

RFP ADDENDUM

Cornelious House Archaeological Stockpile Screening

RFP No.: 001

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Purpose: This addendum supersedes and is incorporated into the original RFP. It contains responses to questions submitted by potential bidders.

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- Q: Could I please get an engineer's estimate or cost range for this project, if one is available?
A: No cost estimate is available.
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- Q: Will tribal members participate intermittently, or on a regular basis?
A: Tribal member participation will most likely be fluid, depending on evolving staff priorities.
- Q: Does the tribe want it finished quickly, or more slowly to allow for more tribal member participation opportunities?
A: The tribe's priority is completing the screening work.
- Q: Should we plan to conduct all processing and analysis on location or can we bring artifacts back to our laboratory for cleaning, sorting, analysis and bagging?
A: Artifacts should generally be kept on-site; in special cases, the contractor may be allowed take artifacts offsite for cataloging/photography/processing.

- Q: Are there bathrooms available on the property?
A: An onsite port-a-potty will be provided by the tribe.
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- Q: Given the professional cultural-resources nature of this scope, will the 5% bid bond and 100% payment/performance bonds be waived or reduced? If retained, what are they intended to secure?
A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.
- Q: Will the Tribe accept alternative security (letter of credit, or retainage in lieu of bonds)?
A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.
- Q: Is the bid bond required at proposal submission, or only payment/performance bonds at award?
A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.
- Q: Does Davis-Bacon/prevaling wage apply to archaeological field labor and to laboratory/analysis labor? Which wage determination and classifications apply?
A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.
- Q: Is certified payroll required for all personnel, or field labor only?
A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.
- Q: Exhibit D, Sections 32–33, reference manufacturing quality clauses (AS9100, first-article inspection, SPC, counterfeit-parts protection). Please confirm these do not apply to this scope, or identify which do.
A: Does not apply.
- Q: Section 22.1 includes Buy America/domestic-preference language for iron, steel, and manufactured products. Please confirm applicability given the scope involves

no permanent construction materials.

A: The scope involves no permanent construction materials.

- Q: Will the Tribe issue a scope-specific/conformed contract, or is the attached 27-page lump-sum construction template the contract of record?

A: Tribe will issue a scope-specific/conformed contract.

- Q: The proposal due date appears as both "Friday" and "Wednesday," July 29, 2026. Please confirm the correct date, day, and time. (Section D also references "July 39th" please confirm the intended date.)

A: Proposal due date is 3 pm on Wednesday July 29th, 2026.

- Q: Please confirm the submission process: two hard copies by the deadline, electronic copy emailed the following morning, and no electronic copy before the deadline (which would disqualify).

A: The submission process is confirmed to be that which was previously stated.

- Q: Are there page limits or required proposal format/order?

A: No

- Q: Is a project budget or not-to-exceed range available for the screening of ~570 cy?

A: No

- Q: Will progress payments be made against the Schedule of Values, or a single payment at completion? (Special Considerations item D and 2.2 read differently)

A: Progress payments be made against the Schedule of Values.

- Q: The RFP describes 5% withheld until completion, while contract 2.3 describes 5% from each progress payment. Please confirm.

A: 5% withheld until completion

- Q: The insurance requirements list CGL, Auto, and Workers' Comp but not Professional Liability/E&O. Given the analysis and technical-reporting deliverables are professional services, please confirm whether professional liability coverage is required.

A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.

- Q: Can you provide an estimate for the number of hours of labor per month that will be provided by Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers since this will have budget and schedule ramifications beyond the Consultants' control, especially if this is a lump sum versus time and materials contract?

A: CIT crew schedule is expected to consist of three crewmembers working 5/days/40 hours per week (maximum). Tribal crew participation may potentially fall below 50% of this estimate at times due to evolving staffing priorities.

- Q: Will there be continuity of Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers or should we anticipate regular turnover?
A: CIT anticipates continuity in crewmembers.
- Q: Must tribal staff be present for any work to occur?
A: Generally, yes.
- Q: How consistently and how far in advance will we be informed of changes to Tribal staff availability?
A: Tribal crew schedule changes are likely occur; notification will be provided as early as possible, but there may be situations where limited advanced notice can be provided due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Q: What are the scheduling parameters for participating Tribal staff? (e.g. number of tribal staff participating, daily start time/end time, number of tribal staff available, number of days/week staff are expected to be available)
A: Under normal schedule, three CIT crewmembers would work M-F (8 hrs/day; 40 hrs/week).
- Q: Where will collected artifacts be curated and is curation preparation within this scope? Will curation preparation need to be to federal standards.
A: Curation preparation within this scope consists of cataloging and bagging artifacts. Temporary storage of artifacts onsite will utilize a locking Conex storage container; long-term storage will occur at the Cultural Resources Department.
- Q: How many total artifacts are anticipated to be recovered?
A: Unknown
- Q: Will the Consultant be able to take artifacts off site for cataloging/photography/processing?
A: Artifacts should generally be kept on-site; in special cases, the contractor may be allowed take artifacts offsite for cataloging/photography/processing.
- Q: Are there protocols such as handling restrictions or work-stoppage procedures for significant finds (e.g. human remains) that the Contractor should build into the schedule
A: No
- Q: Attachment A states the wet-screening system components will be installed by Cowlitz Public Works before the Work Start Date. Please confirm the full list of what the Tribe will furnish (platform/pad, water supply and distribution, power, tanks, containment) versus what we must provide.
A: The contractor will be responsible for providing all hand tools such as buckets and trowels, as well as paperwork and artifact baggies, etc. The Tribe will be

responsible for constructing and maintaining all of the physical elements of the screening system.

- Q: What owner-provided resources will be available: power, water, shelter, security, sanitation, laydown, and parking?

A: All of the above will be available.

- Q: Does the Tribe want separately priced options for any site preparation or infrastructure, or should the proposal assume the Tribe completes all setup?

A: The tribe will be responsible for all site preparation and infrastructure.

- Q: Is the Consultant responsible for maintaining the Tribe-installed equipment, such as, repairing screens when they break?

A: The tribe will be responsible for maintaining the screening infrastructure and equipment, and purchasing the necessary supplies. However small scale repairs to screens would be handled by the screening crew.

- Q: If project staff are non-local, is it possible to get discounted rates for lodging at Tribal facilities?

A: Contractors performing work for the tribe may stay at the casino at a discounted rate, but it's necessary for the Cultural Resources Department to seek permission from the Tribal Manager in advance. This requires a listing of personnel names and planned lodging dates.

- Q: Based on Appendix E of the RFP, analysis for final reporting is limited to categorization, counts, and weights. Please confirm whether functional and technological analysis of lithics or similar analysis is desired.

A: No additional analysis is desired for lithic debitage. Tools need to be classified according to morphological type.

- Q: Will the storage facility be secure? Will it have shelving?

A: An onsite lockable Conex storage container will be provided by the tribe for temporary storage; the tribe's Cultural Resources Department will provide long-term storage prior to repatriating the cultural materials.

- Q: Will the Tribe provide logistical support, e.g. clear the screening pad when it becomes full?

A: The tribe will be responsible for maintaining functionality of the screening system, including routine operational tasks as well as resolving any technical challenges that may arise.

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- Q: Will the wet screen system be maintained by CIT or will maintenance costs and time be included in this contract?
A: The tribe will be responsible for maintaining the screening system.
- Q: Will additional engineering be needed for the sifting screens? What kind of system is in place and what are the limitations for screens?
A: Additional engineering is not anticipated; any additional work on the wet screening system would be provided by the tribe.

- Q: Are there any safety considerations with the wet screening system?
A: Safety considerations include heavy equipment use onsite.
- Q: Do you have an estimate of the artifact density per yd³.
A: No estimate is available.
- Q: Is the consultant required to hire a heavy equipment contractor to maintain the stockpiled and processed materials, or will that be managed by CIT?
A: The tribe will be responsible for providing crew to operate heavy equipment.
- Q: Will the consultant provide accession and curation services? Or will artifacts be stored in 2 mil bags and provided to the CIT at the end of the project with minimal labeling?
A: Consultant will catalogue artifacts and place recovered artifacts in labeled plastic bags. Permanent curation is not planned; rather, all recovered cultural materials will be repatriated by the tribe
- Q: What level of training will the CIT crew members have, and is artifact ID training expected to be provided by the consultant?
A: CIT crewmembers will possess fundamental abilities to identify artifacts, however the consultant may choose to provide additional informal training during the course of screening operations to help ensure consistency.
- Q: Is the project expected to be active five days a week for 24 months? Or is the schedule flexible within the 24 month period?
A: The schedule is flexible within the overall timeline.
- Q: Should we assume that 570 yd³ will be screened by the consultant or is there a matching goal or guaranteed hours from CIT staff?
A: Consultant will be responsible for completing the sediment screening; CIT staff will prioritize the screening work but hours will not be guaranteed.

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- Q: Can CIT confirm the controlling proposal due date and submittal instructions?
The RFP identifies July 29, 2026, as the proposal due date, but there appear to be

several date/day inconsistencies, including references to Friday, Wednesday, and “July 39th” in the electronic copy instructions.

A: Proposal due date is 3 pm on Wednesday July 29th, 2026.

- Q: Can CIT confirm whether the requested electronic copy should be emailed the morning after the sealed hard copy deadline, and whether any electronic transmission prior to that time would disqualify the proposal?

A: This RFP language is confirmed.

- Q: Can CIT confirm whether this solicitation is intended to be treated as a construction services contract, a professional cultural resources services contract, or a hybrid contract for procurement and contract administration purposes?

A: Cultural resources services contract.

- Q: The RFP requires the contractor to obtain all necessary permits, as applicable. Can CIT clarify which permits, approvals, or authorizations are already in place for this work and which, if any, are expected to be obtained by the selected contractor?

A: No permits are required.

- Q: Is the stockpile screening covered under an existing DAHP archaeological excavation/site alteration permit, federal undertaking documentation, memorandum of agreement, treatment plan, or other prior project authorization associated with the East Fork Lewis River Bridge Project and site 45CL26?

A: The screening is being done as part of a federal undertaking, which has an existing Memorandum of Agreement.

- Q: If additional permit coordination or permit amendments are required, will CIT or the contractor be responsible for preparing and submitting those materials?

A: The contractor would be responsible.

- Q: Can CIT provide the existing archaeological documentation for the East Fork Lewis River Bridge Project and site 45CL26, including prior reports, treatment plans, monitoring records, permit documents, artifact inventory, field notes, maps, photographs, or stockpile records?

A: Yes, CIT can facilitate access to relevant background information.

- Q: Can CIT provide additional information regarding the stockpile itself, including its approximate dimensions, organization, whether it is a single mixed stockpile or separated by provenience, and whether the excavated material retains any known provenience controls from the original project?

- A: The sediment stockpile is estimated at 570 cubic yards (dimensions are not available at this time). Sediments are mixed and lack provenience.

- Q: Can CIT confirm whether the approximately 570 cubic yards is the total anticipated volume to be screened, and whether that figure is based on in-place

excavation volume, stockpiled volume, trucked volume, or another measurement basis?

A: The entire stockpile volume will need to be screened. The estimated figure of 570 cubic yards is based on the stockpiled volume.

- Q: If the actual stockpile volume exceeds approximately 570 cubic yards, will the contractor be allowed to request a change order or contract amendment for additional screening, analysis, and reporting effort?

A: No

- Q: The RFP states that Cowlitz Public Works will install the archaeological wet screening system components ahead of the work start date. Can CIT clarify which system components will be provided by Public Works?

A: Components of the wet screening system will include: screening platform with water spray nozzles and box screens, water storage container and pumps, dewatering bags/baker tank to remove sediment from screening wastewater.

- Q: Will CIT provide the wet screening screens, frames, water source, pumps, hoses, pressure system, drainage controls, sediment containment, drying area, power source, lighting, and any equipment needed to move sediment to and from the screening system?

A: Yes

- Q: What materials and equipment should the contractor include in its proposal? For example, artifact bags, tags, field forms, drying racks, tubs, buckets, tarps, tables, PPE, laptops/tablets, cameras, or other field/lab supplies.

A: Contractor should provide artifact bags, tags, field forms, drying racks, tubs, buckets, tarps, tables, PPE, laptops/tablets, cameras, or other field/lab supplies.

- Q: Who will be responsible for physically moving sediment from the stockpile to the screening station, loading sediment into the screens, removing screened sediment, and managing screened spoils?

A: The tribe.

- Q: Who will be responsible for management of water discharge, wastewater, erosion control, sediment containment, and any environmental compliance requirements associated with wet screening?

A: The tribe.

- Q: Can CIT clarify whether the work will occur entirely inside the pole barn or whether any portion of the screening, drying, staging, spoil management, or artifact processing will occur outside?

A: Screening work will occur in the outdoor area adjacent to the pole barn. Artifact processing would primarily occur outside.

- Q: Are there any known environmental, safety, or hazardous material concerns associated with the stockpiled sediment, including sharp debris, contaminated soil, lead, asbestos, petroleum products, mold, animal activity, or other potential hazards?
A: Sediment may contain sharp materials such as glass shards and metal fragments.
- Q: Can CIT confirm the anticipated number of Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers who will participate in wet screening activities?
A: Up to three CIT crewmembers will participate.
- Q: Will Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers be assigned to the project on a full-time, part-time, rotating, or as-available basis?
A: Crew will be assigned on an as-available basis, with the understanding that this is a priority project for the CIT.
- Q: Will Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers remain employees or representatives of CIT during the work, or will they be considered under the contractor's supervision for safety, labor, or liability purposes?
A: CIT crew will remain tribal employees. Contractor field supervision will be practical, not administrative.
- Q: Who will be responsible for site-specific safety orientation, PPE, workers compensation coverage, daily safety meetings, and documentation for Cowlitz Tribal crewmembers participating in the work?
A: The contractor will be responsible for onsite safety and documenting tribal crewmember participation, however the contractor will not be responsible for worker compensation coverage for tribal crewmembers.
- Q: Can CIT clarify the expected role of the SOI-qualified Field Director? For example, will the Field Director be expected to direct only archaeological methodology and field documentation, or also supervise daily screening production, Tribal crew assignments, safety coordination, artifact processing, and reporting?
A: The field director will be responsible for supervising screening activities among the field crew, ensuring methodological consistency in screening and artifact processing, coordinating with CIT Public Works for screening system operation and maintenance, and reporting.
- Q: The scope identifies one SOI-qualified Field Director and one archaeological technician. Is the contractor permitted to propose additional staff, task-specific lab support, or temporary support if necessary to meet the schedule, artifact processing requirements, or reporting requirements?
A: The contractor may propose additional staff and support.

- Q: Can CIT clarify whether there is an expected daily, weekly, monthly, or overall production target for screening the stockpile?
A: There are no production targets other than the overall timeline.
- Q: Is the contractor expected to propose a specific field duration, or is the 24-month completion period intended to allow flexibility based on Tribal crew availability, weather, equipment function, and artifact density?
A: Specific schedules within the overall timeline are not required, but may be useful.
- Q: Can CIT clarify whether regular work hours are expected to be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and whether weekend or extended-hour work may be approved if needed?
A: Regular work hours are expected and extended hours may potentially be approved.
- Q: Since the wet screening system is water-based, should proposers assume work can continue during inclement weather, or are there weather, temperature, freezing, or access conditions that may interrupt fieldwork?
A: Other than considerations of comfort, only extreme weather conditions or very cold winter weather are expected to interrupt fieldwork.
- Q: Attachment E identifies 1/4-inch mesh as the primary screening method and 5 to 10 percent subsampling through 1/8-inch mesh. Can CIT clarify how the 1/8-inch subsample should be selected and measured? For example, by total volume, bucket count, stockpile area, provenience, workday, random sample, judgmental sample, or another method.
A: Subsampling should be based on the volume of screened sediments assessed daily.
- Q: Can CIT confirm whether the 1/8-inch subsample should be no less than 5 percent and no more than 10 percent of the full 570 cubic yards, unless otherwise directed in the field?
A: Confirmed.
- Q: Can CIT clarify the expected level of field versus laboratory processing? For example, whether artifacts should be washed, dried, sorted, counted, bagged, labeled, cataloged, and photographed onsite or whether some processing may occur at the contractor's office/laboratory.
A: Artifact processing is generally to be performed in-field.
- Q: Will CIT provide a preferred artifact catalog format, numbering system, database template, bag label format, provenience format, or photo log format?
A: Contractor will assign the system and format for artifact cataloging.

- Q: Can CIT clarify whether the artifact catalogue should include only collected artifacts or also materials counted, weighed, recorded, and left onsite, such as FMR, charcoal, shell, and historic materials?
A: The artifact catalogue should treat all observed cultural materials.
- Q: Can CIT clarify where collected artifacts will be stored during fieldwork, during analysis, and after completion of the project?
A: A lockable Conex storage container will be used for temporary artifact storage and the Cultural Resources Department will be used for longer term storage prior to repatriation of the cultural materials.
- Q: Will CIT provide secure onsite artifact storage, or should the contractor include temporary transport and secure offsite storage in the proposal?
A: See previous.
- Q: Are any special handling, confidentiality, cultural sensitivity, or access restrictions required for artifacts, records, photographs, GIS data, reports, or other project documentation?
A: If human remains or objects of cultural significance are identified, the CIT will provide guidance on special handling instructions.
- Q: Will CIT provide a project-specific Inadvertent Discovery Plan or other protocol for human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony, or other sensitive cultural items if encountered during screening?
A: Yes
- Q: Is the contractor expected to prepare any agency submittals or filings, such as DAHP/WISAARD documentation, or will all deliverables be submitted only to CIT?
A: All deliverables will be submitted only to CIT.
- Q: The RFP requests monthly progress reports, while the sample contract and supplemental conditions reference daily/weekly updates and weekly project meetings. Can CIT clarify the required progress reporting frequency and meeting expectations?
A: Monthly progress reports.
- Q: Can CIT confirm the required deliverables and review process for the summary results memorandum due within 30 days of fieldwork completion and the technical report due within six months of fieldwork completion?
A: Confirmed.
- Q: How many review rounds should the contractor assume for the summary results memorandum and technical report?
A: A single review round will likely suffice.

- Q: Will CIT provide a preferred report outline or reporting standard for the technical archaeological report?

A: Contractor will select report format.

- Q: The RFP identifies this as a lump sum contract and references retainage, bid security, payment and performance bonds, Davis-Bacon and/or prevailing wage, and payment after completion unless a Schedule of Values is included. Can CIT confirm whether progress payments will be allowed based on an approved Schedule of Values?

A: Progress payments will be allowed based on an approved Schedule of Values.

- Q: Can CIT confirm whether the 5 percent bid bond, 100 percent payment bond, and 100 percent performance bond requirements apply to this archaeological wet screening project?

A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.

- Q: Can CIT confirm whether Davis-Bacon and/or Washington State prevailing wage requirements apply to archaeological field staff, archaeological technicians, laboratory staff, reporting staff, or only to construction/public works labor classifications?

A: The Tribe is unable to provide additional clarification at this time. Bidders should prepare their proposals based on the requirements and information contained within the solicitation documents.

- Q: Can CIT clarify whether Washington State sales tax should be included in the bid amount for this type of archaeological services contract?

A: Washington State sales tax should be included.

- Q: Is contractor registration or a contractor license required for this project, or is professional archaeological qualification sufficient if no construction work is being performed by the contractor?

A: Professional qualification is sufficient.

- Q: Will CIT allow proposers to include assumptions, exclusions, and unit rates for additional services, including additional stockpile volume, additional artifact analysis, additional reporting, permit amendments, extended field duration, equipment delays, work stoppages, or unanticipated conditions?

A: Yes, this level of detail is encouraged.

- Q: Can CIT clarify whether a site visit can still be scheduled prior to proposal submission and whether photos, measurements, or notes taken during the visit may

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be used to develop the proposal?

A: A site visit can still be scheduled.

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