

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ NO. 2014-20

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PROJECT TITLE: EPA's Review of the Puget Sound National Estuary Program

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: October 22, 2013

EXPECTED TIME PERIOD FOR CONTRACT: November 15, 2013 – June 30, 2014

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: This procurement is open to those consultants that satisfy the minimum qualifications stated herein and that are available for work in Washington State.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts a program evaluation of the nation's 28 programs enrolled under the National Estuary Program (NEP). The purpose of these evaluations is to determine whether individual NEP programs are making adequate progress in implementing their Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMP) and therefore merit continued funding under Section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act.

Puget Sound was enrolled as an estuary of national significance under National Estuary Program in 1991. EPA approved the 2012/2013 Puget Sound Action Agenda and Strategic Initiatives as this region's CCMP.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The Puget Sound Partnership seeks qualified applicants to:

- a. Prepare reports and assessments to evaluate the performance of the Puget Sound National Estuary Program at implementing its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2013.
- b. Lead the agency's management team and key partners (including selected members from the EPA Region 10, Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, Science Panel, Puget Sound Institute, Local Integrating Organizations, salmon watershed groups and Lead Organizations) through an evaluation of the management conference's performance at implementing the Action Agenda. This assessment is conducted against specific questions and rating criteria established by EPA in the August 31, 2011 National Estuary Program, Program Evaluation Guidance (http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/nep/upload/2011_final_pe_guidance.pdf).
- c. Prepare narrative descriptions of the NEP core elements including a summary of key goals, activities and stages of progress towards achieving milestones and targets.
- d. Work with the agency's Chief Financial Officer and key partners to prepare information on how EPA funding for the CCMP was and will be used during the review period.
- e. Arrange a venue and agenda for a site visit, not to exceed three days, by the EPA Review Team to highlight successes and accomplishments.

It is anticipated the first deliverable under the contract will be a scoping plan, which will define the specific services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR based upon agreement between the AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR.

1.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Consultants must be licensed to do business in the state of Washington and have at least five (5) years of experience in facilitation of multi-party workgroups that address ecosystem-related issues and five (5) years of experience in carrying out performance audits, preparing environmental technical documents and budget summaries, and planning venues and agendas. Consultants, who do not meet these minimum qualifications will be rejected as non-responsive and will not receive further consideration. Any proposal that is rejected as non-responsive will not be evaluated or scored.

1.4 FUNDING

The overall budget for this project shall not exceed **THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000)**. Proposals in excess of \$30,000 will be rejected as non-responsive and will not be evaluated. Any contract(s) awarded as a result of this procurement is contingent upon the availability of funding.

1.5 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance of any contract(s) resulting from this RFQ is tentatively scheduled to begin on or about **November 15, 2013** and to end on **June 30, 2014**.

1.6 DEFINITIONS - Definitions for the purposes of this RFQ include:

Agency. The Puget Sound Partnership is the agency of the state of Washington that is issuing this RFQ.

Consultant. Individual, company, or firm submitting a proposal in order to attain a contract with the AGENCY.

Contractor. Individual or company whose proposal has been accepted by the AGENCY and is awarded a fully executed, written contract.

Management Conference. For the purposes of the National Estuary Program, the Puget Sound Management Conference includes: the statutorily-described Partnership including the Puget Sound Partnership state agency, Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, and Science Panel; and the broader partnership coalition that includes tribal governments, the Puget Sound caucuses affiliated with the Ecosystem Coordination Board, the Salmon Recovery Council, Northwest Straits Commission, implementing networks, formal and informal interest groups, watershed groups, individual local governments, and representatives from Canadian agencies.

Proposal. A formal offer submitted in response to this solicitation.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Formal procurement document in which services needed are identified and firms are invited to provide their qualifications to provide the services.

1.7 ADA

The AGENCY complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

2. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONSULTANTS

2.1 RFQ COORDINATOR

The RFQ Coordinator is the sole point of contact in the AGENCY for this procurement. All communication between the Consultant and the AGENCY upon receipt of this RFQ shall be with the RFQ Coordinator, as follows: **Gayla Gilmore; email: gayla.gilmore@psp.wa.gov**

2.2 COMMUNICATION WITH RFQ CORRINATOR

Contact the RFQ Coordinator by email (mandatory) if you have any questions or concerns related to any portion of this solicitation document. Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the AGENCY. Consultants are to rely on written statements issued by the RFQ Coordinator. Communication directed to parties other than the RFQ Coordinator may result in disqualification of the Consultant. All questions regarding this RFQ must be in writing (e-mail) and addressed to the RFQ Coordinator.

PSP will only answer questions received no later than the time and date stated in the SCHEDULE. **DO NOT CALL** the RFQ Coordinator to ask questions. Questions will not be individually answered prior to the date scheduled for PSP responses. Questions received after the date and time stated in the schedule will not be accepted.

Consultants' questions and PSP's official written answers will be posted on Washington Electronic Business Solutions (WEBS) <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Business/register.htm> by the date in the schedule and **must be downloaded from WEBS**. Individual notification from the Coordinator will not be sent to Consultants when responses to questions or amendments are available.

2.3 ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

Issue Request for Qualifications	October 7, 2013
Consultant questions due no later than 2:00 p.m. local time	October 14, 2013
Issue response to written questions as addendum to RFQ no later than 2:00 p.m. local time (if questions received)	October 16, 2013
Proposals due no later than 2:00 p.m. local time	October 22, 2013
Evaluate proposals	October 23 – 25, 2013
Announce "Apparent Successful Consultant" and send notification via e-mail to unsuccessful proposers	October 28, 2013
Unsuccessful proposers request debriefing no later than 2:00 p.m. local time	October 31, 2013
Hold debriefing conferences (if requested)	November 1 - 5, 2013
Protest Period (3 business days from debrief conference) due no later than 2:00 p.m. local time	November 8, 2013
Negotiate contract	November 12 – 14, 2013
Estimated contract work start date	November 15, 2013

The AGENCY reserves the right to revise the above schedule.

2.4 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The proposal must be **received by the RFQ Coordinator** no later than the date and time indicated in the Schedule.

Proposals must be submitted electronically as an attachment to an e-mail to Gayla Gilmore the RFQ Coordinator, at gayla.gilmore@psp.wa.gov. Attachments to e-mail shall be in Microsoft Word format or PDF. Zipped files cannot be received by the AGENCY and cannot be used for submission of proposals. The cover submittal letter and the Certifications and Assurances form must have a scanned signature of the individual within the organization authorized to bind the Consultant to the offer. The AGENCY does not assume responsibility for problems with Consultant's e-mail. If the AGENCY'S email is not working, appropriate allowances will be made.

Proposals may not be transmitted using facsimile transmission.

Late proposals will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. All proposals and any accompanying documentation become the property of the AGENCY and will not be returned.

2.5 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION/PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Proposals submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of the AGENCY. All proposals received shall remain confidential until the contract, if any, resulting from this RFQ is signed by the Director of the AGENCY, or his Designee, and the apparent successful Contractor; thereafter, the proposals shall be deemed public records as defined in Chapter 42.56 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Any information in the proposal that the Consultant desires to claim as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the provisions of Chapter 42.56 RCW, or other state or federal law that provides for the nondisclosure of your document, must be clearly designated. The information must be clearly identified and the particular exemption from disclosure upon which the Consultant is making the claim must be cited. Each page containing the information claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the words "Proprietary Information" printed on the lower right hand corner of the page. Marking the entire proposal exempt from disclosure or as Proprietary Information will not be honored.

If a public records request is made for the information that the Consultant has marked as "Proprietary Information" the AGENCY will notify the Consultant of the request and of the date that the records will be released to the requester unless the Consultant obtains a court order enjoining that disclosure. If the Consultant fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, the AGENCY will release the requested information on the date specified. If a Consultant obtains a court order from a court of competent jurisdiction enjoining disclosure pursuant to Chapter 42.56 RCW, or other state or federal law that provides for nondisclosure, the AGENCY shall maintain the confidentiality of the Consultant's information per the court order.

A charge will be made for copying and shipping, as outlined in RCW 42.56. No fee shall be charged for inspection of contract files, but twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the RFQ

Coordinator is required. All requests for information should be directed to the RFQ Coordinator.

2.6 REVISIONS TO THE RFQ

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQ, addenda will be posted on Washington Electronic Business Solutions (WEBS) <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Business/register.htm> by the date on the Schedule and **must be downloaded from WEBS**. Individual notification from the Coordinator will not be sent to Consultants when responses to questions or amendments are available.

The AGENCY also reserves the right to cancel or to reissue the RFQ in whole or in part, prior to execution of a contract.

2.7 MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the legislative findings and policies set forth in Chapter 39.19 RCW, the state of Washington encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation or on a subcontractor basis. However, no preference will be included in the evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis.

The established annual procurement participation goals for MBE is 10% and for WBE, 4%, for this type of project. These goals are voluntary. Consultants may contact OMWBE at 360/753-9693 to obtain information on certified firms.

2.8 ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

Proposals must provide 120 days for acceptance by AGENCY from the due date for receipt of proposals.

2.9 RESPONSIVENESS

All proposals will be reviewed by the RFQ Coordinator to determine compliance with administrative requirements and instructions specified in this RFQ. The Consultant is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of the RFQ may result in rejection of the proposal as non-responsive.

The AGENCY also reserves the right, however, at its sole discretion to waive minor administrative irregularities.

2.10 MOST FAVORABLE TERMS

The AGENCY reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which the Consultant can propose. The AGENCY does reserve the right to contact a Consultant for clarification of its proposal.

The Consultant should be prepared to accept this RFQ for incorporation into a contract resulting from this RFQ. Contract negotiations may incorporate some or all of the Consultant's proposal. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official procurement file on this matter without obligation to the AGENCY.

2.11 CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

The apparent successful contractor will be expected to enter into a contract, which is substantially the same as the sample contract and its general terms and conditions attached as Exhibit B. In no event is a Consultant to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions in response to this solicitation. The Consultant may submit exceptions as allowed in the Certifications and Assurances section, Exhibit A to this solicitation. The AGENCY will review requested exceptions and accept or reject the same at its sole discretion.

It is anticipated the first deliverable under the contract will be a scoping plan, which will define the specific services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR based upon agreement between the AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR.

2.12 COSTS TO PROPOSE

The AGENCY will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Consultant in preparation of a proposal submitted in response to this RFQ, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to responding to this RFQ.

2.13 NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRACT

This RFQ does not obligate the state of Washington or the AGENCY to contract for services specified herein.

2.14 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The AGENCY reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals received without penalty and not to issue a contract as a result of this RFQ.

2.15 COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

The director of the AGENCY or the director's delegate is the only individuals who may legally commit the AGENCY to the expenditures of funds for a contract resulting from this RFQ. No cost chargeable to the proposed contract may be incurred before receipt of a fully executed contract.

2.16 INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Contractor is to furnish the AGENCY with a certificate of insurance executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth below.

The Contractor shall, at Contractor's own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance coverage, which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of the contract. The Contractor shall furnish evidence in the form of a Certificate of Insurance that insurance shall be provided, and a copy shall be forwarded to the AGENCY within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date.

Liability Insurance

Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL): Contractor shall maintain general liability insurance and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance, with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per each occurrence. If CGL insurance contains aggregate limits, the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the "each occurrence" limit. CGL insurance shall have

products-completed operations aggregate limit of at least two times the “each occurrence” limit. CGL insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage). All insurance shall cover liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract), and contain separation of insured (cross liability) condition.

Additionally, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.

Business Auto Policy: As applicable, the Contractor shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit not less than \$1,000,000 per accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of “Any Auto.” Business auto coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, 1990 or later edition, or substitute liability form providing equivalent coverage.

Employers Liability (“Stop Gap”) Insurance

In addition, the Contractor shall buy employers liability insurance and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease.

Additional Provisions

Above insurance policy shall include the following provisions:

- **Additional Insured.** The AGENCY, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees shall be named as an additional insured on all general liability, excess, umbrella and property insurance policies. All insurance provided in compliance with this contract shall be primary as to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to or maintained by the state.
- **Cancellation.** The AGENCY shall be provided written notice before cancellation or non-renewal of any insurance referred to therein, in accord with the following specifications. Insurers subject to 48.18 RCW (Admitted and Regulation by the Insurance Commissioner): The insurer shall give the state 45 days advance notice of cancellation or non-renewal. If cancellation is due to non-payment of premium, the state shall be given 10 days advance notice of cancellation. Insurers subject to 48.15 RCW (Surplus lines): The state shall be given 20 days advance notice of cancellation. If cancellation is due to non-payment of premium, the state shall be given 10 days advance notice of cancellation.
- **Identification.** Policy must reference the state’s contract number and the agency name.
- **Insurance Carrier Rating.** All insurance and bonds should be issued by companies admitted to do business within the state of Washington and have a rating of A-, Class VII or better in the most recently published edition of Best’s Reports. Any exception shall be reviewed and approved by the AGENCY, the risk manager for the state of Washington, before the contract is accepted or work may begin. If an insurer is not admitted, all insurance policies and procedures for issuing the insurance policies must comply with Chapter 48.15 RCW and 284-15 WAC.
- **Excess Coverage.** By requiring insurance herein, the state does not represent that coverage and limits will be adequate to protect Contractor, and such coverage and

limits shall not limit Contractor's liability under the indemnities and reimbursements granted to the state in this contract.

Workers' Compensation Coverage

The Contractor will at all times comply with all applicable workers' compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the full extent applicable. The state will not be held responsive in any way for claims filed by the Contractor or their employees for services performed under the terms of this contract.

3. QUALIFICATIONS SECTION

Puget Sound Partnership seeks qualified applicants to support the agency during an upcoming review by EPA of the Puget Sound National Estuary Program by collecting documents, preparing and leading a multi-stakeholder group through a performance review, preparing technical and financial reports and providing support for a site visit by the EPA Review Team.

Successful applicants shall work with an agency oversight team and must deliver the following products by the specified dates below:

Upon date of execution	Identify and convene a representative of the Puget Sound management conference group to identify roles and process for collecting information and reports to complete the evaluation of the Puget Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, otherwise known as the Action Agenda.
November 29, 2013	Identify and assemble all existing reports to support an evaluation and to complete a narrative description called for in the August 31, 2011 National Estuary Program, Program Evaluation Guidance (http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/nep/upload/2011_final_pe_guidance.pdf)
By December 6, 2013	Brief the agency oversight team and executive director on materials assembled for the director's discussions with the EPA Review Team lead to determine if these are adequate to address the Performance Evaluation questions laid out in the August 31, 2011 National Estuary Program Evaluation Guidance. (http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/nep/upload/2011_final_pe_guidance.pdf).
By February 1, 2014	Lead the management conference through the evaluation process noting significant differences in ratings and make results available for their review.
By February 1, 2014	Prepare a narrative summary based on the evaluation that addresses the specifics called for in the August 31, 2011 National Estuary Program, Program Evaluation Guidance (http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/nep/upload/2011_final_pe_guidance.pdf). Provide a draft to the agency oversight team for review.
By February 20, 2014	Work with the agency's External Affairs team and partners to determine the venue for the onsite visit by EPA's Review Team. Identify key messages, prepare draft materials to support a site visit and invite dignitaries and partners to participate in the site visit.
By February 20, 2014	Resolve any significant differences related to the evaluation and prepare a final report for submission to EPA
By February 20, 2014	Work with the Partnership and Lead Organization chief financial officers to collect relevant information and finalize

	a budget summary report of how EPA's funding was used during the review period and non-federal funding that was leveraged by this investment.
By February 20, 2014	Finalize the narrative summary.
By February 28, 2014	Submit three copies of the final program evaluation package including the evaluation forms, narrative summary and associated documentation to the EPA Review Team.
By March 15, 2014	Reserve venues and invite dignitaries and partners for the onsite visit by EPA's Review Team. Arrange for transportation and hotel reservations for the EPA Review Team.
April 21 to June 20, 2014	Support the Partnership as it host the onsite visit by EPA Review Team.

The proposal must contain information that will demonstrate to the AGENCY evaluation committee the Consultant's understanding of the types of services proposed, the firm's ability to accomplish them, and the ability to meet tight timeframe noted above.

4. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

The major sections of the proposal are to be submitted in the order noted below:

- 1 Letter of Submittal, including signed Certifications and Assurances (Exhibit A to this RFQ) (Mandatory)
2. Business Information(Mandatory)
3. Schedule (Mandatory)
4. Firm Experience(Scored)
5. Staff Qualifications (Scored)
6. Schedule (Scored)
7. Budget (Not Scored)
8. OMWBE Certification (Optional and Not Scored)

Proposals must provide information in the same order as presented in this document with the same headings. This will not only be helpful to the evaluators of the proposal, but should assist the Consultant in preparing a thorough response.

Items in this section marked "mandatory" must be included as part of the proposal for the proposal to be considered responsive, however, these items are not scored. Items marked "scored" are those that are awarded points as part of the evaluation conducted by the evaluation team.

4.1 LETTER OF SUBMITTAL (MANDATORY)

The Letter of Submittal and the attached Certifications and Assurances form (Exhibit A to this RFQ) must be signed and dated by a person authorized to legally bind the Consultant to a contractual relationship, e.g., the president or executive director of a corporation, the managing partner of a partnership, or the proprietor of a sole proprietorship. Attach the Certifications and Assurances form to the Letter of Submittal.

4.2 BUSINESS INFORMATION (MANDATORY)

- A. State the name of the company, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, legal status of entity (ownership) and year entity was established as it now substantially exists.
- B. Provide the firm's Federal Employer Tax Identification number or Social Security number and the Washington Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number issued by the state of Washington Department of Revenue.
- C. Indicate how many employees are with the firm. Name the firm principles and their roles.
- D. Identify any state employees or former state employees employed by the Consultant or on the Consultant's governing board as of the date of the proposal. Include their position and responsibilities within the Consultant's organization. If following a review of this information, it is determined by the AGENCY that a conflict of interest exists, the Consultant may be disqualified from further consideration for the award of a contract.
- E. If the Consultant's staff or subcontractor's staff was an employee of the state of Washington during the past 24 months, or is currently a Washington State employee, identify the individual by name, the agency previously or currently employed by, job title or position held, and separation date.
- F. If the Consultant has had a contract terminated for default in the last five years, describe such incident. Termination for default is defined as notice to stop performance due to the Consultant's non-performance or poor performance and the issue of performance was either (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the Proposer, or (b) litigated and such litigation determined that the Proposer was in default.
- G. Submit full details of the terms for default, including the other party's name, address, and phone number. Present the Consultant's position on the matter. The AGENCY will evaluate the facts and may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal on the grounds of the past experience. If no such termination for default has been experienced by the Consultant in the past five years, so indicate.

4.3 SCHEDULE (MANDATORY)

Please certify your firm and the proposed team can meet the due dates outlined in Section 3 of this RFQ.

4.4 FIRM EXPERIENCE (SCORED)

- A. Describe services provided by the Consultant that indicate the firm's ability to do the work outlined in this RFQ.
- B. Describe the Consultant's recent experience conducting performance audits and assessments

4.5 STAFF QUALIFICATIONS (SCORED)

- A. Provide a description of the proposed project team structure and internal controls to be used during the course of the project, including any subcontractors.
- B. Provide the name and a resume' of the person who will be the lead contact for the project. Provide names and resumes' for other staff, which includes information on the individual's particular skills related to this project, education, experience, significant accomplishments and any other pertinent information.
- C. List any sub-consultants you may want to include to complete your roster of services. Describe what services each would provide. Provide the information in Section 4.2 about each.

4.6 SCHEDULE (SCORED)

Describe the project team's ability to meet deadlines, especially on a short time frame, and give examples of how past tight deadlines have been successfully met.

4.7 BUDGET (NOT SCORED)

Submit a detailed budget including staff costs and any expenses necessary to accomplish the tasks identified in Section 3 QUALIFICATIONS of this RFQ.

4.8 REFERENCES (MANDATORY)

List names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three (3) business references for the firm and three (3) business references for the lead staff person for which work has been accomplished, and briefly describe the type of service provided for them. By submitting a proposal in response to this Work Request, the vendor and team members grant permission to AGENCY to contact these references and others, who from AGENCY's perspective, may have pertinent information. AGENCY may or may not, at AGENCY's discretion contact references. Do not include current AGENCY staff as references.

4.9 OMWBE CERTIFICATION (OPTIONAL AND NOT SCORED)

Include proof of certification issued by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises if certified minority-owned firm and/or women-owned firm(s) will be participating on this project.

5. EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

5.1 EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Responsive proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements stated in this solicitation and any addenda issued. The evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished by an evaluation team to be designated by the AGENCY, which will determine the ranking of the proposals.

5.2 CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

The RFQ Coordinator may contact the Consultant for clarification of any portion of the Consultant’s proposal.

5.3 EVALUATION WEIGHTING AND SCORING

The following weighting and points will be assigned to the proposal for evaluation purposes:

Qualifications Section – 100%	
Firm Experience.....	20 points (maximum)
Staff Qualifications.....	60 points (maximum)
Schedule.....	20 points (maximum)
Grand Total	100 <u>Points</u>

5.4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED

Oral presentations, if considered necessary by the AGENCY, may be utilized in selecting the winning proposal. The AGENCY, at its sole discretion, may elect to select the top-scoring firm(s) from the written evaluation for an oral presentation and contact the top-scoring firm(s) to schedule a date, time and location for an oral presentation. Commitments made by the Consultant at the oral interview, if any, will be considered binding.

The oral presentation shall determine the apparently successful Consultant.

5.5 NOTIFICATION TO PROPOSERS

Firms whose proposals have not been selected for further negotiation or award will be notified by e-mail.

5.6 DEBRIEFING OF UNSUCCESSFUL PROPOSERS

Upon request, a debriefing conference will be scheduled with an unsuccessful Proposer. The request for a debriefing conference must be received by the RFQ Coordinator within three (3) business days after the Notification of Unsuccessful Consultant letter is e-mailed to the Consultant. The debriefing must be held within three (3) business days of the request.

Discussion will be limited to a critique of the requesting Consultant's proposal. Comparisons between proposals or evaluations of the other proposals will not be allowed. Debriefing conferences may be conducted in person or on the telephone and will be scheduled for a maximum of one hour.

5.7 PROTEST PROCEDURE

This procedure is available to Consultants who submitted a response to this solicitation document and who have participated in a debriefing conference. Upon completing the debriefing conference, the Consultant is allowed three (3) business days to file a protest of the acquisition with the RFQ Coordinator. Protests may be submitted by email, but should be followed by the original document.

Consultants protesting this procurement shall follow the procedures described below. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. This protest procedure constitutes the sole administrative remedy available to Consultants under this procurement.

All protests must be in writing and signed by the protesting party or an authorized Agent. The protest must state the grounds for the protest with specific facts and complete statements of the action(s) being protested. A description of the relief or corrective action being requested should also be included. All protests shall be addressed to the RFQ Coordinator.

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A matter of bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of the evaluator
- Errors in computing the score
- Non-compliance with procedures described in the procurement document or AGENCY policy

Protests not based on procedural matters will not be considered. Protests will be rejected as without merit if they address issues such as: 1) An evaluator's professional judgment on the quality of a proposal, or 2) AGENCY'S assessment of its own and/or other agencies' needs or requirements.

Upon receipt of a protest, a protest review will be held by the AGENCY. The AGENCY director or an employee delegated by the director who was not involved in the procurement, will consider the record and all available facts and issue a decision within five business days of receipt of the protest. If additional time is required, the protesting party will be notified of the delay.

In the event a protest may affect the interest of another Consultant that submitted a proposal, such Consultant will be given an opportunity to submit its views and any relevant information on the protest to the RFQ Coordinator.

The final determination of the protest shall:

- Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the AGENCY's action.
- Find only technical or harmless errors in the AGENCY's acquisition process and determine the AGENCY to be in substantial compliance and reject the protest.
- Find merit in the protest and provide the AGENCY options which may include:
 - Correct the errors and re-evaluate all proposals
 - Reissue the solicitation document and begin a new process
 - Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate

If the AGENCY determines that the protest is without merit, the AGENCY will enter into a contract with the apparently successful contractor. If the protest is determined to have merit, one of the alternatives noted in the preceding paragraph will be taken.

6. RFQ EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A Certifications and Assurances
- Exhibit B Contract Format including General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs)

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

1. I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract(s):
2. I/we declare that all answers and statements made in the proposal are true and correct.
3. The prices and/or cost data have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with others for the purpose of restricting competition. However, I/we may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single proposal.
4. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of 120 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by the AGENCY without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 120-day period.
5. In preparing this proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. (Any exceptions to these assurances are described in full detail on a separate page and attached to this document.)
6. I/we understand that the AGENCY will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals become the property of the AGENCY, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in this proposal.
7. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data that have been submitted have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by him/her prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other Proposer or to any competitor.
8. I/we agree that submission of the attached proposal constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract and general terms and conditions. If there are any exceptions to these terms, I/we have described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document.
9. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
10. I/we grant the AGENCY the right to contact references and others, who may have pertinent information regarding the Proposer's prior experience and ability to perform the services contemplated in this procurement.
11. If any staff member(s) who will perform work on this contract has retired from the State of Washington under the provisions of the 2008 Early Retirement Factors legislation, his/her name(s) is noted on a separately attached page.

Signature of Proposer

Title

Date

Grant/PSC Agreement – Exhibit B



LEADING PUGET SOUND RECOVERY

Agreement Number:
Title:

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the state of Washington, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), and the below named firm, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR.”

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION		Project Manager	UBI:
		@ ()	EIN:
			DUNS:
			Type:
PSP INFORMATION		Project Manager	
PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP			
326 EAST D STREET		@psp.wa.gov	
TACOMA, WA 98421-1801		(360)	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance under this agreement will be from the date of execution (_____) through _____. **No work shall commence under this agreement until it has been fully executed by both parties.**

COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

Total compensation payable to CONTRACTOR for satisfactory performance of the work under this agreement shall not exceed **Spell out dollar amount (\$)** CONTRACTOR'S compensation for services rendered shall be in accordance with the Budget attached as Exhibit C.

FEDERAL FUNDING INFORMATION

Grant recipient is is NOT a subrecipient for purposes of this agreement.

CFDA #	CFDA Title	Federal Grant Award Number	Federal Grant Award Name	Federal Agency Name
				Environmental Protection Agency

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA):

This contract is supported by federal funds that require compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA or the Transparency Act). The purpose of the Transparency Act is to make information available online so the public can see how federal funds are spent.

To comply with the act and be eligible to enter into this contract, your organization must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS®) number. A DUNS® number provides a method to verify data about your organization. If you do not already have one, you may receive a DUNS® number free of charge by contacting Dun and Bradstreet at www.dnb.com.

Information about your organization and this contract will be made available on www.USASpending.gov by PSP as required by P.L. 109-282. PSP's form, Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection Form, is considered part of this contract and must be completed and returned along with the contract.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the Terms and Conditions contained in the following exhibits, herein incorporated by reference. In the event of an inconsistency in this agreement, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

1. Applicable Federal and State of Washington Statutes and regulations
2. This contract cover sheet
3. Exhibit A – General Terms and Conditions
4. Exhibit B – Statement of Work
5. Exhibit C – Budget
6. Exhibit D – Federal Requirements
Attachment 1- Federal Assurances
Attachment 2- Standard Federal Certifications
7. Exhibit E – Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection (FFATA) Form
8. Any other provision, term or material incorporated herein by reference or otherwise incorporated

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement, including referenced exhibits and any other provision, term or material expressly incorporated by reference, represents all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other statements or representations, written or oral, shall be deemed a part hereof.

APPROVAL

This agreement shall be subject to the written approval of the AGENCY'S authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved. The agreement may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties.

This agreement is executed by the persons signing below, who warrant they have the authority to execute the agreement.

Puget Sound Partnership

_____ Date

_____ Date
Alana Knaster
Assistant Deputy Director

**EXHIBIT A -
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Title:

DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- A. "AGENCY" shall mean the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) of the State of Washington, any division, section, office, unit or other entity of the AGENCY, or any of the officers or other officials lawfully representing that AGENCY.
- B. "AGENT" shall mean the Director, and/or the delegate authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- C. "CONTRACTOR" shall mean that firm, provider, organization, individual or other entity performing service(s) under this contract, and shall include all employees of the CONTRACTOR.
- D. "SUBCONTRACTOR" shall mean one not in the employment of the CONTRACTOR, who is performing all or part of those services under this contract under a separate contract with the CONTRACTOR. The terms "SUBCONTRACTOR" and "SUBCONTRACTORS" means SUBCONTRACTOR(s) in any tier.
- E. "SUBRECIPIENT" shall mean a non-federal entity that spends federal awards received from the Puget Sound Partnership to carry out a federal program. Recipients of grants funded with Federal dollars from the Puget Sound Partnership are typically subrecipients. The subrecipient determination is documented on this agreement cover sheet.

ACCESS TO DATA

In compliance with RCW 39.29.080, the CONTRACTOR shall provide access to data generated under this contract to AGENCY, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the CONTRACTOR'S reports, including computer models and methodology for those models.

ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this contract shall be made by the AGENCY.

AMENDMENTS

This contract may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

ASSIGNMENT

Neither this contract, nor any claim arising under this contract, shall be transferred or assigned by the CONTRACTOR without prior written consent of the AGENCY.

ASSURANCES

The AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR agree that all activity pursuant to this agreement will be in accordance with all the applicable current federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations.

ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce contract terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorney fees and costs.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, and Other RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Federal Executive Order 12549 provides that Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government-wide system for suspension and debarment. These departments and agencies have further passed this requirement onto their grant recipients and have provided pertinent regulations in the Codes of Federal Regulations. The CONTRACTOR certifies that they are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in this contract by any Federal department or the AGENCY. If the CONTRACTOR further subawards federal resources, the CONTRACTOR must ensure the same suspension/debarment requirements are followed.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable laws, policies and regulations of the state, and the federal government in the performance of duties under this contract.

CONFIDENTIALITY/SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION

The CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose any information concerning the AGENCY, or information that may be classified as confidential, for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of this contract, except with prior written consent of the AGENCY, or as may be required by law.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, the AGENCY may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the CONTRACTOR terminate this contract if it is found after due notice and examination by the AGENT that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, Chapter 42.52 RCW; or any similar statute involving the CONTRACTOR in the procurement of, or performance under this contract.

In the event this contract is terminated as provided above, the AGENCY shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the CONTRACTOR as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the CONTRACTOR. The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which the AGENT makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in the "Disputes" clause of this contract.

When a conflict of interest exists as described above, the Contractor shall:

- A. Immediately inform the AGENCY Executive Director or his/her designee of the existence of the conflict of interest;
- B. Inform all persons to whom the Contractor speaks/communicates about the particular issue on which there is a conflict of interest;
- C. Provide all persons to whom the Contractor speaks/communicates about the position on which there is disagreement with written information on the AGENCY's position when the AGENCY has made copies available to the Contractor;
- D. Not use AGENCY funded or partially funded materials to promote the Contractor's position on a matter when it conflicts the AGENCY position;
- E. Provide the AGENCY Executive Director the opportunity to have a spokesperson for the AGENCY's position at any AGENCY funded or partially funded activity where the matter on which there is disagreement is scheduled to be discussed; and
- F. Not use any of its employees who are funded with AGENCY resources to advocate the Contractor's position on the matter for which there is a conflict of interest.

For the purposes of these requirements (A to F) "Contractor" includes any grant recipient, employee, officer, legislative affairs committee chair or other person authorized to speak on behalf of the Contractor.

CONFORMANCE

If any provision of this contract violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise provided, all materials produced under this contract shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall be considered the author of such materials. In the event the materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws, CONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in materials, including all intellectual property rights, to the AGENCY effective from the moment of creation of such materials.

Materials means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

For materials that are delivered under the contract, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the contract, CONTRACTOR hereby grants to the AGENCY a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense others) in such materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that CONTRACTOR has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to the AGENCY.

The CONTRACTOR shall exert all reasonable effort to advise the AGENCY, at the time of delivery of materials furnished under this contract, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document that was not produced in the performance of this contract.

The AGENCY shall receive prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the CONTRACTOR with respect to any data delivered under this contract. The AGENCY shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the data by the CONTRACTOR.

COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The CONTRACTOR warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agents maintained by the CONTRACTOR for securing business.

The AGENCY shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the CONTRACTOR, to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or recover by other means the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

DISALLOWED COSTS

The Contractor is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its Subcontractors.

DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, when a dispute arises between the parties and it cannot be resolved by direct negotiation, either party may request a dispute hearing with AGENT.

1. The request for a dispute hearing must:
 - Be in writing;
 - State the disputed issue(s);
 - State the relative positions of the parties;
 - State the CONTRACTOR'S name, address, and contract number; and
 - Be mailed to the AGENT and the other party's (respondent's) contract manager within three working calendar days after the parties agree that they cannot resolve the dispute.
2. The respondent shall send a written answer to the requester's statement to both the agent and the requester within five working calendar days.
3. The AGENT shall review the written statements and reply in writing to both parties within 10 working days. The AGENT may extend this period if necessary by notifying the parties.
4. The parties agree that this dispute process shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to limit the parties' choice of a mutually acceptable alternate dispute resolution method in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

For the duration of this contract, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the drug free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200.

DUPLICATE PAYMENT

The AGENCY shall not pay the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other contract or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

GOVERNING LAW

This contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Pierce County.

HOLD HARMLESS

Each party shall defend, protect and hold harmless the other party from and against all claims, suits or actions arising from any intentional or negligent act or omission of that party's employees, agents and/or authorized subcontractor(s) while performing under the terms of this agreement.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless State, agencies of State and all officials, agents and employees of State, from and against all claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract. "Claim," as used in this contract, means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom.

CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless includes any claim by CONTRACTORS' agents, employees, representatives, or any subcontractor or its employees.

CONTRACTOR expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State for any claim arising out of or incident to CONTRACTOR'S or any subcontractor's performance or failure to perform the contract. CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State shall not be eliminated or reduced by any actual or alleged concurrent negligence of State or its agents, agencies, employees and officials.

CONTRACTOR waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend and hold harmless State and its agencies, officials, agents or employees.

INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. The CONTRACTOR and his or her employees or agents performing under this contract are not employees or agents of the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR will not hold himself/herself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of the AGENCY or of the State of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the CONTRACTOR make any claim of right, privilege or benefit that would accrue to such employee under law. Conduct and control of the work will be solely with the CONTRACTOR.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance. If the CONTRACTOR fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees, as may be required by law, AGENCY may collect from the CONTRACTOR the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance accident fund. The AGENCY may deduct the amount owed by the CONTRACTOR to the accident fund from the amount payable to the CONTRACTOR by the AGENCY under this contract, and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries, (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the CONTRACTOR.

INSURANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage as set out in this section. The intent of the required insurance is to protect the state should there be any claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any negligent or intentional act or omission of the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage, which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this contract, as follows:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy. Provide a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy, including contractual liability, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity but no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.
2. Automobile Liability. In the event that services delivered pursuant to this contract involve the use of vehicles, either owned or unowned by the CONTRACTOR, automobile liability insurance shall be required. The minimum limit for automobile liability is \$1,000,000 per occurrence, using a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage.
3. The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company/ies authorized to do business within the state of Washington, and shall name the state of Washington, its agents and employees as additional insured under the insurance policy/ies. All policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectable insurance. CONTRACTOR shall instruct the insurers to give the AGENCY thirty (30) calendar days advance notice of any insurance cancellation.

CONTRACTOR shall submit to the AGENCY within fifteen (15) calendar days of the contract effective date, a certificate of insurance that outlines the coverage and limits defined in the *Insurance* section. CONTRACTOR shall submit renewal certificates as appropriate during the term of the contract.

LICENSING, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements/standards, necessary for the performance of this contract.

LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

Only the AGENT or AGENT'S delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this contract. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver or any clause or condition of this contract is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the AGENT.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation, or policy, this contract may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the "Disputes" procedure set forth herein.

NONDISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies.

PRIVACY

Personal information including, but not limited to, "Protected Health Information," collected, used, or acquired in connection with this contract shall be protected against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or loss. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors or agents use personal information solely for the purposes of accomplishing the services set forth herein. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the agency or as otherwise required by law.

Any breach of this provision may result in termination of the contract and the demand for return of all personal information. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AGENCY for any damages related to the CONTRACTOR'S unauthorized use of personal information.

PROJECT APPROVAL

The quality, extent and character of any and all work, deliverables and/or services to be performed under this agreement by the CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the review and approval of the AGENCY, in its sole discretion, through the Project Manager or other designated official. In the event that the AGENCY determines, in its sole discretion, that any work, deliverable and/or service performed by the CONTRACTOR is unsatisfactory, the AGENCY reserves the right to either withhold reimbursement for the unsatisfactory work performed by the CONTRACTOR or require that the CONTRACTOR remediate their work product to get it to the satisfaction of the AGENCY. Any costs associated with the CONTRACTOR'S efforts to correct unsatisfactory work product shall be at the sole expense of the CONTRACTOR and the AGENCY shall have no obligation to pay for or reimburse any costs related to the CONTRACTOR'S efforts. In the event there is a dispute with regard to the extent and character of the work, the determination of the AGENCY Project Manager as to the extent and character of the work to be done shall govern. The CONTRACTOR shall have the right to appeal decisions as provided for in the Disputes section of this agreement.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Copyrights and Patents. When the CONTRACTOR creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property, the CONTRACTOR may copyright or patent the same but the AGENCY retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover or otherwise use the material(s) or property and to authorize others to use the same for federal, state or local government purposes. Where federal funding is involved, the federal government may have a proprietary interest in patent rights to any inventions that are developed by the CONTRACTOR as provided in 35 U.S.C.200-212.

PERSONAL PROPERTY FURNISHED BY THE AGENCY

When the AGENCY provides personal property directly to the CONTRACTOR for use in performance of the project, it shall be returned to the AGENCY prior to final payment by the AGENCY. If said property is lost, stolen or damaged while in the CONTRACTOR'S possession, the AGENCY shall be reimbursed in cash or by setoff by the CONTRACTOR for the fair market value of such property.

PUBLICITY

The CONTRACTOR agrees to submit to the AGENCY all advertising and publicity matters relating to this contract wherein the AGENCY'S name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of the AGENCY'S name may, in the AGENCY'S judgment, be inferred or implied. The CONTRACTOR agrees not to publish or use such advertising and publicity matters without the prior written consent of the AGENCY.

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this contract and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this contract.

CONTRACTOR shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the contract, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by the AGENCY, personnel duly authorized by the AGENCY, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR

The right of the CONTRACTOR to retain monies paid to it as reimbursement payments is contingent upon satisfactory performance of this agreement including the satisfactory completion of the project described
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in the Scope of Work, as determined by the AGENCY in its sole discretion. In the event the CONTRACTOR fails, for any reason, to perform obligations required of it by this agreement, the CONTRACTOR may, at AGENCY's sole discretion, be required to repay to AGENCY all funds disbursed to the CONTRACTOR for those parts of the project that are unsatisfactory in the opinion of the AGENCY by such failure to perform. Interest shall accrue at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the time the AGENCY demands repayment of funds. If the AGENCY discontinues payments due to insufficient funds, the CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to repay monies paid to the CONTRACTOR.

RECYCLED PAPER

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, the contractor agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports that are prepared as a part of this contract and delivered to the AGENCY. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by the EPA or standard forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The CONTRACTOR shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue and be responsible for payment of all taxes due on payments made under this contract.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION

The CONTRACTOR shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AGENCY, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this contract.

SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this contract and prior to normal completion, the AGENCY may terminate the contract under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten-day notice requirement, subject to renegotiation at the AGENCY'S discretion under those new funding limitations and conditions.

SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this contract are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the contract.

SITE SECURITY

While on AGENCY premises, CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire or other security policies or regulations.

SUBCONTRACTING

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUBCONTRACTOR shall enter into subcontracts for any of the work contemplated under this contract without obtaining prior written approval of the AGENCY. In no event shall the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the contractor to the Department for any breach in the performance of the contractor's duties. This clause does not include contracts of employment between the contractor and personnel assigned to work under this contract.

Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this agreement are carried forward to any subcontracts. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the agency or as provided by law.

TAXES

All payments accrued because of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, any other taxes, insurance or other expenses for the CONTRACTOR or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event the AGENCY determines the CONTRACTOR has failed to comply with the conditions of this contract in a timely manner, the AGENCY has the right to suspend or terminate this contract. Before

suspending or terminating the contract, the AGENCY shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 30 calendar days, the contract may be terminated or suspended.

In the event of termination or suspension, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original contract and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time.

The AGENCY reserves the right to suspend all or part of the contract, withhold further payments, or prohibit the CONTRACTOR from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the CONTRACTOR or a decision by the AGENCY to terminate the contract. A termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that the CONTRACTOR: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this contract are not exclusive and are, in addition to any other rights and remedies, provided by law.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the AGENCY may, by ten (10) calendar days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is so terminated, the AGENCY shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this contract for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

TERMINATION PROCEDURES

Upon termination of this contract, the AGENCY, in addition to any other rights provided in this contract, may require the CONTRACTOR to deliver to the AGENCY any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this contract as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

The AGENCY shall pay to the CONTRACTOR the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by the AGENCY, and the amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the AGENCY for (i) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed work and services, (iii) other property or services that are accepted by the AGENCY, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the AGENT shall determine the extent of the liability of the AGENCY. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this contract. The AGENCY may withhold from any amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sum as the AGENT determines to be necessary to protect the AGENCY against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the AGENT, the CONTRACTOR shall:

1. Stop work under the contract on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the contract that is not terminated;
3. Assign to the AGENCY, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT, all of the rights, title, and interest of the CONTRACTOR under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the AGENCY has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
4. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the AGENT to the extent AGENT may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
5. Transfer title to the AGENCY and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT any property which, if the contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the AGENCY;

6. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the AGENT; and
7. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the AGENT may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract, which is in the possession of the CONTRACTOR and in which the AGENCY has or may acquire an interest.

TREATMENT OF ASSETS

- A. Title to all property furnished by the AGENCY shall remain in the AGENCY. Title to all property furnished by the CONTRACTOR, for the cost of which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon delivery of such property by the CONTRACTOR. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the CONTRACTOR under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by the AGENCY in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.
- B. Any property of the AGENCY furnished to the CONTRACTOR shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by the AGENCY, be used only for the performance of this contract.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of the AGENCY that results from the negligence of the CONTRACTOR or which results from the failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- D. If any AGENCY property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the AGENCY and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
- E. The CONTRACTOR shall surrender to the AGENCY all property of the AGENCY prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this contract.
- F. All reference to the CONTRACTOR under this clause shall also include CONTRACTOR'S employees, agents or SUBCONTRACTORS.
- G. In accordance with the State Administrative and Accounting Manual, Chapter 30.40.20 Small and Attractive Assets includes: Communications Equipment, Public Safety: Audio and Video, Optical Devices, Binoculars, Telescopes, Infrared Viewers, and Rangefinders, Cameras and Photographic Projection Equipment, Microcomputer Systems, Laptop and Notebook Computers, Other IT Accessorial Equipment and Components (Scanners, Data Displays, etc.), Office Equipment, Record Players, Radios, Television Sets, Tape Recorders, VCR Players, DVD Players, Blu-ray Players, and Video Cameras, Home Type

U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control

The agency complies with U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) payment rules. OFAC prohibits financial transactions with individuals or organizations, which have been placed on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons sanctions list located at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/index.html>. Compliance with OFAC payment rules ensures that the agency does not conduct business with individuals or organizations that have been determined to be supporters of terrorism and international drug dealing or that pose other dangers to the United States.

Prior to making payment to individuals or organizations, the agency will download the current OFAC SDN file and compare it to agency and statewide vendor files. In the event of a positive match, the agency reserves the right to: (1) make a determination of "reasonability" before taking the positive match to a higher authority, (2) seek assistance from the Washington State Office of the State Treasurer (OST) for advanced assistance in resolving the positive match, (3) comply with an OFAC investigation, if required, and/or (4) if the positive match is substantiated, notify the contractor in writing and terminate the contract according to the Termination for Convenience provision without making payment. The agency will not be liable for any late payment fees or missed discounts that are the result of time required to address the issue of an OFAC match.

WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this contract unless stated to be such in writing and signed by authorized representative of the AGENCY.

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**EXHIBIT B -
STATEMENT OF WORK**

Title:

The contractor shall work with an agency oversight group to:

- a. Identify and convene a representative cross section of the Puget Sound Management Conference to outline the process and schedule for the Program Evaluation.
- b. Assemble recent reports and documents from the Partnership, Lead Organizations, LIOs and salmon watershed groups to serve as evidence and citations to conduct a standardized evaluation of the region's efforts to implement the Puget Sound Action Agenda focused on following:
 - i. Program Implementation and reporting including financial management, program planning and administration, and outreach and public involvement
 - ii. Ecosystem status and trends including research, assessment and monitoring and reporting
- c. Provide relevant reports and documents to the management conference group. Brief them on the "evidence" and lead them through the evaluation process, resolve any significant differences with the agency oversight and prepare a final evaluation for submission to EPA.
- d. Collect information and prepare a narrative summary based on the evaluation that addresses the following. Provide a draft to the agency oversight group for their input. Finalize the summary by February 20, 2013.
 - i. Key accomplishments during the review period.
 - ii. Plan goals and progress toward achieving environmental milestones and targets.
 - iii. Outcomes of the work
 - iv. Solutions to challenges identified in the 2010 Program Evaluation.
 - v. How the CCMP supports the Clean Water Act (CWA) core programs.
 - vi. External factors affecting the NEP work plan goals and/or progress, and related adaptive management strategies.
 - vii. Budget summary.
- e. Work with the Partnership and Lead Organization CFOs to collect relevant information and prepare a budget summary show EPA funding has been used, and shows non-federal leveraged funding.
- f. Provide a proposed venue and agenda to for a one to two day site visit by EPA's review team. Support the External Affairs Team and partners Reserve venues, arrange logistics and transportation and invite participants and dignitaries. Site visit should demonstrate:
 - i. Progress and performance during the review period especially those that are innovative and have technical transfer potential to other estuaries.
 - ii. How external factors may influence progress towards environmental goals and targets.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/NARRATIVE

Staffing Requirements: The PSP Executive Director or designee must approve project personnel changes.

7. BILLING PROCEDURES

The AGENCY shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR upon review and approval of work performed under the scope of this agreement and receipt of properly completed reimbursement requests.

THE AGENCY will pay for work and expenses that occurred within the period of performance. The AGENCY reserves the right to withhold 10% of the payment under each reimbursement request until satisfactory completion of the project.

Payment may be withheld if required work, services, progress reports and/or deliverables are not submitted to the satisfaction of the AGENCY.

The AGENCY may terminate the agreement or withhold payments claimed by the CONTRACTOR for services rendered if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any term or condition of this contract.

The AGENCY will pay indirect costs as approved in the budget. The CONTRACTOR may be required to submit a copy of their current federally approved indirect cost rate.

The CONTRACTOR shall receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses as identified below or as authorized in advance by the AGENCY as reimbursable. Such expenses may include airfare (economy or coach class only), other transportation expenses, lodging and subsistence necessary during periods of required travel at the current state reimbursement rates (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/resources/travel.asp>).

If the CONTRACTOR expends more than the amount of the AGENCY funding in this agreement in anticipation of receiving additional funds from the AGENCY, it does so at its own risk. The AGENCY is not legally obligated to reimburse the CONTRACTOR for costs incurred in excess of the AGENCY's approved budget.

The CONTRACTOR shall submit at a minimum a quarterly invoice voucher or equivalent document to the AGENCY. Payment for approved goods and/or services will be made by check, warrant or electronic fund transfer (EFT) within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Invoices shall be paid within 30 days after this agreement expires. The CONTRACTOR must submit invoices for all work done within a fiscal year 30 days after the end of the fiscal year.

BILLING DETAIL

Each invoice voucher or equivalent document submitted to the AGENCY by the CONTRACTOR must include all necessary information for the AGENCY to verify all expenditures. At a minimum, the CONTRACTOR shall specify the following:

1. The PSP contract/agreement number.
2. The time-period during which the services were performed.
3. A description of purchases, work and services performed.
4. Total invoice amount.
5. Expenditure detail based on the approved budget. Supporting documentation must include the same level of detail as the approved budget, such as:
 - a. Task Number
 - b. Budget category (personnel, goods/services, subcontractors)
 - c. Number of hours billed, if applicable and

- d. Hourly rate, if applicable.
- 6. A receipt must accompany any single expense in the amount of \$50.00 or more.
- 7. If match is required:
 - a. match requirement met during the billing period, and
 - b. cumulative match requirement met
- 8. A progress report describing the deliverables completed during the reimbursement request period.

The AGENCY shall not process payments if the CONTRACTOR fails to submit the required documentation.

Submit reimbursement requests to:

*Puget Sound Partnership
Fiscal Unit
326 East D Street
Tacoma, WA 98421-1801*

Requests may be submitted electronically to pspfiscal@psp.wa.gov

Payment shall be considered timely if made by the AGENCY within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of properly completed reimbursement request.

**EXHIBIT C -
BUDGET**

Title:

**EXHIBIT D -
FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Title:

AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the Single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if it expends \$500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package. The recipient **MUST** submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System.

For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <http://harvester.census.gov/fac/>.

A copy of OMB Circular A-133 can be obtained at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/a133/a133_revised_2007.pdf.

COST PRINCIPLES/INDIRECT COSTS FOR STATE AGENCIES

GRANT RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the cost principles of the below listed federal regulations, to the extent they apply to the RECIPIENT.

- 2 CFR 225 (A-87) for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments
- 2 CFR 220 (A-21) for Educational Institutions
- 2 CFR Part 230 (A-122) for Non-Profit Organizations

An electronic copy of all the circulars and applicable CFR's may be obtained via the OMB Home Web page at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>

Unless otherwise indicated, the cost principles apply to the use of funds provided under this agreement and in-kind matching donations. The applicability of the cost principles depends on the type of organization incurring the costs.

CREDIT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Materials produced under EPA funded Agreements must display both the EPA and Puget Sound Partnership logos and the following credit line: "This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use." This requirement is for the life of the product, whether during or after the Agreement period.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS

GRANT RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurements made under this award.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION FOR ALL EPA RECIPIENTS

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230.

Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award. Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/40cfr36_06.html

HOTEL MOTEL FIRE SAFETY ACT

Grant Recipient agrees to ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or part with federal funds, complies with the federal Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990. Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel List @ <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel> to see if a property is in compliance or to find other information about the Act.

LOBBYING

Sub-Recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. Sub-Recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all sub-awards exceeding \$100,000, and require that sub-awardees submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each expenditure.

All contracts awarded by Sub-Recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provisions as stipulated in the Appendix at Title 40 CFR Part 30.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, Sub-Recipient affirms that it is not a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

LOBBYING AND LITIGATION

By signing this agreement, GRANT RECIPIENT certifies that none of the funds received from this agreement shall be used to engage in the lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law.

The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of Federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

For subawards exceeding \$100,000, PSP requires the following certification and disclosure forms:

Certification Regarding Lobbying, EPA Form 6600-06: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/Lobbying_sec.pdf

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, SF LLL: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/sflllin_sec.pdf

Legal expenses required in the administration of Federal programs are allowable. Legal expenses for prosecution of claims against the Federal Government are unallowable.

MANAGEMENT FEES

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to the expenses added to direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities or for other similar costs which are not allowable. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except for the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

RECIPIENT agrees to solicit and recruit, to the maximum extent possible, certified minority owned (MBE) and women owned (WBE) businesses in purchases and contracts initiated after the effective date of this Agreement.

These goals are expressed as a percentage of the total dollars available for the purchase or Agreement and are as follows:

Purchased Goods	8% MBE	4% WBE
Purchased Services	10% MBE	4% WBE
Professional Services	10% MBE	4% WBE

Meeting these goals is voluntary and no Agreement award or rejection shall be made based on achievement or non-achievement of the goals. Achievement of the goals is encouraged, however, and RECIPIENT and ALL prospective bidders or persons submitting qualifications shall take the following affirmative steps in any procurement initiated after the effective date of this Agreement:

1. Include qualified minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists.

2. Assure that qualified minority and women's business are solicited whenever they are potential sources of services or supplies.
3. Divide the total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities, to permit maximum participation by qualified minority and women's businesses.
4. Establish delivery schedules, where work requirements permit, which will encourage participation of qualified minority and women's businesses.
5. Use the services and assistance of the State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as appropriate.

MBE/WBE REPORTING

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal Fiscal Year reporting period the recipient receives the award and continuing until the project is completed. Only procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted towards a recipient's MBE/WBE Accomplishments. The reports must be submitted annually for the period ending September 30th for:

40 CFR Part 30 (Non-Profits and Institutions of Higher Education)

40 CFR Part 35 (Subpart A and Subpart B Recipients)

The reports are due within 15 days of the end of the annual reporting period (October 15th). Reports should be sent to the PSP Fiscal Office, 326 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained at: http://www.epa.gov/osbp/pdfs/5700_52a.pdf

PAYMENT TO CONSULTANTS

The salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. As of January 1, 2010, the limit is \$596 per day, or \$74.50 per hour. Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR parts 30 or 31, as applicable, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with the responsibility for the selection, direction, and control of the individuals who will be providing the services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 CFR 30.27(b) or 40 CFR 31.369(j) as applicable.

REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION

If the GRANT RECIPIENT expends more than the amount of PSP funding in this agreement in anticipation of receiving additional funds from PSP, it does so at its own risk. PSP is not legally obligated to reimburse the RECIPIENT for costs incurred in excess of the PSP approved budget.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to ensure that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime RECIPIENTS also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

(a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

(b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

(c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

(d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when an Agreement is too large for one of these firms to

handle individually.

(e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development PSP of the Department of Commerce.

(f) If the prime RECIPIENT awards subcontracts, require the prime RECIPIENT to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND TRAFFICKING VICTIM PROTECTION ACT OF 2000 (TVPA)

If the recipient of this grant is a private entity, you must notify us immediately if you receive information that your employees, subcontractors under this award, and subcontractor's employees engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that this award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

**EXHIBIT D -
FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
ATTACHMENT 1- FEDERAL ASSURANCES**

Title:

NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.
SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the contractor, I certify that the contractor:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis

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of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead- based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Please also print or type name:	
ORGANIZATION NAME: (if applicable)	DATE

**EXHIBIT D -
 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
 ATTACHMENT 2- STANDARD FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Title:

In the event federal funds are included in this agreement, added by future amendment(s), or redistributed between fund sources resulting in the provision of federal funds, the following sections apply: I. Federal Compliance and II. Standard Federal Assurances and Certifications. In the instance of inclusion of federal funds as a result of an amendment, the Contractor may be designated as a subrecipient and the effective date of the amendment shall also be the date at which these requirements go into effect.

- I. **FEDERAL COMPLIANCE** - The use of federal funds requires additional compliance and control mechanisms to be in place. The following represents the majority of compliance elements that may apply to any federal funds provided under this contract. (Refer to Catalog of Domestic Assistance number(s) cited in the "Payment" section of this contract for requirements specific to that fund source.) For clarification regarding any of these elements or details specific to the federal funds in this contract, contact:

Puget Sound Partnership
 Attn: Grants, Contracts and Compliance Manager
 326 East D Street
 Tacoma, WA 98421

1. **CIRCULARS 'COMPLIANCE MATRIX'** - The following compliance matrix identifies the OMB Circulars that contain the requirements which govern expenditure of federal funds. These requirements apply to Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), as the primary recipient of federal funds, and then follow the funds to the subrecipient. The federal Circulars which provide the applicable administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements are identified by subrecipient organization type.

COMPLIANCE MATRIX

ENTITY TYPE	OMB CIRCULAR		
	ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS	COST PRINCIPLES	AUDIT REQUIREMENTS
State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments & Governmental Hospitals	A-102 & Common Rule	A-87	A-133
Non-Profit Organizations & Non-Profit Hospitals	A-110	A-122	A-133
Colleges or Universities & Affiliated Hospitals	A-110	A-21	A-133

2. **CITIZENSHIP/ALIEN VERIFICATION/DETERMINATION** - The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (PL 104-193) states that federal public benefits should be made available only to U.S. citizens and qualified aliens. Entities that offer a service defined as a "federal public benefit" must make a citizenship/qualified alien determination/ verification of applicants at the time of application as part of the eligibility criteria. Non-US citizens and unqualified aliens are not eligible to receive the services. PL 104-193 also includes specific reporting requirements.
3. **CIVIL RIGHTS AND NONDISCRIMINATION** - During the performance of this agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all current and future federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 and 1685-1686), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment

Act of 1972 (PL 92-255), the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616), §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290dd-3 and 290ee-3), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), and the Americans with Disability Act (42 U.S.C., Section 12101 et seq.).

4. SINGLE AUDIT ACT - A subrecipient (including private, for-profit hospitals and non-profit institutions) shall adhere to the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, as well as all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. A subrecipient who expends \$500,000 or more in federal awards during a given fiscal year shall have a single or program-specific audit for that year in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.
- II. STANDARD FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES - Following are the Assurances, Certifications, and Special Conditions that apply to all federally funded (in whole or in part) agreements administered by the Washington State Puget Sound Partnership.

CERTIFICATIONS

1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the contracting organization) certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that the contractor, defined as the primary participant in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76, 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 3-year period preceding this contract 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 or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- D. have not within a 3-year period preceding this contract had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Should the contractor not be able to provide this certification, an explanation as to why should be placed after the assurances page in the contract.

The contractor agrees by signing this contract that it will include, without modification, the clause titled *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions* in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e., transactions with sub-grantees and/or contractors) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76.

2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the contracting organization) certifies that the contractor will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76 by:

- A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's

workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

- B. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - i. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii. The contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - iii. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - iv. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- C. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a) above;
- D. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a), above, that, as a condition of employment under the contract, the employee will—
 - i. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - ii. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- E. Notifying the agency in writing within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every contract officer or other designee on whose contract activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- F. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d) (ii), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
 - i. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - ii. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- G. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F).

For purposes of paragraph (e) regarding agency notification of criminal drug convictions, PSP has designated the following central point for receipt of such notices:

Puget Sound Partnership
Attn: Grants, Contracts and Compliance Manager
326 East D Street
Tacoma, WA 98421

3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Title 31, United States Code, Section 1352, entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," generally prohibits recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements from using Federal (appropriated) funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a SPECIFIC grant or cooperative agreement. Section 1352 also requires that each person who requests or receives a Federal grant or cooperative agreement must disclose lobbying undertaken with non-Federal (nonappropriated) funds. These requirements apply to grants and cooperative agreements EXCEEDING \$100,000 in total costs (45 CFR Part 93).

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the contracting organization) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (If needed, Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," its instructions, and continuation sheet are included at the end of this application form.)
- C. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, subcontracts, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING PROGRAM FRAUD CIVIL REMEDIES ACT (PFCRA)

The undersigned (authorized official signing for the contracting organization) certifies that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge, and that he or she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him or her to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. The undersigned agrees that the contracting organization will comply with the Public Health Service terms and conditions of award if a contract is awarded.

5. CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, early childhood development services, education or library

services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such Federal funds. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residence, portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment, service providers whose sole source of applicable Federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid, or facilities where WIC coupons are redeemed.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

By signing the certification, the undersigned certifies that the contracting organization will comply with the requirements of the Act and will not allow smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act.

The contracting organization agrees that it will require that the language of this certification be included in any subcontracts which contain provisions for children's services and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

The Public Health Services strongly encourages all recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

6. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective contractor is providing the certification set out below.

- A. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective contractor shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective contractor to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- B. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.
- C. The prospective contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this contract is submitted if at any time the prospective contractor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- D. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to whom this contract is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- E. The prospective contractor agrees by submitting this contract that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by PSP.

- F. The prospective contractor further agrees by submitting this contract that it will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transaction, provided by HHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- G. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
- H. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- I. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, PSP may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

7. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS -- PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- A. The prospective contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - i. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - ii. Have not within a three-year period preceding this contract 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;
 - iii. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - iv. Have not within a three-year period preceding this contract had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- B. Where the prospective contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective contractor shall attach an explanation to this contract.

CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Please also print or type name:	
ORGANIZATION NAME: (if applicable)	DATE

EXHIBIT E -

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection (FFATA) Form

Title:

This award is supported by Federal Funds that require compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. The purpose of the Transparency Act is to make information available online so the public can see how Federal Funds are spent. To comply with the act and be eligible to receive this award, your organization must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS®) number. If you do not already have one, you may receive a DUNS ® number free of charge by contacting Dun and Bradstreet at www.dnb.com. The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) also encourages registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) to reduce data entry by both PSP and your organization. You may register with CCR Free of Charge at www.ccr.gov. Information about your organization and this grant will be reported by PSP to the Federal government as required by P.L 109-282. This information will then be made available to the public by the Federal Government on USASpending.gov

Subrecipient

1. Legal Name		2. Duns Number	
3. Principle Place of Performance			
3a. City		3b. State	
3c. Zip +4		3d. Country	
4. Are you registered in CCR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, skip to signature block. Sign, Date & Return	
5. In the preceding fiscal year, did your organization:			
a. Receive 80% or more of annual gross revenue from Federal contracts, subcontracts, grants, loans, subgrants, loans and/or cooperative agreements, AND			
b. \$25,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts, subcontracts, grants, loans, subgrants, loans and/or cooperative agreements, AND			
c. The public does not have access to this information about the compensation of the senior executives of your organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(A) or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78(d) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.			
<input type="checkbox"/> No – skip to signature block. Sign, Date, & Return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – you must report the names and total compensation of the top 5 highly compensated officials of your organization			
Name of Official		Total Compensation	
1.		\$	Annually
2.		\$	Annually
3.		\$	Annually
4.		\$	Annually
5.		\$	Annually
NOTE: Total compensation for the purposes of this requirement generally means the cash and non-cash value earned by the executive during the past fiscal year and includes salary and bonus; awards of stock; stock options and stock appreciation rights; and other compensation such as severance and termination payments, and value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, and as otherwise provided by FFATA and applicable OMB guidance.			
By signing this document, the Authorized Representative attests to this information			
Signature of Authorized Representative		Date	Printed Name of Authorized Representative

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LEADING PUGET SOUND RECOVERY

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection Form

For PSP Use Only

PSP Contract Number:

Subaward Project Description: