

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

## Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

## SOLE SOURCE POSTING

**1) A description of the purpose and scope of the contract:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to the Puget Sound Restoration Fund. (https:/restorationfund.org) to provide services as they relate to Implementation of a “Washington Olympia Oyster Restoration Plan”. They will responsibly produce Olympia oyster progeny and culture these animals to a viable size that can be used in restoration outplants to the wild. Hatchery responsibilities include production of multiple families of healthy seed abalone for recovery projects and all research and maintenance needs associated with making the hatchery efficient and generative. Field responsibilities include assisting with outplanting, population monitoring, broodstock collection, research, and ongoing evaluation of abalone restoration sites. Other partnership responsibilities include engaging other tribal and NGO partners.

**2) The criteria or rationale justifying the sole source contract:**  The Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF), a non-profit organization, has partnered with WDFW on Olympia oyster restoration for over 25 years. These juveniles have been certified disease-free and a published analysis of their genetics showed they were as genetically diverse as the remnant wild population. PSRF manages a network of partners including the Seattle Aquarium, Port Townsend Marine Science Center, and students and faculty at Western Washington University and University of Washington to conduct basic research on hatchery propagation techniques, and to train outside staff to rear oysters in satellite facilities. PSRF operates the single Olympia oyster hatchery in the state currently, and it is critical to the state’s recovery program.

**3) The name of the prospective contractor:** Puget Sound Restoration Fund.

**4) The projected contract value:** $750,000 over the 6-year contract period ($125,000/year).

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| **5) Options for extensions:** extensions will not be required. |

**6) A description of the process for providing vendor inquiries or responses to the posting agency, including timelines and requirements and a request for capability statements if a vendor believes they can provide the goods or services being procured under the sole source contract:** Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit a capability statement detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements by 12:00 p.m. PST on November 21, 2023. To submit capability statements or for questions, please contact: Theresa Walker, Deputy Contracts Officer, at Theresa.Walker@dfw.wa.gov