


COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	Public Works	
<u>AGENDA DATE</u>	Department	Signature
<u>SUBJECT</u>	March 15, 2022	
<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>	RFQ for High Cost Bridge Inspections	
	Approve call for RFQ for High Cost Bridge Inspections	

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The office of Public Works is tasked with bridge inspections as is required by 23 CFR 650 Subpart C. The "Fracture Critical" bridges require special inspections due to their complex nature, therefore we are call on Consultants to assist with the inspections.

FISCAL IMPACT

Public Works budgets for these inspections that are required every two years

RECOMMENDATION

Approve call for RFQ

LIST ATTACHMENTS

RFQ

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES
FOR
SKAMANIA COUNTY**

FRACTURE CRITICAL AND HIGH COST INSPECTION WITH REPORT

DATE OF ISSUE: March 15, 2022

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: April 11, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

SCOPE OF WORK: In accordance with RCW 39.80, the Department of Public Works for Skamania County, Washington, announces its intent to solicit engineering services related to the inspection of three "Fracture Critical" bridges. The inspections will be performed in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Bridge Inspection (NBI) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Bridge Management System (BMS) standards. The bridges would require the use of an Under Bridge Inspection Truck (UBIT) and or High Angle certified personnel for access.

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS: Interested firms are requested to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) along with a narrative work proposal for providing the requested services. An officer of the firm must sign the SOQ/Proposal. Please provide three (3) copies of the SOQ/Proposal to expedite review. The SOQ/Proposal should include the following information:

- 1) Name, physical address, email address and telephone number of the firm
- 2) Name of the individual(s) who will represent the firm and be assigned to work with Skamania County staff
- 3) A statement of qualifications outlining the relevant experience of the firm over the last six (6) years
- 4) A list of personnel who will be assigned to the project with copy of certifications for inspections

SCHEDULE: Work required will be conducted within the timeline required for "Fracture Critical" bridges and structural inspections as required by WSDOT. Skamania County requires that the successful respondent conduct inspections on the specified inspection dates, after execution of contract.

SELECTION PROCESS: Skamania County will utilize the following engineering consultant selection process:

- 1) Respondent must submit three (3) copies of a written SOQ/Proposal by 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2022, to

Tim Elsea, P.E., County Engineer

Skamania County Department of Public Works
PO Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648-1009
170 NW Vancouver Ave., Stevenson, WA 98648
509-427-3725
elsea@co.skamania.wa.us

- 2) Skamania County will evaluate the qualifications and proposals of the responding firms and establish a ranking order.
- 3) Skamania County will negotiate a services contract with the highest ranked firm.
- 4) In the event negotiations are unsuccessful negotiations would proceed with the next highest ranked firm and so on.
- 5) The evaluation of firms and their proposals will result in a contract for services providing inspections on three bridges.
- 6) Once selected, and contract executed the contracted firm will coordinate with Skamania County through Tim Elsea at (509) 427-3725 and set up the bridge inspection schedule.

LIMITATIONS: Skamania County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The work specified herein is subject to EEO Compliance Review; and, the consultant's past performances in the use of minority or women's business enterprises as sub consultants can be part of the consideration in the selection process. Consultants shall comply with all guidelines, procedures and policies as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

GENERAL PROJECT STATEMENT FACTS:

- Under current WSDOT Policy, Local Agencies are responsible for funding of High Cost Bridge Inspections
- Skamania County has three bridges that fall under the category of High Cost Inspections, all these bridges are "Fracture Critical"
- The bridges to be inspected are: The Conrad Lundy Bridge, #08368500, Washougal River Bridge, #0012160A, and Evergreen Bridge, #08534700
- Skamania County maintains a full set of bridge files, including drawings, details, history and past inspection reports on all bridges
- Previous reports can be viewed through WSDOT Bridge Works application or provided by email from Skamania County upon request
- Skamania County will provide traffic control during inspections and can also provide a co inspector.
- The Conrad Lundy Bridge has a center tower for support that will require "High Angle" entry to inspect

REQUIRED CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS: Consulting firms will be evaluated on the demonstration of experience and knowledge of both the firm and its personnel in the following areas:

- Current Bridge Inspectors Certification from WSDOT
- Familiarity with the procedures for, "Fracture Critical" inspections
- Familiarity with WSDOT Bridge Works application
- Familiarity with UBIT inspection techniques
- Experience with High Angle Entry techniques

SUGGESTED CONSULTING SERVICE TASK ASSIGNMENTS: The following task list represents the minimum services required under this engineering services contract. Tasks that may not be listed by Skamania County that a respondent feels may be necessary or desirable can be identified in the proposal for specific inclusion in a final contract.

- Review Skamania County bridge files including past inspection reports
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- Input reports into Bridge Works or provide field reports to County for input into Bridge Works

- Provide photo documentation of all inspections
- Provide signed originals of reports once released in Bridge Works

Skamania County Title VI Policy Statement

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Dated this 15th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:



Debbie Slack
Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Approved as to form only:

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Adam Kick,
Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0

DATE: March 15, 2022

TO: The Skamania County Pioneer
PO Box 250
Stevenson, WA 98648

FROM: Skamania County Commissioners
Clerk of the Board
PO Box 790
Stevenson, WA 98648

Please publish the following documents on the dates indicated:

1. Document: Request for Qualifications
Publish as: Legal Notice
Publish on: March 23 and March 30, 2022
Send Bill to: Skamania County Public Works

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Clerk of the Board

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