

STATE OF WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SOLE SOURCE POSTING

The Utilities and Transportation Commission contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Great Plains Institute for facilitation services of its Phase 1 performance-based regulation workshops. RCW 80.28.425 requires the UTC to develop a policy statement addressing alternatives to traditional cost of service rate making, including performance measures or goals, targets, performance incentives, and penalty mechanisms (performance-based regulation) and must allow for participation and consultation of stakeholders when developing such policy statement. As such, the proposed contractor will facilitate workshops and obtain the necessary stakeholder participation and consultation to assist in the development of the policy statement on performance-based regulation of electric and natural gas companies. Great Plains Institute has extensive experience and expertise facilitating such stakeholder engagement, specifically with performance-based regulation stakeholder engagement, and broad expertise on energy-related topics that support performance-based regulation.

An intent to Sole Source is being sought because the UTC believes it will not be able to fulfill our legislative mandate without Great Plains Institute's significant expertise and experience with facilitation of performance-based regulation discussions.

The UTC will enter into a contract that is expected to be executed no later than April 6, 2022 and will continue through March 31, 2023. The dollar value of the contract is estimated at \$69,000.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by March 31, 2022.

Capability statements should address the following state requirements:

- Expert-level knowledge of energy utility performance based regulation.
- Significant expertise and experience with facilitation of performance based regulation discussions and workshops with broad array of stakeholders and state utility commissions.
- Knowledge of the rate making process for utility monopolies.
- Verifiable experience with making recommendations of appropriate performance based metrics to ensure ratepayers are paying just, reasonable, and fair utility rates.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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