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Request for Qualifications

Riparian and Invasive Species Vegetation Management

I. Purpose

The Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village is seeking qualified service providers with experience in riparian and stream and wetland vegetation management to assist with control of invasive species. The goal is to target specific species with non-chemical and chemical integrated pest management control methods, to reduce seed sources and improve restoration project integrity and success, and improve natural shade to reduce future invasive cover and restore the riparian plant community.

II. Background

The project is located within the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village on lands held in trust for the Tulalip Tribes (See Map- Attachment A). The target areas for vegetation management are located primarily west of 27th Ave NE, in the area formerly known as the Boeing Test Site. Areas within the former Boeing Test Site and areas that are part of the Coho Creek restoration project and riparian buffer have become colonized reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Evergreen blackberry (*Rubus lacintus*), jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), among other non- native invasives. Quil Ceda Village seeks vegetation management contractors with an

expertise in integrated pest management, and knowledgeable in the latest techniques in both chemical and non-chemical approaches to managing target species, and choosing appropriate methods to reduce chemical use and maintain effectiveness, as well as experience planting native plants in wild settings. Knowledge of appropriate timing of treatments for specific species is necessary to maximize effectiveness and prevent recurrence. The contractor or operator shall be certified in chemical pest control with Washington State.

The Quil Ceda Village site is located West of 27th Ave NE, between 88th St NE and 114th St NE, and encompasses the following (see attached map), Township 30 North, Range 5 East, Sections 07, 08, 17, 18, 19, & 20, Longitude 122.21566 to 122.19955; Latitude 48.09539 to 48.07387. A project area map is in **Attachment A**.

III. Project Goals and Objectives

Quil Ceda Village's goal for this project is to reduce invasive species and seed sources for future mitigation projects, infill native plantings in an existing restoration site, and to perform maintenance on existing restoration project areas.

Fill areas and areas along roads within the general former Boeing Test Site and the Coho Creek Restoration project riparian buffer areas need to be managed for control and reduction of reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Evergreen blackberry (*Rubus lacintus*), jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), among other non- native invasives. Non- chemical management of reed canarygrass around existing plantings within the Coho Creek riparian buffer will also need to be conducted.

Reed canarygrass mowing is expected to occur twice, once in early summer and once in late summer. Planting is expected to occur in early spring 2021.

The objectives for this project are:

- 1) Treat Japanese knotweed in target areas along roadways and in fill piles.
- 2) Remove Himalayan blackberry and evergreen blackberry within Coho Creek riparian buffers in target areas.
- 3) Remove jewelweed from within Coho Creek streamside vegetation areas and buffers.
- 4) Cut and mulch reed canarygrass areas within Coho Creek Riparian buffers, to manage both in spring and fall, preserving and protecting existing plantings.
- 5) Plant native trees and shrubs in a stream riparian area in early spring 2023.

III.Submittal Requirements

Vegetation management or ecological restoration consultants interested in performing the work outlined in this request for qualifications should submit the following information to the Quil Ceda Village Engineering Services Department:

- A. Qualifications of your firm and staff proposed to perform the work described in this request for qualifications. This should include resumes and certificates of staff and any recommendation/commendation letters received from past projects. **A minimum field crew size of four people is required.**
- B. A list of similar projects completed in the last five years with particular emphasis on projects incorporating management of invasive species and riparian plantings.
- C. Proof of insurance
- E. The consultant should describe their availability to begin the project.
- F. Letters of interest/qualifications may be sent by email or hardcopy. Submit a total of two (2) copies of your proposal to:

Allison Warner, Wetland Program Coordinator
Quil Ceda Village
8202 27th Ave NE
Tulalip, WA 98271

For questions, contact Allison Warner at awarner@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov or
Phone (360) 716-5069
Fax number is (360) 716-0052.

- E. Letters of Interest/Qualifications must be received by C.O.B. on January 23, 2023.

VI. Format for Request for Qualifications

The RFQ should be organized in accordance with the submittal requirements. The RFQ should not exceed (20) pages, excluding the cover sheet and any tabs or indexes. One page is defined as: one side of a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet, with 12 point font. The consultant must provide proof of current valid WA state pesticide license. The consultant must also state that they have the ability to provide workers compensation and professional liability insurance. Information provided in the RFQ will, to the extent allowed by law, be held in confidence and will not be revealed or discussed with competitors.

VII. Evaluation Process

Quil Ceda Village will use the following criteria to evaluate submittals:

- A. Professional Qualifications – Qualifications of the firm and the staff that will be assigned to complete the project.
- B. Direct Experience - Submittals must demonstrate experience and expertise with management of invasive species and PNW riparian plantings and will give special consideration to vegetation management contractors with an expertise in integrated pest management, and knowledgeable in the latest techniques in both chemical and non-chemical approaches to managing target species, and choosing appropriate methods to reduce chemical use and maintain effectiveness. Knowledge of appropriate timing of treatments for specific species is necessary to maximize effectiveness and prevent recurrence. The contractor or operator shall be certified in chemical pest control with WA State. A minimum of ten projects within the past 2 years is required.
- C. Past Performance – Past performance on similar contracts with Government/Tribal agencies must be demonstrated in terms of deliverables that were completed, whether projects were completed on time and within cost. Past performance should be described with a list of comparable projects. Listed projects should include a project description, owner, and contact information, cost of project, and types of deliverables.
- D. Geographic Proximity and Familiarity - Applicants should describe office locations and familiarity with the area. Applicants should also describe any prior work with the Tribes or on the Tulalip Reservation, or within the Marysville Trough.
- E. Project Management and Team Organization – Applicant should describe staff who will be involved and to what level, the project lead and organization. Additional information should include quality assurance and cost control measures, and prior experience of the project team as a unit. **A minimum crew size of four people is required.**
- F. Indian Preference – Extent of active participation of Indian Owned firms, and Indian professional and support staff.
- G. Availability - The applicant must be available to begin immediately this spring, with appropriate timing for invasive management and control.