

STATE OF WASHINGTON Department of Fish and Wildlife SOLE SOURCE POSTING

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The WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, contemplates awarding a sole source contract to **Ross Strategic** to conduct Tribal and stakeholder engagement and facilitation.

ROSS STRATEGIC has conducted facilitation and stakeholder engagement for a variety of WDFW issues and has performed very well on past and current contracts. ROSS STRATEGIC has expertise in the area, and long-standing relationships with some of the Tribal governments involved. The facilitation team that would be working on this contract has unique experience working on shellfish issues in Hood Canal and a rapport with key Tribal governments, WDFW, and stakeholders. A member of the Ross Strategic team recently served on the Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative workgroup and has policy expertise in the issue at hand.

WDFW will enter into a contract with **Ross Strategic**. The contract will be issued on or after June 7, 2022, and will continue through 12/31/2022. The cost of this contract is \$53,967.25. WDFW does not anticipate extending the contract beyond the contract term, 06/07/2022 to 12/31/2022.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing its ability to meet the state's requirements within five (5) working days of this announcement.

Capability statements should address the following state requirements:

- Consultant shall have at least 5 years of experience as a professional facilitator, and have professional facilitation training and/or accreditation, (i.e. CertifiedTM Professional Facilitator).
- Consultants shall have experience working directly with Tribal governments in the Puget Sound region.
- Consultants shall have experience working on natural resource policy issues related to Hood Canal shellfish and/or tidelands.
- Consultant shall have experience facilitating a Tribal engagement and/or stakeholder engagement process for a Washington natural resource agency.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract. To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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