Date: November 23, 2022  
To: Consultants  
From: Justin Isle (Natural Resources Department)  
Project: East Fork Grays River Restoration – Regulatory Permitting Assistance RFQ  
Purpose: Response to Consultant Questions (Q&A)

Thank you for your interest in our Regulatory Permitting Assistance RFQ. Below are our responses to the questions. We look forward to working with you.

1) Your RFQ states it is for regulatory permitting assistance, however, in the Consultant’s Obligations section, it states, “The selected consultant shall furnish all supervision, labor, equipment and tools necessary to complete the work as outlined in the overview...” Based on this language, it seems that the Tribe expects the consultant to oversee construction and also provide labor for the project as described in the RFQ. We are looking for clarity on exactly what is expected to be delivered by the consultant.

   a. Does this mean construction oversight over the contractor during large wood habitat structure installation and large wood placement?
   b. Or, is this RFQ only specific to permitting with the potential to provide support during construction? If so, what does the Tribe define as support?

Answer: The consultant is not expected to do any construction. The labor/tools/equipment reference relates to what you may need for typical consulting fieldwork tasks. The Tribe and Engineer will oversee construction. This RFQ is specific to permitting, but we are leaving an option to allow for follow on consulting assistance to the Tribe during construction if and as needed.

2) Has a wetland delineation been completed? Will the design engineer provide the OHWM/Bankfull in a dwg or similar file?

Answer: A formal wetland delineation has not been completed. The proposed habitat restoration project is located in headwaters reaches within industrial timberland. The design engineer will provide OHWM/Bankfull dwg/shapefiles to consultant. We anticipate utilizing OHWM/Bankfull information and a wetland assessment memo or equivalent to satisfy agency requirements. Please scope this level of effort. However, if a formal wetland delineation report is required (based on regulatory agency meetings) this task would be fully scoped and negotiated separately. You may include a contingency task, scope language, and cost range for a wetland delineation.
delineation report and functional assessment that would be refined subsequent to agency meetings.

3) Can we bill for vehicles/mileage or lodging?

Answer: Yes, approved travel/mileage may be reimbursed at the applicable federal rates.

4) Is teaming allowed?

Answer: Yes. Please clarify role of subcontractor and what each will provide in your proposal as applicable.

5) How much of the erosion control plan/layout has NSD completed? Will they be designing the erosion control plan during the permitting phase in coordination with the consultant?

Answer: Please see current draft plans on the Tribes’s website (www.cowlitz.org) under “Newsroom” and “Current RFP’s”. Anticipate that Consultant will lead design of erosion control plan with support from NSD. Please include associated tasks/subtasks based on your prior experience with habitat restoration projects. Consultant’s draft scope and budget will be further refined with NSD, Tribe and selected consultant after regulatory agency meetings.