



**The Tulalip Tribes
Request for
Qualifications (“RFQ”)
For
Consulting Services For
Tulalip Communication and Evacuation Plan**

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 Tribal members residing on the 22,000-acre Tulalip Indian Reservation, along with approximately 15,000 non-tribal members. The Tulalip reservation is 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 Communication and Evacuation Plan

The primary goal of this effort will be to support the Tulalip Tribes by developing a communication and evacuation plan for individuals residing within the boundaries of the Tulalip reservation. This plan should include:

1. Develop evacuation plans for potential hazards and specific hazards that may require evacuation of the reservation.
2. Identify all stakeholders and plan in coordination with identified stakeholders a coordinated communication protocol in the event an evacuation is necessary.
3. Work with neighboring jurisdictions to help develop the evacuation plan
4. Identify and develop necessary MOUs with neighboring jurisdictions so that an

evacuation could be executed efficiently.

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 June 27, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

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:

- 1) Work with relevant Tribal departments to develop the evacuation plan / routes
- 2) Work with other local critical stakeholders to coordinate the creation of an effective evacuation plan
- 3) Identify potential “bottlenecks” or situations that would delay or create safety hazards in the evacuation route(s)
- 4) Provide recommendations for mitigation of identified evacuation risks.
- 5) Provide recommendations for reunification sites in the event of an evacuation.
- 6) Identify quadrants / sectors within the Tulalip reservation for activation response.
- 7) Review traffic flow assessments and data to inform decisions regarding best evacuation routes.

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 Thursday, May 29, 2025.
2. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Thursday, June 5, 2025.
3. Announcement of selection no later than June 13, 2025.
4. Consultant's work begins on a date agreed upon between the selected candidate and the Tulalip tribes' Emergency Management representative.

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 Angelcortez@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. Final proposals shall be electronically submitted to TulalipRFP@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov, and Angelcortez@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.