

RFP #816

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND EXPERT SERVICES

Clark County, Washington

RELEASE DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 by 1:30 pm

Request for Proposal for:

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES TASK ASSIGNMENT CONTRACTS

SUBMIT:

One (1) Original
Three (3) Complete Copies
One (1) USB Drive

of the Proposal to:

Delivery by Shipping Method of your Choice or Hand Delivery

Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing 1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Suite 650 Vancouver WA 98660 564-397-2323

United States Postal Service

Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing PO Box 5000 Vancouver WA 98666-5000 564-397-2323

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except Legal Holidays. Proposals shall not be submitted via electronic submission.

**Proposals must be date and time stamped by Purchasing staff before 1:30 pm on due date.
DO NOT PUT IN ANY DROP BOX LOCATED IN THE BUILDING

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Anyone entering the building must wear a face mask

Refer Questions to Project Manager:

Ali Safayi, PE
Development Engineering Services Manager
Ali.Safayi@clark.wa.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS - Contractors shall comply with all management and administrative requirements established by Washington Administrative Code (WAC), the Revised Code of the State of Washington (RCW), and any subsequent amendments or modifications, as applicable to providers licensed in the State of Washington.

ALL proposals submitted become the property of Clark County. It is understood and agreed that the prospective Proposer claims no proprietary rights to the ideas and written materials contained in or attached to the proposal submitted. Clark County has the right to reject or accept proprietary information.

AUTHORSHIP - Applicants must identify any assistance provided by agencies or individuals outside the proposers own organization in preparing the proposal. No contingent fees for such assistance will be allowed to be paid under any contract resulting from this REP

CANCELLATION OF AWARD - Clark County reserves the right to immediately cancel an award if the contractual agreement has not been entered into by both parties or if new state regulations or policy make it necessary to change the program purpose or content, discontinue such programs, or impose funding reductions. In those cases where negotiation of contract activities are necessary, Clark County reserves the right to limit the period of negotiation to sixty (60) days after which time funds may be unencumbered.

CONFIDENTIALLY - Proposer shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of information.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - All proposals submitted must contain a statement disclosing or denying any interest, financial or otherwise, that any employee or official of Clark County or the appropriate Advisory Board may have in the proposing agency or proposed project.

CONSORTIUM OF AGENCIES - Any consortium of companies or agencies submitting a proposal must certify that each company or agency of the consortium can meet the requirements set forth in the RFP.

COST OF PROPOSAL & AWARD - The contract award will not be final until Clark County and the prospective contractor have executed a contractual agreement. The contractual agreement consists of the following parts: (a) the basic provisions and general terms and conditions, (b) the special terms and conditions, (c) the project description and goals (Statement of Work), and (d) the budget and payment terms. Clark County is not responsible for any costs incurred prior to the effective date of the contract. Clark County reserves the right to make an award without further negotiation of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted in final form from a budgetary, technical, and programmatic standpoint.

DISPUTES - Clark County encourages the use of informal resolution to address complaints or disputes arising over any actions in implementing the provisions of this RFP. Written complaints should be addressed to Clark County – Purchasing, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, Washington 98666-5000.

DIVERSITY IN EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS - It is the policy of Clark County to require equal opportunity in employment and services subject to eligibility standards that may be required for a specific program. Clark County is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing equal opportunity in employment and in access to the provision of all county services. Clark County's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is available http://www.clark.wa.gov/hr/documents.html. This commitment applies regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, or sexual orientation. Employment decisions are made without consideration of these or any other factors that are prohibited by law. In compliance with department of Labor Regulations implementing Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, no qualified handicapped individual shall be discriminated against in admission or access to any program or activity. The prospective contractor must agree to provide equal opportunity in the administration of the contract, and its subcontracts or other agreements.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING PROGRAM - Clark County has implemented an Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Policy with a goal to reduce negative impacts on human health and the environment. Negative environmental impacts include, but are not limited to, greenhouse gases, air pollution emissions, water contamination, waste from the manufacturing process and waste in packaging. This policy also seeks to increase: 1) water and energy efficiency; 2) renewable energy sources; 3) use of products with recycled content; 4) product durability; 5) use of products that can be recycled, reused, or composted at the end of its life cycle. Product

criteria have been established on the Green Purchasing List https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/dept/files/general-services/Purchasing/ERP%20Policy.pdf

INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION - The prospective contractor guarantees that, in connection with this proposal, the prices and/or cost data have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition. This does not preclude or impede the formation of a consortium of companies and/or agencies for purposes of engaging in jointly sponsored proposals.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - Clark County has made this RFP subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34. Therefore, the proposer may, at the proposers option, extend identical prices and services to other public agencies wishing to participate in this RFP. Each public agency wishing to utilize this RFP will issue a purchase order (or contract) binding only their agency. Each contract is between the proposer and the individual agency with no. liability to Clark County.

LIMITATION - This RFP does not commit Clark County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

LATE PROPOSALS - A proposal received after the date and time indicated above will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS - An oral presentation may be required of those prospective contractors whose proposals are under consideration. Prospective contractors may be informed that an oral presentation is desired and will be notified of the date, time and location the oral presentation is to be conducted.

OTHER AUDIT/MONITORING REQUIREMENTS - In addition, auditing or monitoring for the following purposes will be conducted at the discretion of Clark County: Fund accountability; Contract compliance; and Program performance.

PRICE WARRANT - The proposer shall warrant that the costs quoted for services in response to the RFP are not in excess of those which would be charged any other individual or entity for the same services performed by the prospective contractor, in a similar socioeconomic, geographical region.

PROTESTS - Must be submitted to the Purchasing Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY - May require limiting access to public work sites, public facilities, and public offices, sometimes without advance notice. The successful Proposer's employees and agents shall carry sufficient identification to show by whom they are employed and display it upon request to security personnel. County project managers have discretion to require the successful Proposer's employees and agents to be escorted to and from any public office, facility or work site if national or local security appears to require it.

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS - Clark County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, to negotiate with any or all prospective contractors on modifications to proposals, to waive formalities, to postpone award, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP if it is in the best interest of Clark County to do so.

SUBCONTRACTING - No activities or services included as a part of this proposal may be subcontracted to another organization, firm, or individual without the approval of Clark County. Such intent to subcontract shall be clearly identified in the proposal. It is understood that the contractor is held responsible for the satisfactory accomplishment of the service or activities included in a subcontract.

VERBAL PROPOSALS - Verbal proposals will not be considered in making the award of any contract as a result of this RFP.

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE – The contractor shall comply with R.C.W. Title 51- with minimum coverage limits of \$500,000 for each accident, or provide evidence that State law does not require such coverage.

FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

Clark County ADA Office: V: 564-397-2322

ADA@clark.wa.gov

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Part I Proposal Requirements

Section IA General Information

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain, in a full and open competition, proposals for consulting and engineering services.

This RFP will identify a service or need where no specific method has been chosen.

Selected candidates based on the proposal review may be asked to interview to determine the final consultant selection.

Proposers shall respond to all sections to be considered.

Clark County has made this Request for Proposal subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34. Therefore, the proposer may, at the proposers' option, extend identical prices and services to other public agencies wishing to participate in this RFP. Each public agency wishing to utilize this proposal will issue a purchase order (or contract) binding only their agency. Each contract is between the proposer and the individual agency with no liability to Clark County.

2. Background

Development engineering review services, including review of residential, commercial and industrial developments for compliance with code and specifications, especially conformity to transportation safety and stormwater regulations.

3. Scope of Project

Task assignments include (but are not limited to) engineering review of developments at both preliminary and final review stages. Engineering services include review of plans and technical reports for code compliance, especially for transportation safety, function, and stormwater management.

Administrative services include meetings, project reports, Hearings, client support, communication, invoicing.

Understanding of County and State development code and standards is essential.

4. Project Funding

The anticipated cost for the services described herein totals up to \$300,000 over two (2) years and may include contracts with more than one consultant.

Clark County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

El Condado de Clark, de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d a 2000d-4) y el Reglamento, por la presente notifica a todos los postores que se asegurará afirmativamente de que cualquier contrato celebrado de conformidad con este anuncio, las empresas comerciales desfavorecidas tendrán la oportunidad plena y justa de presentar ofertas en respuesta a esta invitación y no serán discriminadas por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional en consideración a un laudo.

5. Timeline for Selection

The following dates are the **intended** timeline:

Proposals Due	February 2, 2022
Proposal Review/Evaluation Period	February 3 – 16, 2022
Interviews (if needed)	Week of February 21, 2022
Selection Committee Recommendation	February 2022
Contract Negotiation/Execution	March 2022
Contract Intended to Begin	March 2022

6. Employment Verification

Effective November 1, 2010, to be considered <u>responsive</u> to any formal Clark County Bid/RFP or Small Works Quote, all vendors shall submit before, include with their response or within **48 hours** after submittal, a recent copy of their E-Verify MOU or proof of pending enrollment. The awarded contractor shall be responsible to provide Clark County with the same E-Verify enrollment documentation for each sub-contractor (\$25,000 or more) within thirty days after the sub-contractor starts work. Contractors and sub-contractors shall provide a report(s) showing status of new employee's hired after the date of the MOU. The status report shall be directed to the county department project manager at the end of the contract, or annually, whichever comes first. E-Verify information and enrollment is available at the Department of Homeland Security web page: www.dhs.gov/E-Verify

How to submit the MOU in advance of the submittal date:

- 1. Hand deliver to 1300 Franklin St, Suite 650, Vancouver, WA 98660, or;
- 2. E-mail: koni.odell@clark.wa.gov or priscilla.ricci@clark.wa.gov

Note: Sole Proprietors shall submit a letter stating exempt.

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Section IB

Work Requirements

1. Required Services

Clark County is requesting development engineering professional services to support the County's in-house engineering review team via specific project task assignments. The consultants will work closely with designated County personnel. Payments are based on a portion of the relative project review fee, and the firm's hourly rate.

The selected consultant(s) will negotiate a contract with Clark County Department of Community Development.

The areas of service are described below:

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING:

- Review conceptual plans for development projects and provide comments at preapplication conferences;
- Prepare staff report detailing the consistency of preliminary plans with county development code;
- Review construction plans for compliance with county development, transportation and stormwater standards;
- Review geologic hazard and critical aquifer recharge area assessment reports and provide comments;
- Review road modification requests and provide comments; and
- Attend public hearings to discuss engineering findings and conditions when asked by the hearing examiner or the public;
- Assist with administrative services: project reports, client/staff support, communication, invoicing.
- County Performed Work

For most tasks the consultant will be working with county staff on the project engineering review, and the responsibilities of the consultant will be defined in the scope of the task order. DE engineering and administrative staff will perform all normal functions for set up, processing, and completing project review work outside of the consultant's task assignment.

3. Deliverables & Schedule

The deliverables and schedule for each task will be clearly defined in the task order.

 Place of Performance Contract performance generally occurs at the Consultant's place of business (preferably from Staff within the Clark County vicinity), with some occasional meetings at the Clark County Public Service Center or visits to project sites within the County.

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Period of Performance A contract awarded as a result of this RFP will be for two (2) years and is intended to begin in March 2022 and end March 2024.

By mutual agreement of Clark County and the consultant, any contract resulting from this RFP can be extended for three (3) additional years, in one (1) year increments, with the same terms and conditions, by both parties signing a supplemental agreement prior to the contract termination date.

6. Prevailing Wage (When Applicable)

As of July 1, 2019, it is required that contractors meet the new requirements for Prevailing Wage and public works requirements, per RCW 39.04.350. Proposer shall be either exempt, by having a valid Washington business license for three years or more <u>and</u> completed three or more public works projects <u>or</u> received and completed training on prevailing wage and public works requirements.

Pursuant to State of Washington RCW 39.12, all payment for salaries and wages shall conform to State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries as prevailing wage rates. For this project select the Clark County rates that apply on the proposal closing date from either of these sites:

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Design/ProjectDev/WageRates/default.htm http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates

Before payment is made by the Local Agency of any sums due under this contract, the Local Agency must receive from the Contractor and each Subcontractor a copy of "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" (Form L & I Number 700-29) approved by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

A fee of \$45.00 per each "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" and "Affidavit of Wages Paid" is required to accompany each form submitted to this Department of Labor and Industries. The Contractor is responsible for payment of these fees and shall make all applications directly to the Department of Labor and Industries. These fees shall be incidental to all the proposed items of this contract.

7. Debarred/Suspended

Federally or Washington State debarred or suspended suppliers may not participate in this Request for Proposal.

All proposer's must fill out, sign and submit the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matter" form with their proposal to be eligible to participate.

8. Public Disclosure

This procurement is subject to the Washington Public Records Act (the "Act"), chapter 42.56 RCW. Once in the County's possession, all of the RFP Submittals shall be considered public records and available for public records inspection and copying, unless exempt under the Act.

If a Respondent or Proposer considers any portion of an RFP Submittal to be protected under the law, whether in electronic or hard copy form, the Respondent or Proposer shall clearly identify each such portion with the word "PROPRIETARY". The County will notify the Respondent or Proposer in writing of the request and allow the Respondent or Proposer ten (10) days to obtain a court order enjoining release of the record(s). If the Respondent or Proposer does not take such action within the ten (10) day period, the County will release the portions of the RFP Submittal deemed subject to disclosure. All Respondents and Proposers who provide RFP Submittals for this procurement accept the procedures described above and agree that the County shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses that the party may incur from the disclosure of records to a third party who requests them.

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9. Insurance/Bond

The firm awarded the contract will be required to have insurance in effect as specified in the contract under Section XII Legal Relations (See https://wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/LP AEPS-NegotiatedHourlyRate.pdf)

10. Plan Holders List

All proposers are required to be listed on the plan holders list.

✓ Prior to submission of proposal, please confirm your organization is on the Plan Holders List below:

To view the Plan Holders List, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser. Clark County RFP site: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/purchasing-overview

- If your organization is NOT listed, submit Attachment B Letter of Interest to ensure your inclusion.
- Proposals received by Clark County by proposers not included on the Plan Holders List may be considered non-responsive.

Part II Proposal Preparation and Submittal

Section IIA

Pre-Submittal Meeting / Clarification

 Pre-Submittal Meeting There are not any plans for a pre-submittal meeting or site visit for this project.

Proposal Clarification Questions and Requests for Clarification regarding this Request for Proposal must be directed in writing, via email, to the person listed on the cover page.

The deadline for submitting such questions/clarifications is January 26, 2022 by 3:00 pm.

An addendum will be issued no later than January 27, 2022 to all recorded holders of the RFP if a substantive clarification is in order.

The Questions & Answers/Clarifications are available for review at the link below. Each proposer is strongly encouraged to review this document prior to submitting their proposal.

Clark County RFP site: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1

Section IIB

Proposal Submission

1. Proposals Due

Sealed proposals must be received no later than the date, time and location specified on the cover of this document.

The outside of the envelope/package shall clearly identify:

- 1. RFP Number and;
- 2. TITLE and:
- 3. Name and Address of the Proposer.

Responses received after submittal time will not be considered and will be returned to the Proposer - unopened.

Proposals received with insufficient copies (as noted on the cover of this document) cannot be properly disseminated to the Review Committee and other reviewers for necessary action, therefore, may not be accepted.

2. Proposal

Proposals must be clear, succinct and not exceed five (5) pages, <u>excluding</u> resumes, E-Verify and coversheet. Proposer's who submit more than the pages indicated may not have the additional pages of the proposal read or considered.

For purposes of review and in the interest of the County, the County encourages the use of submittal materials (i.e. paper, dividers, binders, brochures, etc.) that contain post-consumer recycled content and are <u>readily recyclable</u>.

The County discourages the use of materials that cannot be readily recycled such as PVC (vinyl) binders, spiral bindings, and plastic or glossy covers or dividers. Alternative bindings such as reusable/recyclable binding posts, reusable binder clips or binder rings, and recyclable cardboard/paperboard binders are examples of preferable submittal materials.

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Proposers are encouraged to print/copy on both sides of a single sheet of paper wherever applicable; if sheets are printed on both sides, it is considered to be two pages. Color is acceptable, but content should not be lost by black-and-white printing or copying.

All submittals will be evaluated on the completeness and quality of the content. Only those Proposers providing complete information as required will be considered for evaluation. The ability to follow these instructions demonstrates attention to detail.

Additional support documents, such as sales brochures, should not be included with each copy unless otherwise specified.

Section IIC

Proposal Content

- 1. Cover Sheet
- This form is to be used as your proposal Cover Sheet. See Cover Sheet Attachment A
- 2. Project Team

Provide a summary describing the consultant team organization. The summary should contain an organizational chart showing areas of responsibilities, professional titles of pertinent positions and which team member(s) will be the "lead".

3. Management Approach

Address Staff assignment (singular or multiple) and flexibility; workflow capacity, review quality and consistency; meeting scheduling deadlines.

4. Respondent's Capabilities

Provide a list of at least three (3) reference projects that demonstrate experience and competence in performing the type of work requested. Include name of the project owner, address, telephone number, project title and contact person for potential referral communication. Projects demonstrating efforts with joint consultant/local agency teams are preferred.

5. Project Approach and Understanding

Provide a description of the work to be performed based on the Work Requirements described in Section IB. Include a description of key issues and challenges anticipated being addressed during the development and execution of this project.

6. Proposed Cost

Provide detailed hourly unit costs (per team member) including base rate, overhead, profit, expenses, etc.

7. Employment Verification

Please refer to section 1A.6. - E-Verify

IMPORTANT NOTE: Include this portion of the response immediately <u>AFTER</u> the cover page, if not already on file with Clark County. Current vendors on file can be viewed at: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/purchasing-overview

Part III Proposal Evaluation & Contract Award

Section IIIA

Proposal Review and Selection

 Evaluation and Selection: Proposals received in response to this RFP will be evaluated by a Review Committee. The Committee review results and recommendations may be presented to an appropriate advisory board prior to the consent process with the Clark County Council.

2. Evaluation Criteria Scoring

Each proposal received in response to the RFP will be objectively evaluated and rated according to a specified point system.

A one hundred (100) point system will be used, weighted against the following criteria:

Proposal Approach / Quality	10
Project Team	25
Respondent's Capabilities	25
Project Approach and Understanding	25
References	15
Total Points	100

The scoring of the proposal will determine the number of candidates selected for the interview phase, if needed.

Section IIIB

Contract Award

1. Consultant Selection

The County will determine the most qualified proposer based on the evaluation criteria listed using predetermined weights and the overall responsiveness of the Proposal. If the County does not reach a favorable agreement with the top Proposer, the County shall terminate negotiations and commence negotiations with the next qualified top Proposer. If the County is unable to reach agreeable terms with either Proposer, they may opt to void the RFP and determine next steps.

Contract Development Each successful firm will be required to enter into a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement with Clark County. A copy of the agreement is included as Attachment D and should be read carefully before submitting a proposal.

3. Award Review

The public may view proposal documents by public records request at www.clark.wa.gov. After contract execution, proposers may seek additional clarification on the scores, proposals and interviews.

4. Orientation/Kick-off Meeting

There are no plans for an Orientation or kick-off meeting.

Attachment A: COVER SHEET

General Information:			
Legal Name of Proposing Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Contact Person	Title		
Phone	Fax		
Program Location (if different than above)			
Email Address			
Tax Identification Number			
Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of A None	3	5 D the proposal non-respective posal is accurate and content to the final funding for any	omplete and that I have
Printed Name		Title	

Attachment B: LETTER OF INTEREST

Legal Name of Applicant Agency		
Street Address		
City		
Contact Person	Title	
Phone	Fax	
Program Location (if different than above)		
Email Address		

- ➤ All proposers are required to be included on the plan holders list.
- ➤ If your organization is NOT listed, submit the 'Letter of Interest" to ensure your inclusion.

Email Letter of Interest to: Koni.Odell@clark.wa.gov and Priscilla.Ricci@clark.wa.gov

Clark County web link: https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1

This document will only be used to add a proposer to the plan holders list. Submitting this document does not commit proposer to provide services to Clark County, nor is it required to be submitted with proposal.

Proposals may be considered non-responsive if the Proposer is not listed on the plan holders list.

Attachment C



Clark County, Washington

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Sec. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative	
Signature of Authorized Representative	 Date
I am unable to certify to the above statements. My	explanation is attached.

Attachment D: https://wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/LP AEPS-NegotiatedHourlyRate.pdf