



**The Tulalip Tribes
Request for
Qualifications
("RFQ")
For
Consulting
Services
For
Food Security & Resiliency Planning**

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. 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 TULALIP TRIBES are issuing this RFQ to select consulting services to aid in developing and coordinating the development and implementation of a Tulalip community vision for food security, especially as it relates to emergency preparedness.

The primary goal of this effort will be to support the Tulalip Tribes by 1) working with various Tulalip programs and the Tulalip Food Security & Sovereignty Committee to create a 5-year work plan for implementing Tulalip priorities for strengthening community food sovereignty & security as a core element of community emergency preparedness plans 2) helping to secure support from leadership, staff, and the community to implement priority actions, and 3) help to coordinate food security and sovereignty projects and programs that align with emergency preparedness across Tulalip Departments. Our expected outcome from this effort will be the implementation of actionable strategies that support food security and sovereignty priorities.

We anticipate that the scope of work awarded under this agreement will be on a time-and-materials basis, not exceeding \$80,000 over the contract period from May 22, 2025, to Dec 31, 2025.

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:

- 1) Provide general support and contribute to regular Tulalip Food Security & Sovereignty workgroup meetings.
- 2) Assist community leaders in developing and documenting strategies to strengthen and expand the Tulalip local food system.
- 3) Contribute to the development of plans that integrate food system priorities with emergency preparedness and management plans.
- 4) Contribute to plans that integrate food system priorities with land restoration and management actions.
- 5) Support the integration of recommended strategies for sustainable farming and fishing practices, such as permaculture, organic agriculture, and aquaculture.
- 6) Support Tulalip departments in developing educational materials and strategies for community awareness and preparedness education, with a focus on local schools and community consumption.
- 7) Aid and contribute to collaboration with neighboring communities, organizations, businesses, and academic institutions to exchange knowledge, resources, and best practices related to emergency preparedness, food security, and community sovereignty.
- 8) Advise community leadership and program managers regarding policy considerations at the local, state, regional, and national levels in support of treaty rights, emergency preparedness, and food security.

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 services. Please give the resume or CV of the principal consultant who will provide support under this Professional Services 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 April 5, 2025.
2. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, April 28, 2025.
3. Announcement of selection (target date only), May 5, 2025.
4. May 22, 2024: 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 TulalipRFP@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. Final proposals shall be electronically submitted to TulalipRFP@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.