

DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM A SINGLE SOURCE

Solicitation No.: R15PS01479

Project Name: Colville Confederated Tribes Ongoing Management of Museum Property

Pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.106-1(b)(1), for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT). Contracting Officers may solicit from only one source if the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand name, or industrial mobilization).

1. **Agency and Contracting Activity.**

US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, PN REGIONAL OFFICE ACQUISITIONS GROUP, BOISE, ID

2. **Name and Address of Single Source.**

History/Archaeology Program, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, P.O. Box 150, Nespelem, Washington 99155-0150

3. **Description of Supplies/Services and Estimated Cost.**

Professional archaeological investigations have taken place on Reclamation lands along Lake Roosevelt since the late 1930's and this work continues into the present day. Because these excavations took place on Reclamation lands and resulted in the recovery of over 150,000 artifacts and other samples, these are Reclamation property. These items have important value, and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (also known as the "Colville Confederated Tribes" [CCT]) ascribe significant cultural "museum property," even though they are not normally put on display.

As items are uncovered, Reclamation is required (per a standing 2006 MOA #1425-06-MA-10-7046) to hand over the artifacts to CCT for curation, recording, and required annual inventory reporting.

Cost estimating structure should remain at a 3.06% per year increase (based on the average CPI increases for services over 10 years).

Table 1. Proposed Rate Structure.

Fiscal Year	Unit Price (c.f./yr.)	Professional Mgmt. Units(c.f.)	Collections Units (c.f.)	Total Cost
FY16	\$ 51.19	519	3	\$ 26,721.18
FY17	\$ 52.76	522	3	\$ 27,540.72
FY18	\$ 54.37	525	3	\$ 28,544.25

FY19	\$ 56.03	528	3	\$ 29,583.84
FY20	\$ 57.74	531	3	\$ 30,659.94

4. **Description of Circumstances, including why only one source is reasonably available.**

Only one source is available because Reclamation has committed to curating collections of museum property from the traditional lands of the CCT at the CCT Repository. These commitments are documented in the Lake Roosevelt cooperative Management Agreement of the 1990 and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation Pacific Northwest Region and the Confederated tribes of the Colville Reservation for Curatorial Services of 2006. Per the language in the 2006 MOA, Reclamation retains ownership of the items as long as the CCT maintains the repository.

Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, as well as the implementing regulations at 36 CFR 79, Reclamation has an obligation to curate (i.e., store in an organized and controlled manner so as to prevent loss or decay) these items in perpetuity. Reclamation's responsibilities are also specified in the Department of the Interior Manual DM 411 and Reclamation Directive & Standard LND 02-02 and LND 02-05.

5. **Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.**

The National Park Service (NPS) completed a study of curation fees throughout the nation in 2008.¹ Although the cost information is seven years old, it still helps to establish the range of prices that are charged for curation services. Most facilities charge a one-time, in perpetuity fee, but a smaller number of repositories charge annual fees that work better with Federal funding. Nine (9) facilities reported an annual fee structure, and they range from a low of \$5/year per cubic foot to \$75/year per cubic foot. The average for this small sample was \$36.94/year per cubic foot. The only other facility in the region that quotes an annual rate was the University of Washington's Burke Museum, which charges \$68/year per cubic foot.² The proposed rate structure for curating materials at the CCT Repository, which features rates ranging from \$51.19 for the first year and increasing to \$57.74 the final option year are well within the range of prices seen nationally and are lower than at least one other comparable facility in the Pacific Northwest Region.

6. **Description of Market Research.**

Within the Pacific Northwest Region, Reclamation is currently curating museum property with 11 different institutions including the CCT Repository. Two of these facilities are Reclamation-owned facilities, while the other nine are non-Federal facilities. While all of these facilities meet the Department of Interior standards found in DM 411, none of the other facilities meet the requirements set out in the Reclamation's two agreements with the CCT regarding curation pf materials from Lake Roosevelt.

¹<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/studies/study06FeeTab.htm>

²http://www.burkemuseum.org/archaeology/services_fees/