as of the date of the proposal. Include their position and responsibilities with the CONSULTANT. If following a review of this information, it is determined by the AGENCY that a conflict of interest exists; the CONSULTANT may be disqualified from further consideration for the award of a contract.
4. If the CONSULTANT was an employee of the State of Washington during the past 24 months, or is currently a Washington State employee, identify the individual by name, the agency previously or currently employed by, job title or position held and separation date.
5. If the CONSULTANT has had a contract terminated for default in the last five years, describe such incident. Termination for default is defined as notice to stop performance due to the CONSULTANT'S non-performance or poor performance and the issue of performance was either; (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the Proposer, or (b) litigated and such litigation determined that the Proposer was in default.
6. Submit full details of the terms for default including the other party's name, address, and phone number. Present the CONSULTANT'S position on the matter.

The AGENCY will evaluate the facts and may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal on the grounds of the past experience. If no such termination for default has been experienced by the CONSULTANT in the past five years, so indicate.

3.2.2 EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE (SCORED)

- A. Describe the degrees attained, areas of specialization, and institutions of higher learning attended.
- B. Describe any continuing education or training courses attended within the past five years that are applicable to the services in this RFQQ.
- C. Describe services in this RFQQ that have been provided to other clients that indicate the CONSULTANT'S ability to provide these services.

- D. Describe the CONSULTANT'S recent experience, as well as total number of years of experience gained, with invasive species, state and federal agencies responsible for invasive species prevention and response and/or the Washington Invasive Species Council.

3.2.3 SCHEDULE (SCORED)

Describe the CONSULTANT'S ability to meet deadlines, especially on a short-time frame, and give examples of how past tight deadlines have been successfully met.

3.2.4 REFERENCES (MANDATORY)

- A. List names, addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses of three business references for which work has been accomplished and briefly describe the type of service provided for them.
- B. The CONSULTANT must grant permission to the AGENCY to contact the references and others who may have pertinent information. Do not include current AGENCY staff as references.

3.2.5 OMWBE CERTIFICATION (OPTIONAL AND NOT SCORED)

Include proof of certification issued by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises if certified minority-owned firm and/or women-owned firm(s) will be participating on this project.

3.3 QUOTATIONS SECTION

3.3.1 Identification of Costs (SCORED)

The quotations section must list all hourly rates for services anticipated under the proposed contract. The hourly rates are to represent fully weighted costs. This includes administrative costs, local travel costs, or any other applicable fees that would be charged under this contract.

CONSULTANTS are required to collect and pay Washington state sales tax, if applicable. The evaluation process is designed to award this procurement not necessarily to the CONSULTANT of least cost, but rather to the CONSULTANT whose proposal best meets the requirements of this RFQQ. CONSULTANTS are encouraged, however, to submit proposals, which are consistent with state government efforts to conserve state resources.

4. EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

4.1 EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Responsive proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements stated in this solicitation and any addenda issued. References will be reviewed and considered when making final selections of proposals. The evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished by an evaluation team, to be designated by the AGENCY, which will determine the ranking of the proposals.

AGENCY, at its sole discretion, may elect to select the top-scoring firms as finalists for a verbal presentation.

4.2 CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

The RFQQ Coordinator may contact the CONSULTANT for clarification of any portion of the CONSULTANT'S proposal.

4.3 EVALUATION SCORING

The following points will be assigned to the proposal for evaluation purposes:

Qualifications Section:

Education & Training	10 points
Experience	50 points
Schedule	30 points
Quotation	10 points
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TOTAL	100 POINTS

4.4 VERBAL PRESENTATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED

Verbal presentations, if considered necessary by the AGENCY, may be utilized in selecting the winning proposal(s). The AGENCY, at its sole discretion, may elect to select the top-scoring CONSULTANT(S) from the written evaluation for a verbal presentation and contact the top-scoring CONSULTANT(S) to schedule a date, time and location for an oral presentation. Commitments made by the CONSULTANT at the verbal interview, if any, will be considered binding. The verbal presentation shall determine the apparently successful bidder.

4.5 NOTIFICATION TO PROPOSERS

Firms whose proposals have not been selected for further negotiation or award will be notified via phone or e-mail.

4.6 DEBRIEFING OF UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSERS

Upon request, a debriefing conference will be scheduled with an unsuccessful Proposer. The request for a debriefing conference must be received by the RFQQ Coordinator within three (3) business days after the Notification of Unsuccessful Consultant is e-mailed to the CONSULTANT. The debriefing must be held within three (3) business days of the request.

Discussion will be limited to a critique of the requesting CONSULTANT'S proposal. Comparisons between proposals or evaluations of the other proposals will not be allowed. Debriefing conferences may be conducted in person or on the telephone and will be scheduled for a maximum of one hour.

4.7 PROTEST PROCEDURE

This procedure is available to CONSULTANTS who submitted a response to this solicitation document and who have participated in a debriefing conference. Upon completing the debriefing conference, the CONSULTANT is allowed three (3) business days to file a protest of the acquisition with the RFQQ Coordinator. Protests may be submitted by email, but should be followed by the original document.

CONSULTANTS protesting this procurement shall follow the procedures described below. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. This protest procedure constitutes the sole administrative remedy available to CONSULTANTS under this procurement.

All protests must be in writing and signed by the protesting party or an authorized agent. The protest must state the grounds for the protest with specific facts and complete statements of the action(s) being protested. A description of the relief or corrective action being requested should also be included. All protests shall be addressed to the RFQQ Coordinator.

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A matter of bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of the evaluator;
- Errors in computing the score;
- Non-compliance with procedures described in the procurement document or AGENCY policy.

Protests not based on procedural matters will not be considered. Protests will be rejected as without merit if they address issues such as: 1) an evaluator's professional judgment on the quality of a proposal, or 2) AGENCY'S assessment of its own and/or other agencies needs or requirements.

Upon receipt of a protest, a protest review will be held by the AGENCY. The AGENCY director or an employee delegated by the Director who was not involved in the procurement will consider the record and all available facts and issue a decision within five business days of receipt of the protest. If additional time is required, the protesting party will be notified of the delay.

In the event a protest may affect the interest of another CONSULTANT, which submitted a proposal, such CONSULTANT will be given an opportunity to submit its views and any relevant information on the protest to the RFQQ Coordinator.

The final determination of the protest shall:

- Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the AGENCY's action; or
- Find only technical or harmless errors in the AGENCY's acquisition process and determine the AGENCY to be in substantial compliance and reject the protest; or
- Find merit in the protest and provide the AGENCY options which may include:
 - Correct the errors and re-evaluate all proposals, and/or
 - Reissue the solicitation document and begin a new process, or
 - Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

If the AGENCY determines that the protest is without merit, the AGENCY will enter into a contract with the apparently successful contractor. If the protest is determined to have merit, one of the alternatives noted in the preceding paragraph will be taken.

5. RFQQ EXHIBITS

Exhibit A Certifications and Assurances

Exhibit B Scope of Work

Exhibit C Sample Contract with General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs)

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract:

1. I/we declare that all answers and statements made in the proposal are true and correct.
2. The prices and/or cost data have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with others for the purpose of restricting competition. However, I/we may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single proposal.
3. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of 60 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by the AGENCY without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 60-day period.
4. In preparing this proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. If there are exceptions to these assurances, I/we have described them in full detail on a separate page attached to this document.
5. I/we understand that the AGENCY will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals become the property of the AGENCY, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in this proposal.
6. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by him/her prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or to any competitor.
7. I/we agree that submission of the attached proposal constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract and general terms and conditions. If there are any exceptions to these terms, I/we have described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document.
8. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. I/we grant the AGENCY the right to contact references and other, who may have pertinent information regarding the ability of the CONSULTANT and the lead staff person to perform the services contemplated by this RFQQ.
10. If any staff member(s) who will perform work on this contract has retired from the State of Washington under the provisions of the 2008 Early Retirement Factors legislation, his/her name(s) is noted on a separately attached page.

We (circle one) **are / are not** submitting proposed Contract exceptions. (See Section 2.11, Contract and General Terms and Conditions.) If Contract exceptions are being submitted, I/we have attached them to this form.

On behalf of the CONSULTANT submitting this proposal, my name below attests to the accuracy of the above statement.

Signature of Proposer

Title

Date

SCOPE OF WORK

The CONSULTANT will be expected provide the following services, complete the following tasks, and provide the following deliverables to the AGENCY:

Service 1. Planning

Service 1, Task 1: Project planning

With oversight and input from the AGENCY, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for planning:

- Steering committee
- Rapid Response Exercise
- Evaluation
- Rapid response plan improvements
- Data sharing

Service 1, Task 1: Deliverables

Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 1. Steering committee

Steering committee to include, but not be limited to, a representative from AGENCY, WISC, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, and Columbia River Basin Team. Steering committee will be responsible for providing strategic guidance and decision making in collaboration with AGENCY and CONSULTANT.

Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 2. Rapid response exercise plan

With input and oversight from the steering committee, develop project timelines, committee meeting schedule, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for rapid response exercise.

Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 3. Evaluation plan

With input and oversight from the steering committee, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for rapid response exercise evaluation.

Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 4. Rapid response plan improvement plan

With input and oversight from the steering committee, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for rapid response plan improvement following exercise and evaluation.

Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 5. Data sharing plan

With input and oversight from the steering committee, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for sharing data and information at project end.

Service 1, Task 2: Event planning

With oversight and input from the AGENCY and steering committee, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for planning a press event and tour.

Service 1, Task 2: Deliverables

Service 1, Task 2, Deliverable 1. Press event and tour

With input and oversight from the steering committee, develop project timelines, tasks, deliverables, and milestones for a press event and tour to be held in conjunction with rapid response exercise.

Service 2. Facilitation

The CONSULTANT will attend (in-person or remote) and facilitate the following events:

- Steering committee meetings
- Rapid response exercise
- Press event and tour

Service 3. Logistics

The CONSULTANT will be responsible for securing specific logistical assistance including:

- Incident Command System (ICS) Instructor
- Videography
- Facilitation logistics
 - Steering committee
 - Exercise

Service 3, Task 1: Incident Command System (ICS) Instructor

The CONSULTANT will identify an Incident Command System (ICS) instructor to be approved by the AGENCY and steering committee to provide services to the CONSULTANT as a SUBCONSULTANT. The SUBCONSULTANT will provide incident command system instruction, act as a rapid response exercise observer, and technical expert for the exercise.

Service 3, Task 2: Videography

The CONSULTANT will identify a videographer or videography firm to be approved by the AGENCY and steering committee to provide services to the CONSULTANT as a SUBCONSULTANT. The SUBCONSULTANT will provide videography services to the CONSULTANT throughout the exercise, in addition to interviewing exercise participants.

Service 3, Task 1, Deliverable

The CONSULTANT will provide an approved Incident Command System (ICS) that will provide incident command system instruction, act as a rapid response exercise observer, and technical expert for the exercise.

Service 3, Task 2, Deliverable

The CONSULTANT will provide an approved videographer or videography firm that will provide videography services to the CONSULTANT throughout the exercise, in addition to interviewing exercise participants.

Service 4. Implementation

The CONSULTANT will work collaboratively with the AGENCY, steering committee, SUBCONSULTANTS, and others to implement:

- Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 2. Rapid response exercise plan
- Service 1, Task 1, Deliverable 3. Evaluation plan
- Service 1. Task 1, Deliverable 5. Data sharing plan

Service 4, Deliverable 1: Rapid response exercise

The CONSULTANT, AGENCY, steering committee, and others will hold a five-day rapid response exercise using the Incident Command System (ICS) at Lake Roosevelt, responding to a mock detection of invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

Service 4, Deliverable 2: Evaluation

The CONSULTANT, AGENCY, steering committee, and others will implement and fulfill the exercise evaluation plan. Evaluation to include post surveys to, but not limited to steering committee, exercise participants, and Legislative tour participants.

Service 4, Deliverable 3: Data sharing plan

The CONSULTANT, AGENCY, steering committee, and others will implement and fulfill the data sharing plan.

Service 5. Response plan improvements

Following implementation Service 4, the CONSULTANT will synthesize evaluations to develop proposed response plan improvements for presentation to the steering committee and AGENCY. Decisions on proposed response plan improvements will be made by the steering committee. The CONSULTANT will then update and improve the Washington Dreissenid Mussel Response Plan

(https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/0e48c2_5d2d417e0e884cdfa48c24abe91cc4f5.pdf) on behalf of the AGENCY and steering committee.

Service 5, Deliverable: Improved Washington Dreissenid Mussel Response Plan

The CONSULTANT will develop an improved Washington Dreissenid Mussel Response Plan for approval by the steering committee.

Service 6. Data sharing

Following implementation of Service 1. Task 1, Deliverable 5. Data sharing plan, the CONSULTANT will provide the following data sharing products to the AGENCY:

- After action report and fact sheet
- Video products

Service 6, Task 1: After Action Report

The CONSULTANT will provide a 2-page fact sheet summary for decision makers and elected officials and a detailed after action report to the AGENCY following implementation and evaluation.

Service 6, Task 2: Video Products

The CONSULTANT and SUBCONSULTANT will develop video products using videography from exercise. Video products to include 1) Discreet participant interviews, 2) Summary highlight exercise video, combining incident command footage, operations, and interviews into a 3-5 minute product.

Service 6, Task 1 Deliverables

One 2-page fact sheet and one detailed after action report (example: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/0e48c2_b06dc21c913c4ddcaa5475550471db77.pdf) for approval by the AGENCY and steering committee. Deliverables to include fully completed PDF documents, in addition to editable documents. All use and rights to belong to the AGENCY.

Service 6, Task 2 Deliverables

A 3-5 minute fully edited summary exercise highlight video, combining incident command footage, operations, and interviews in addition to a series of edited interviews of exercise participants. All edited and raw video files to be provided to the AGENCY. All use and rights to belong to the AGENCY.

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CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE
AND
(Contractor)

This Contract is made and entered into by and between the state of Washington, Recreation and Conservation Office hereinafter referred to as the "AGENCY", and the below named firm, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR,"

(contractor name)

(address)

(city, state zip)

Phone:

FAX: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

WA State UBI Number: [REDACTED]

PURPOSE

The RCO, hereafter called "AGENCY," is initiating this Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to recruit a CONSULTANT to collaborate with the AGENCY and partners to plan, facilitate, and hold a rapid response exercise at Lake Roosevelt simulating a detection and five day incident response to a mock detection of invasive quagga and zebra mussels at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.

AGENCY reserves the right to award multiple contracts to provide the services described in this RFQQ.

SCOPE OF WORK

See Exhibit B (pages 15-18 of this RFQQ).

DELIVERABLES

See Exhibit B (pages 15-18 of this RFQQ).

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Subject to other contract provisions, the period of performance under this contract will be from **December 10, 2018** and to end on **March 15, 2020** unless sooner terminated or extended as provided herein.

COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

AGENCY shall pay an amount not to exceed forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Work. Only those tasks listed in the Scope of Work will be eligible for reimbursement.

Expenses

The total contract amount includes travel. Travel expenses include: airfare (economy or coach class only), other transportation expenses and lodging and meals necessary during periods of required travel. CONTRACTOR shall receive reimbursement at current State travel reimbursement rates.

BILLING PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT

RCO will pay CONTRACTOR upon acceptance of goods and services provided and receipt of properly completed invoices, which shall be submitted to the RCO not more often than monthly. CONTRACTOR shall use RCO's PRISM system to submit invoices (request payments). Invoices must be submitted electronically using PRISM online. Information is available on RCO'S website located at http://www.rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/reimbursement.shtml. Contact the RCO at ebilling@rco.wa.gov with any questions.

The invoices shall describe and document, to the RCO'S satisfaction, a description of the work performed, the progress of the project, and fees. The invoice shall include the Contract reference number of this Contract.

Payment shall be considered timely if made by the RCO within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of properly completed invoices. Payment shall be sent to the address designated by the CONTRACTOR.

The RCO may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract or withhold payments claimed by the CONTRACTOR for services rendered if the CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Contract.

No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Contract shall be made by the RCO.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The CONTRACTOR will complete Progress Reports and Final Reports using PRISM Online. A training video is available at http://www.rco.wa.gov/prism_app/Prism-Training.shtml

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Contract Manager for each of the parties shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Contract.

CONTRACTOR Contract Manager	AGENCY Contract Manager
Contract Manager's Name	Justin Bush
Contractor's Org	Recreation and Conservation Office
Address	PO Box 40917
City, State & Zip	Olympia, WA 98504-0917
Phone :	Phone: 360-902-3088
Email address:	Email address: Justin.bush@rco.wa.gov

INSURANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage as set out in this section (or as set forth in the RFQQ RCO1705). The intent of the required insurance is to protect the state should there be any claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any negligent or intentional act or omission of the CONTRACTOR or subcontract, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Contract, as follows:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy – Provide a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy, including contractual liability, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity but no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.
2. Automobile Liability – In the event that services delivered pursuant to this contract involve the use of vehicles, either owned or un-owned by the CONTRACTOR, automobile liability insurance shall be required. The minimum limit for automobile liability is:
\$1,000,000 per occurrence, using a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage.
3. The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company/ies authorized to do business within the state of Washington, and shall name the state of Washington, its agents and employees as additional insureds under the insurance policy/ies. All policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectable insurance. CONTRACTOR shall instruct the insurers to give AGENCY 30 days advance notice of any insurance cancellation.

CONTRACTOR shall submit to AGENCY within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date, a certificate of insurance which outlines the coverage and limits defined in the Insurance section. CONTRACTOR shall submit renewal certificates as appropriate during the term of the contract.

ASSURANCES

AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR agree that all activity pursuant to this contract will be in accordance with all the applicable current federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Each of the exhibits listed below is by this reference hereby incorporated into this contract. In the event of an inconsistency in this contract, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- Applicable federal and state of Washington statutes and regulations
- Special Terms and Conditions as contained in this basic contract instrument
- General Terms and Conditions
- RFQQ RCO1806
- Contractor's Proposal dated on or before November 26, 2018.
- Any other provision, term or material incorporated herein by reference or otherwise incorporated.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This contract including referenced exhibits represents all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other statements or representations, written or oral, shall be deemed a part hereof.

CONFORMANCE

If any provision of this contract violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

APPROVAL

This contract shall be subject to the written approval of the AGENCY’S authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved. The contract may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties.

THIS CONTRACT, consisting of [] pages, is executed by the persons signing below who warrant that they have the authority to execute the contract.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR

**WASHINGTON STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE**

Signature

Signature

Title

Date

Title

Date

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

A. "AGENCY" shall mean the Recreation and Conservation Office of the State of Washington, any division, section, office, unit or other entity of the AGENCY, or any of the officers or other officials lawfully representing that Agency.

B. "AGENT" shall mean the Director, and/or the delegate authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.

C. "CONTRACTOR" shall mean that firm, provider, organization, individual or other entity performing service(s) under this contract, and shall include all employees of the CONTRACTOR.

D. "SUBCONTRACTOR" shall mean one not in the employment of the CONTRACTOR, who is performing all or part of those services under this contract under a separate contract with the CONTRACTOR. The terms "SUBCONTRACTOR" and "SUBCONTRACTORS" means SUBCONTRACTOR(s) in any tier.

ACCESS TO DATA

The CONTRACTOR shall provide access to data generated under this contract to AGENCY, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the CONTRACTOR'S reports, including computer models and methodology for those models.

ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this contract shall be made by the AGENCY.

AMENDMENTS

This contract may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

ASSIGNMENT

Neither this contract, nor any claim arising under this contract, shall be transferred or assigned by the CONTRACTOR without prior written consent of the AGENCY.

ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce contract terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorney fees and costs.

CONFIDENTIALITY/SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION

The CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose any information concerning the AGENCY, or information that may be classified as confidential, for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of this contract, except with prior written consent of the AGENCY, or as may be required by law.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, the AGENCY may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the CONTRACTOR terminate this contract if it is found after due

notice and examination by the AGENT that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, Chapter 42.52 RCW; or any similar statute involving the CONTRACTOR in the procurement of, or performance under this contract.

In the event this contract is terminated as provided above, the AGENCY shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the CONTRACTOR as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the CONTRACTOR. The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which the AGENT makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in the "Disputes" clause of this contract.

COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise provided, all materials produced under this contract shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall be considered the author of such materials. In the event the materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws, CONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in materials, including all intellectual property rights, to the AGENCY effective from the moment of creation of such materials.

Materials means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

For materials that are delivered under the contract, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the contract, CONTRACTOR hereby grants to the AGENCY a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense others) in such materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that CONTRACTOR has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to the AGENCY.

The CONTRACTOR shall exert all reasonable effort to advise the AGENCY, at the time of delivery of materials furnished under this contract, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document that was not produced in the performance of this contract.

The AGENCY shall receive prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the CONTRACTOR with respect to any data delivered under this contract. The AGENCY shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the data by the CONTRACTOR.

COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agents maintained by the CONTRACTOR for securing business.

The AGENCY shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the CONTRACTOR, to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or recover by other means the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

DEBARMENT AND CERTIFICATION

By signing the Agreement with AGENCY, the sponsor certifies that neither it nor its principals nor any other lower tier participant are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by Washington State Labor and Industries. Further, the sponsor agrees not to enter into any arrangements or contracts related to this Agreement with any party that is on the "Contractors not Allowed to Bid on Public Works Projects" list.

DISALLOWED COSTS

The Contractor is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its Subcontractors.

DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, when a dispute arises between the parties and it cannot be resolved by direct negotiation, either party may request a dispute hearing with AGENT.

1. The request for a dispute hearing must:
 - Be in writing;
 - State the disputed issue(s);
 - State the relative positions of the parties;
 - State the CONTRACTOR’S name, address, and contract number; and
 - Be mailed to the AGENT and the other party’s (respondent’s) contract manager within 3 working calendar days after the parties agree that they cannot resolve the dispute.
2. The respondent shall send a written answer to the requester’s statement to both the agent and the requester within 5 working calendar days.
3. The AGENT shall review the written statements and reply in writing to both parties within 10 working days. The AGENT may extend this period if necessary by notifying the parties.
4. The parties agree that this dispute process shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to limit the parties’ choice of a mutually acceptable alternate dispute resolution method in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

DUPLICATE PAYMENT

The AGENCY shall not pay the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other contract or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

GOVERNING LAW

This contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

INDEMNIFICATION

The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold the STATE and its officers and employees harmless from all claims, demands, or suits at law or equity arising in whole or in part from the actual or alleged acts, errors, omissions or negligence of, or the breach of any obligation under this AGREEMENT by, the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR’S agents, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the CONTRACTOR may be legally liable.

Provided that nothing herein shall require a CONTRACTOR to defend or indemnify the STATE against and hold harmless the STATE from claims, demands or suits based solely upon the negligence of, or breach of any obligation under this AGREEMENT by the STATE, its agents, officers, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the STATE may be legally liable.

Provided further that if the claims or suits are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR’S agents, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the CONTRACTOR is legally liable, and (b) the STATE, its agents, officers, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors and or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the STATE may be legally liable, the indemnity obligation shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the CONTRACTOR’S negligence or the negligence of the CONTRACTOR’S agents, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the CONTRACTOR may be legally liable.

This provision shall be included in any agreement between CONTRACTOR and any sub consultant, subcontractor and vendor, of any tier.

The CONTRACTOR shall also defend, indemnify, and hold the STATE and its officers and employees harmless from all claims, demands, or suits at law or equity arising in whole or in part from the alleged patent or copyright infringement or other allegedly improper appropriation or use of trade secrets, patents, proprietary information, know-how, copyright rights or inventions by the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR'S agents, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the CONTRACTOR may be legally liable, in performance of the Work under this AGREEMENT or arising out of any use in connection with the AGREEMENT of methods, processes, designs, information or other items furnished or communicated to STATE, its agents, officers and employees pursuant to the AGREEMENT; provided that this indemnity shall not apply to any alleged patent or copyright infringement or other allegedly improper appropriation or use of trade secrets, patents, proprietary information, know-how, copyright rights or inventions resulting from STATE's, its agents', officers' and employees' failure to comply with specific written instructions regarding use provided to STATE, its agents, officers and employees by the CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, sub consultants, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the CONTRACTOR may be legally liable.

The CONTRACTOR specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the CONTRACTOR'S own employees or its agents against the STATE and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, the CONTRACTOR specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW.

The AGENCY is included within the term STATE, as are all other agencies, departments, boards, or other entities of state government.

This provision was the result of mutual negotiation between the parties.

INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. The CONTRACTOR and his or her employees or agents performing under this contract are not employees or agents of the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR will not hold himself/herself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of the AGENCY or of the State of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the CONTRACTOR make any claim of right, privilege or benefit that would accrue to such employee under law. Conduct and control of the work will be solely with the CONTRACTOR.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance. If the CONTRACTOR fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees, as may be required by law, AGENCY may collect from the CONTRACTOR the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance accident fund. The AGENCY may deduct the amount owed by the CONTRACTOR to the accident fund from the amount payable to the CONTRACTOR by the AGENCY under this contract, and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries, (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the CONTRACTOR.

LICENSING, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements/standards, necessary for the performance of this contract.

LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

Only the AGENT or AGENT'S delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this contract. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver or any clause or condition of this contract is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the AGENT.

NON-AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The obligation of the AGENCY to make payments is contingent on the availability of state and federal funds through legislative appropriation and state allotment. If amounts sufficient to fund the grant made under this Agreement are not appropriated to AGENCY for expenditure for this Agreement in any biennial fiscal period, AGENCY shall not be obligated to pay any remaining unpaid portion of this grant unless and until the necessary action by the Legislature or the Office of Financial Management occurs. If AGENCY participation is suspended under this section for a continuous period of one year, AGENCY's obligation to provide any future funding under this Agreement shall terminate. Termination of the Agreement under this section is not subject to appeal by the sponsor.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation, or policy, this contract may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the "Disputes" procedure set forth herein.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies.

PRIVACY

Personal information including, but not limited to, "Protected Health Information," collected, used, or acquired in connection with this contract shall be protected against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or loss. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors or agents use personal information solely for the purposes of accomplishing the services set forth herein. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the AGENCY or as otherwise required by law.

Any breach of this provision may result in termination of the contract and the demand for return of all personal information. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AGENCY for any damages related to the CONTRACTOR'S unauthorized use of personal information.

PUBLICITY

The CONTRACTOR agrees to submit to the AGENCY all advertising and publicity matters relating to this contract wherein the AGENCY'S name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of the AGENCY'S name may, in the AGENCY'S judgment, be inferred or implied. The CONTRACTOR agrees not to publish or use such advertising and publicity matters without the prior written consent of the AGENCY.

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this contract and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this contract.

CONTRACTOR shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the contract, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by the AGENCY, personnel duly authorized by the AGENCY, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The CONTRACTOR shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue and be responsible for payment of all taxes due on payments made under this contract.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION

The CONTRACTOR shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AGENCY, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this contract.

SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this contract and prior to normal completion, the AGENCY may terminate the contract under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten-day notice requirement, subject to renegotiation at the AGENCY'S discretion under those new funding limitations and conditions.

SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this contract are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the contract.

SITE SECURITY

While on AGENCY premises, CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire or other security policies or regulations.

SUBCONTRACTING

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUBCONTRACTOR shall enter into subcontracts for any of the work contemplated under this contract without obtaining prior written approval of the AGENCY. In no event shall the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the contractor to the Department for any breach in the performance of the contractor's duties. This clause does not include contracts of employment between the contractor and personnel assigned to work under this contract.

Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this agreement are carried forward to any subcontracts. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the AGENCY or as provided by law.

SUSPENSION

The obligation of the AGENCY to manage contract terms and make payments is contingent upon the state appropriating state and federal funding each biennium. In the event the state is unable to appropriate such funds by the first day of each new biennium AGENCY reserves the right to suspend the agreement, with ten (10) days written notice, until such time funds are appropriated. Suspension will mean all work related to the contract must cease until such time funds are obligated to AGENCY and the AGENCY provides notice to continue work.

TAXES

All payments accrued because of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, any other taxes, insurance or other expenses for the CONTRACTOR or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event the AGENCY determines the CONTRACTOR has failed to comply with the conditions of this contract in a timely manner, the AGENCY has the right to suspend or terminate this contract. Before suspending or terminating the contract, the AGENCY shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 30 calendar days, the contract may be terminated or suspended.

In the event of termination or suspension, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original contract and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time.

The AGENCY reserves the right to suspend all or part of the contract, withhold further payments, or prohibit the CONTRACTOR from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the CONTRACTOR or a decision by the AGENCY to terminate the contract. A termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that the CONTRACTOR: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this contract are not exclusive and are, in addition to any other rights and remedies, provided by law.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the AGENCY may, by 10 calendar days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is so terminated, the AGENCY shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this contract for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

TERMINATION PROCEDURES

Upon termination of this contract, the AGENCY, in addition to any other rights provided in this contract, may require the CONTRACTOR to deliver to the AGENCY any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this contract as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

The AGENCY shall pay to the CONTRACTOR the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by the AGENCY, and the amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the AGENCY for (i) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed work and services, (iii) other property or services that are accepted by the AGENCY, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the AGENT shall determine the extent of the liability of the AGENCY. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this contract. The AGENCY may withhold from any amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sum as the AGENT determines to be necessary to protect the AGENCY against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the AGENT, the CONTRACTOR shall:

1. Stop work under the contract on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the contract that is not terminated;
3. Assign to the AGENCY, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT, all of the rights, title, and interest of the CONTRACTOR under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the AGENCY has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
4. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the AGENT to the extent AGENT may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;

5. Transfer title to the AGENCY and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT any property which, if the contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the AGENCY;
6. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the AGENT; and
7. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the AGENT may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract, which is in the possession of the CONTRACTOR and in which the AGENCY has or may acquire an interest.

TREATMENT OF ASSETS

A. Title to all property furnished by the AGENCY shall remain in the AGENCY. Title to all property furnished by the CONTRACTOR, for the cost of which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon delivery of such property by the CONTRACTOR. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the CONTRACTOR under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by the AGENCY in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.

B. Any property of the AGENCY furnished to the CONTRACTOR shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by the AGENCY, be used only for the performance of this contract.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of the AGENCY that results from the negligence of the CONTRACTOR or which results from the failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.

D. If any AGENCY property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the AGENCY and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.

E. The CONTRACTOR shall surrender to the AGENCY all property of the AGENCY prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this contract

F. All reference to the CONTRACTOR under this clause shall also include CONTRACTOR'S employees, agents or SUBCONTRACTORS.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

The AGENCY complies with U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) payment rules. OFAC prohibits financial transactions with individuals or organizations, which have been placed on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons sanctions list located at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/index.html>. Compliance with OFAC payment rules ensures that the AGENCY does not conduct business with individuals or organizations that have been determined to be supporters of terrorism and international drug dealing or that pose other dangers to the United States.

Prior to making payment to individuals or organizations, the AGENCY will download the current OFAC SDN file and compare it to AGENCY and statewide vendor files. In the event of a positive match, the AGENCY reserves the right to: (1) make a determination of "reasonability" before taking the positive match to a higher authority, (2) seek assistance from the Washington State Office of the State Treasurer (OST) for advanced assistance in resolving the positive match, (3) comply with an OFAC investigation, if required, and/or (4) if the positive match is substantiated, notify the contractor in writing and terminate the contract according to the Termination for Convenience provision without making payment. The AGENCY will not be liable for any late payment fees or missed discounts that are the result of time required to address the issue of an OFAC match.

WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this contract unless stated to be such in writing and signed by authorized representative of the AG.