



**The Tulalip Tribes
Request for Quotes (“RFQ”)
for
Consulting Services
to develop a written
Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy**

Brief Description of the Tulalip Tribes

The Tulalip (pronounced Tuh'-lay-lup) Tribes are the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott. Our tribal population is over 5,000 and growing, with 2,700 members residing on the 22,000 acres Tulalip Indian Reservation located north of Everett and the Snohomish River and west of Marysville, Washington. The Reservation is rich with natural resources: marine waters, tidelands, freshwater creeks and lakes, wetlands, forests, and developable land. The Tulalip Reservation was reserved for the use and benefit of Indian tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott of January 22, 1855. Its boundaries were established by the 1855 Treaty and by Executive Order of President U.S. Grant, dated December 23, 1873. It was created to provide a permanent home for the Snohomish, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, and allied bands living in the region. To learn more about The Tulalip Tribes, visit <https://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov>

RFO Purpose

The TRIBES are issuing this RFQ to select consulting services to compile completed, existing, and planned climate adaptation projects into a written strategy.

Starting in 2015 the TRIBES have been planning for and completing projects according to a broadly defined strategy for climate adaptation and mitigation on the Tulalip Reservation and across traditional tribal territory. At the initiation of our tribal climate program we recognized that local information about climate change was evolving rapidly and that we were in a learning curve regarding how to approach the effects of climate change on our tribes. Now that our climate adaptation and mitigation has evolved and our direction has become more substantive we see benefit in writing a strategy defining the Tulalip outlook and approach. This memorializing document will describe and define our past work and how we will implement our planned work for generations ahead. Under this RFQ we seek support from a consultant to, in close coordination with the Tulalip climate team, and building from previous drafts of our climate adaptation plan, develop a written climate adaptation and mitigation strategy.

We anticipate the scope of work awarded under this agreement will be on a time and materials basis, not

exceeding \$50,000 over a contract period from October 1, 2024, to March 30, 2025.

Scope of Services:

Following is a general scope of services. This scope of services section is intended to outline general requirements for services and does not define all required services.

1. Scope of the Tulalip Climate Strategy

- a. Tulalip Tribes intends that its climate strategy be within the Tribes’ cultural context. We have initiated a written strategy that reflects the tribes’ cultural values. Lashootseed language words and phrases are strategically used to emphasize tribal values in our previous drafts. The climate strategy must continue this practice. Tribal staff will be consulted regarding use of Lashootseed language words and phrases. The existing draft will be used as the basis for the strategy to be developed.
- b. The Tulalip climate team has developed an approach to climate adaptation that includes programmatic adaptation and geographic adaptation. Programmatic adaptation includes programs in Tribal Governments such as within the administrative context of the Tribes’ health systems. Geographic adaptation responds to such changes as sea level rise on the reservation shoreline and ecosystem changes on traditional lands in the Cascade Mountain Range. We have identified concerns in each of these areas. Some of the work has been completed, some is underway and other approaches are emerging. This approach and identified elements of the plan will be included in the strategy.
- c. Energy security is an important issue for the community and beyond. We are developing both measures and an overall plan for energy security by creating a more resilient electrical infrastructure and energy security plan. Our ongoing measures and developing plans will be discussed in the strategy.
- d. Certain Tribal Government departments are actively engaged in climate adaptation and mitigation. Executive Leadership, Natural and Cultural Resources, Housing & Community Development, Planning, Emergency Management and Community Health among other departments and divisions will be engaged and consulted, with assistance from Climate Program staff from the Treaty Rights Office, for inclusion of their climate adaptation and mitigation plans.

2. Required Responses to the RFQ

- a. Provide a General Statement of Qualifications that responds to the background information given above, including the firm’s experience preparing climate adaptation and mitigation planning documents.
- b. Would your firm work with another entity to provide support under this

agreement with Tulalip Tribes? If so, under what capacity would the other entity be involved?

- c. List any professional and support positions who would be involved in providing services. Provide the resume or CV of the principal consultant who would provide support under this Professional Services Agreement.
- d. Provide examples of past projects or involvement with climate adaptation and mitigation, particularly projects involving tribes or first nations.
- e. Provide information on your proposed fee structure based on the above scope, including payment for out-of-pocket expenses.

Proposed Schedule

The proposed schedule for the selection of a consulting firm is set forth below and is subject to change.

1. RFP issued July 9, 2024.
2. Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, August 9, 2024.
3. Conferences via video conference to discuss contract details with selected vendors at agreed-upon times between August 15 and August 20, 2024.
4. Announcement of selection (target date only), August 30, 2024.
5. Following TRIBE's contract award, each firm submitting a proposal will receive notification of the decision.
6. October 1, 2024: Consultant's work begins

Guidelines

1. Requests for Clarification or Inquiries and Submission of Final Quotes: Firms with questions concerning this RFQ may submit their questions via email to Phil North, Conservation Scientist, Treaty Rights and Government Affairs Office. Final proposals shall be electronically submitted to pnorth@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.
2. The title page of the proposal shall include the name of the business or individual, mailing address, name of contact person, telephone number, e-mail address, and date.
3. Responses to Questions: Please restate each question or required response item, followed by your response.

Selection Criteria

1. The firm can perform the scope of work described above.
2. Cost structure.
3. Experience and qualifications, including overall experience in workforce training and demonstrated competency and understanding of ecological forestry.
4. The principal consultant must be capable of providing the necessary services.
5. Organization, presentation, and content of proposal.

Disclaimer:

The TRIBES will select a firm based on the best overall solution and value. The TRIBES are not obligated to select the lowest bidder. This RFQ does not commit the TRIBE to any specific course of action or to the selection of any of the vendors.