

August 20, 2009

Notice to Contractors:

On April 13, 2009, the WSDOT announced that it would seek competitive bids for the collection and of growing native plants needed for the Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass East project [project website address]. These plants would be collected from the local project area, grown in a nursery setting, and used to revegetate roadside areas as well as restoration and mitigation sites.

Since the April 13 announcement, WSDOT has further progressed in project design including potential changes in planting efforts. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested contractors that WSDOT will now likely advertise for bids in spring 2010.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Craig Broadhead, Assistant Environmental Manager for Biology/ Support Services , at (509) 577-1751, or via e-mail at broadhc@wsdot.wa.gov."

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WSDOT plans to advertise the following project for bids ~~Mid July 2009~~

Description and Location of Project

Phase 1 of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East project (Mile Post 55-61) has been broken up into multiple construction sub-phases. Each sub-phase will include multiple restoration components that will require the installation of native plants that are genetically appropriate for the Snoqualmie Pass area. Restoration will occur adjacent to and in conjunction with the construction of the highway. For this reason, restoration will be implemented throughout the 5-mile corridor over a number of planting seasons (typically late September through October). The first planting season may follow construction in the fall of 2010, with subsequent plantings each fall through 2018.

Due to the proximity of the project to United States Forest Service (USFS) land, WSDOT is required to adhere to Genetic Provenance Guidelines for all restoration. This means that all plant material used in restoration must be genetically adapted to the unique environmental conditions of the project area. WSDOT intends to achieve this goal through the use of a specific growing contract (this contract does not include final planting).

Scope of Work

The selected contractor for this growing contract will be required to collect plant propagules in the form of seeds, cuttings, and/or rooted material (salvaged or transplant) from the project vicinity (Snoqualmie Pass to Easton). Approximately 450k emergent plants and 150k woody plants, of 50 plant species, will be needed for Phase 1. It is required that these plants be grown and maintained at a WSDOT - approved nursery site*, and delivered to the WSDOT planting contractor, at the appropriate growth stage specified by WSDOT, for up to eight consecutive planting seasons (2010 – 2018). WSDOT will monitor the progress of plant stock through regular visits to the nursery site(s), and approve the material at the time of delivery.

*At the contractors' option, there is a site available for growing and maintaining these plants in the general proximity of the Project (Crystal Springs Sno-Park).

Special Qualifications

Due to the work type, duration, and complexity required for the I-90 Project, it is desirable that potential bidders will have at least 7 years experience. Bidders will be required to demonstrate sufficient experience, knowledge and capabilities in performing similar type and complexity of work.

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