

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Ross Strategic for a period commencing immediately upon contract signing through June 30, 2017. Under this contract, Ross Strategic would provide management support for the work of the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC), to include: work plan and budget development, project management, event management, meeting facilitation, policy analysis and technical assistance, stakeholder outreach, and communications.

In June 2016, the leaders of California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, acting together as the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC), signed two regional agreements reaffirming their commitment to work together on climate change and clean energy. The signatory jurisdictions are now working to implement these new agreements, with a focus on deliverables that are due later this year, and through the first half of next year.

The project requires ongoing support for PCC actions and deliverables that are scheduled for later this year, at international events in Morocco and California, as well as the next PCC Leaders Forum, to occur in either late 2016 or early 2017.

OFM believes that Ross Strategic is uniquely positioned to support implementation of the new PCC agreements, for the following reasons:

- Ross has been the hired facilitator on PCC climate and clean energy work since 2012. They worked closely with PCC senior staff to develop and draft the climate action plan signed by the states and provincial leaders in 2013. They performed this same function for the two recent agreements signed by the PCC leaders and the city mayors in 2016. They organized and facilitated the announcement events for all of these agreements; including stakeholder management, press support and event logistics.
- Ross also worked closely with the PCC senior staff to prepare for the United Nations climate conference held in Paris in December 2015. They attended the UN conference, provided support for the PCC presentations, and participated in presenting PCC work during the conference.
- Their performance of this work has been consistently excellent, with close coordination on resource allocation, a sound understanding and solid alignment with state and provincial interests, appropriate treatment of sensitive information, and effective outcomes.

- California has contracted with, and British Columbia has funded, Ross Strategic to conduct this work for the PCC. Cost savings will result from having the states and province combine their resources and rely on one project management team.

The contract will be issued on or about October 7, 2016.

Vendors who believe they possess the same experience and capabilities, and meet the same requirements as Ross Strategic, 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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