



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Department of Fish and Wildlife
SOLE SOURCE POSTING

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Washington state faces a critical challenge related to **habitat connectivity**. Federal dollars are becoming available at several agencies. The WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to **CONSERVATION NORTHWEST** for assistance in cataloging and strategizing around opportunities for WDFW and WSDOT to have greater success in receiving these funds.

CONSERVATION NORTHWEST is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to protect Northwest wildlands and to connect core habitats and large landscapes. It is America's oldest and largest wildlife conservation organization. **CONSERVATION NORTHWEST** has worked hundreds of projects championing wildlife and connecting and protecting wildlands and old-growth forests from the Washington Coast to the British Columbia Rockies to benefit wildlife and people.

WDFW will enter into a contract with **CONSERVATION NORTHWEST** for approximately 10-months. The contract will be issued on or after July 1, 2024, and will continue for a 10-month term through 04/01/2025. The cost of this 10-month contract is \$40,000. WDFW may opt to extend the contract, if required for unforeseen political circumstances. WDFW recognize that any optional extension would result in equal (and/or slightly higher) consideration added to the total contract value.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit a capability statement 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:

- references from tribes, state or local transportation agencies, conservation agencies or organizations, or other stakeholders engaged in strategic identification and acquisition of high priority habitat.
- demonstrated success purchasing properties to support habitat acquisition and connection projects.
- demonstrated success securing federal, private, or other grant funding to support connectivity project design and implementation.
- demonstrated success leading a group of tribes, NGOs, city/county/state government, and community partners to collaborate on the design and/or implementation of a project that includes strategic identification and acquisition of property resulting in increased connection of protected habitats.

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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