

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**Puget Sound Partnership**  
**SOLE SOURCE POSTING**

The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), a Washington State Agency, contemplates awarding one sole source contract to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to protect and restore valuable habitats for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife in floodplains, while maintaining or even improving flood protection. PSP will use the TNC **Floodplains by Design** process to prioritize and advance protection and restoration in the places that have the greatest potential to recover floodplain functions, and identify policy and program changes necessary to reduce critical barriers to habitat protection and restoration. This work will advance a critical target for this region to restore 15% of the degraded floodplains by 2020 and prevent additional loss of floodplain function.

This proposal supports an existing agreement between the state Department of Ecology and TNC. TNC is a tax-exempt not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. TNC is a world and national leader in carrying out floodplain protection and restoration work using their **Floodplains by Design** approach. The Washington state chapter of TNC has the staffing aptitude and technical capacity to work with large and politically diverse interests to accelerate floodplain protection, restoration, and flood hazard management.

The **Floodplains by Design** approach is *entirely* consistent with key strategies in the Puget Sound Action Agenda recently adopted by the Puget Sound Partnership. The strategies and actions in the habitat protection initiative of the Action Agenda are summarized as: protect habitat through regulations, protect habitat through incentives (including acquisition), and remove barriers to restoration of habitat. The **Floodplains by Design** process delivers results that address these as they relate to floodplains.

The contract will be issued on or about **September 16, 2013** for work through **June 30, 2014** with an **optional no-cost 6-month extension**. The dollar value will not exceed **\$80,000**.

Interested parties contemplating the following requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirement by **3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2013**. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the State's intent to make a sole source contract.

**Requirements:**

1. Demonstrated knowledge of floodplain services, floodplain protection and restoration, and flood hazard reduction.
2. Clear understanding of Treaty Rights at Risk issues and how they apply to floodplain management.
3. Working knowledge of Biological Opinions released under the Endangered Species Act and how they apply to floodplain protection and restoration.
4. Understanding of governance of floodplains and demonstrated ability to work intimately and effectively within these structures.
5. Demonstrated application of Floodplains by Design approach to solving flood plain management issues either locally or nationally.
6. Staffing and technical capacity to mobilize advisory groups for the purpose of prioritizing work to recover floodplain functions; and identifying policy and program changes necessary to reduce critical barriers to habitat protection and restoration.
7. Ability and capacity to carry out such work immediately.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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