

STATE OF WASHINGTON
AGENCY NAME
SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT

The Office of Financial Management contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Weeks Consulting for a ten month period to provide professional and technical support to aid in completion of outstanding grant deliverables associated with workforce and education data. These deliverables include the completion of a retrospective study, developing workforce indicators and applying them to education staff, and identifying bias concerns in unadjusted feedback-type reports.

This work is in support of the Education and Research Data Center (ERDC) and their efforts around implementation and expanding usage of the state's P20W longitudinal data system. The ERDC conducts analyses of early learning, K-12, higher education programs, and education-related workforce issues across the P20W system.

OFM wishes to contract with Weeks Consulting to provide technical and professional support to aid in the completion of workforce-related deliverables, requiring working knowledge and understanding of Washington state P20W education data for students and staff, propensity score statistical modeling techniques, and a thorough understanding of administrative data associated with workforce outcomes.

This contractor has produced several research reports using Washington P20W education data as a source, requiring propensity scoring to identify comparison groups and using wages as an outcome.

The contractor has:

- Over four years' experience conducting studies involving economic return to education, including both K12 and postsecondary in Washington State.
- Over twenty-five years of experience in program impact evaluation and applied economics research including regression analysis, forecasting methodology, survival and hazard modeling, and research design.
- Over ten years' experience working with unemployment insurance wage records and understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the data as it relates to workforce outcome measurements.
- Familiar with statistical software STATA, SAS, and SPSS

- Over ten years' state government employment experience working on deliverables associated with federal grants

The contract will be issued on or about August 16, 2017.

Vendors who believe they possess the same experience and capabilities, and meet the same requirements as Weeks Consulting, 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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