

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**  
**SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT**

The Office of Financial Management/Governor's Office contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Cheryl Blanchette for a seven (7) month period to provide staff support the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families.

Cheryl Blanchette is uniquely qualified to conduct this work because of her specific involvement and experience in several areas. First, Ms. Blanchette was an Advisor to the Federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. The mission of this Commission examined ways to raise visibility of children's issues, review data and best practices, and prioritize prevention services for kids and families; all of which are very similar to the tasks before the Blue Ribbon Commission. Secondly, Ms. Blanchette has an established, long-standing consultation relationship with the Casey Family Programs, an operating foundation that has critical and unique knowledge around the development of children's services in other states. Staff support, stakeholder engagement, research efforts, and the development of recommendations will be substantially similar to the work of the federal commission and reliant on the expertise of the Casey Family Programs. It is critical to hire a consulting team that is intimately familiar with both. Lastly, the breadth and depth of the work of the Federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, in regard to subject matter expertise, program evaluation duties, and process management is substantially similar to that required of the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families. This experience is critical to the success of the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families.

The contract will be issued on or about June 6, 2016.

Vendors who believe they possess the same experience and capabilities, and meet the same requirements as Ms. Blanchette, 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.

For more information, contact:

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