

SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT

The Office of Financial Management contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Sira Consulting B.V. for an approximate eleven (11) month period to provide expertise advice and training to the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (ORIA) on the subject of the International Standard Cost Model (SCM). The contract would be completed in June 2016.

It is necessary to engage the services of Sira Consulting B.V. (Sira) because they are uniquely experienced in planning, training and accomplishing SCM. A review of consultancies was conducted by the Department of Commerce, including consultation with project managers in other nations that have adopted the SCM, and as a result it was determined that SIRA Consulting is uniquely qualified to provide the services ORIA will need to complete the project. SIRA Consulting is a Netherlands firm specializing in policy development and implementation at all levels of government. Its main areas of activity are: administrative burden measurement and reduction, regulatory impact assessment, policy evaluation and inspection methodologies. The founder and principal of the firm, Peter Bex, has over 15 years of high-level experience in regulatory improvement. He was the person who originally developed the SCM for the Dutch government in 1998, and has been significantly responsible for its widespread adoption. The scope of the contract would cover the following activities:

1. Provide 1.5 day workshop for up to 3 agencies to develop Standard Cost Model (SCM), complete Government Expert Interviews and prepare for Business interviews.
2. Provide consultation services, recommendations, facilitation and guidance documents to support implementation of enterprise wide SCM for Washington State.
3. Finalize Standard Cost Model Calculations, improvement recommendations, and potential Administrative Burden (AB) Reduction. Prepare for Subject Matter Expert (SME) and business interviews for up to 3 agencies.
4. Prepare for workshop and meeting with ORIA staff to review current methodology and strategy.

The contract will be issued 10 working days following the posting of this notice.

Vendors who believe they possess the same experience and capabilities, and meet the same requirements as Sira, are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements within five (5) business days of this announcement. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

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