

## **Request for Proposals**

### **Paddle to Lummi Support Vessels**

**Date Issued** 4/23/19

The Quinault Indian Nation's Chief Operating Officer is requesting proposals for (2) vessels to act as support for Quinault Indian Nation canoes participating in the 2019 Paddle to Lummi. Canoes are estimated to leave from Point Grenville between July 9-11, 2019 and have a final landing in Lummi on July 24, 2019.

#### **Scope of Work**

The Quinault Indian Nation is seeking available water vessels to act as support for the 2019 Paddle to Lummi. Drivers will need to commit to the entire journey by water to act as the support to the Quinault, Elders, and Lee Choe Eese canoe's.

Support boats will be expected to know the approved Journey's route and the landing sites. This includes having knowledge of navigating the Pacific Coast from Point Grenville, Taholah, WA to Cape Flattery, Neah Bay, WA and through the Salish Sea to the final landing point in Bellingham, WA. Potential bidders will need to demonstrate knowledge of the different water systems and experience with navigating the various current systems.

Support boats are responsible for carrying relief pullers and extra supplies. Support boats are also responsible for assisting with emergencies in the water. Because of these needs bidders will need excellent communication skills as well as knowledge of radio use for emergencies. Please explain in submitted bid your knowledge of marine support and emergency medical response.

Bids should include an estimated cost of service as support boat and description of the size and type of vessel to be used. Please include radio, navigation, and safety equipment on the vessel.

#### **Instructions**

All proposals must be submitted by 5:00 pm May 10, 2019. Proposals can be hand delivered, mailed or emailed to:

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Request for Qualifications  
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Statement of Qualifications Requirements

- Description of experience in practice areas and services proposed, including an explanation of how these services will best meet the Nation's needs as described in the Scope of Work.
- Driver's License required
- Proof of US Coast Guard Vessel Safety Requirements
- Provide certification of insurance
- Quinault Preference will apply
- Citizen with Military Knowledge and/or Experience preferred
- If hired – Quinault Business License, Certificate of Debarment, and W-9 will be required

**Terms and Conditions**

Questions regarding this RFP or the submittal process should be directed to Andrea Halstead at [aebbling@quinault.org](mailto:aebbling@quinault.org). All responses will be provided via email. Unauthorized contact regarding the RFP with any other QIN employee may result in disqualification.

QIN reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and to waive irregularities and informalities in this RFP process. This RFP does not obligate QIN to pay any cost incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of the statement of qualifications. All such cost shall be borne solely by each submitter. Furthermore, the RFP does not obligate QIN to enter into a contract or proceed with the procurement of the project or any services.

The contract resulting from acceptance of a proposal by the Nation shall be in a form supplied or approved by the Nation, and shall reflect the specifications in this RFP. The negotiation and execution of such Contract will be deemed by the parties to have occurred within the Quinault Indian Reservation and any interpretation shall be in accordance with the laws of the Quinault Indian Nation. A copy of the contract will be available for review. The Nation reserves the right to reject any proposed agreement or contract that does not conform to the specifications contained in the RFP, and which is not approved by the Office of Attorney General.