



**The Tulalip Tribes
Request for
Qualifications
("RFQ")
For
Tulalip Stormwater BMP Strategies
Consulting Services**

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 exceeds 5,500 and continues to grow, with 2,900 members residing on the 22,000-acre Tulalip Indian Reservation, located north of Everett, adjacent to the Snohomish River, and west of Marysville, Washington. The Reservation is rich in natural resources, including 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. The 1855 Treaty and an Executive Order from President U.S. Grant, dated December 23, 1873, established its boundaries. 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>.

RFQ Purpose

The TULALIP TRIBES are issuing this RFQ to select consulting services to support the development and coordination of a Tulalip Program for BMP deployment that addresses the delivery of stormwater pollutants to reservation waterways, especially chemicals of emerging concern such as 6PPD-Q and PFAS.

The selected consultant will support scouting, locating, designing, permitting, and constructing stormwater treatment BMPs that use biological media, particularly biochar, to treat contaminated stormwater runoff. The contractor will integrate existing hydrologic models provided by pre-selected partners, utilize public and Tulalip Tribes GIS data, and deliver final field-verified as-built documentation.

We anticipate that the scope of work awarded under this agreement will be on a time-and-materials basis, not exceeding \$150,000 over the contract period from November 15, 2026, to Dec 31, 2027.

Scope of Services:

The following outlines the general scope of services. This scope of services section is intended to outline general service requirements and does not define all required services.

1. General Requirements

The consultant will provide:

- Recommendations on biological treatment media to support the capture and remediation of stormwater contaminants using materials and treatment principles reasonably supported by available evidence and practical experience.
- Support in identifying candidate Early-Action locations
- Documentation of drainage conditions, apparent contaminant sources, access, and constraints.
- Recommend suitable sites and develop practical treatment concepts and preliminary installation costs.
- Fabrication, procurement, and installation of approved systems with appropriate treatment media.
- Establish inspection, maintenance, sampling, and documentation procedures appropriate to each system.
- Monitor operational performance where useful and financially practical and modify treatment configurations as information becomes available.
- Provide an approach and methodology for screening Reservation-wide landscape stormwater treatment opportunities.
- Provide support and recommendations in selecting priority projects.
- Support the development of media-testing approaches and design.
- Produce and characterize candidate media and conduct bench/column testing of selected media.
- Aid with developing scopes of work for hydrology and specialist needs.
- Integrate laboratory and field findings to develop preferred treatment concepts and larger demonstration requirements based on evidence.

2. Required Responses to the RFQ

- a. Provide a General Statement of Qualifications that responds to the background information above, including experience providing services related to the general requirements.
- b. List any professional and support positions involved in providing requested services. Please provide the resume or CV of the principal consultant who will provide support under this Independent Contractor Agreement.
- c. 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 selecting a consulting firm is set forth below and is subject to change.

1. RFP issued Oct 9, 2026.
2. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Oct 19th, 2026.
3. Announcement of selection (target date only): November 1, 2026.
4. November 15, 2026: Consultant's work begins.

Guidelines

1. Requests for Clarification or Inquiries and Submission of Final Quotes: Firms with questions concerning this Request for Proposal (RFQ) may submit their inquiries via email to shinton@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. Final proposals shall be electronically submitted to shinton@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. Evidence that the firm can perform the scope of work described above.
2. Cost structure.
3. Experience and qualifications, including overall experience and understanding of emergency management & preparedness. Especially as it relates to food security.
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 selecting any of the vendors.