



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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SOLE SOURCE POSTING

The Department of Children, Youth & Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Adrian Smith dba Tobin-Smith Consulting, LLC to provide a project manager with Indian Child Welfare (ICW) expertise to help Washington State achieve compliance with the opinion released September 3, 2020 from the Washington State Supreme Court. The opinion (Z.J.G.) expands the group of children and youth covered by the Washington Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA) and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), therefore increasing Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) legal obligations in a large number of dependency, guardianship, and termination cases. The contractor's expertise needs to rely heavily on knowing and understanding the ICW laws and policies. This would include facilitating an advisory group with a wide range of tribal delegates, DCYF staff and external stakeholders to review and analyze the opinion.

The contract will be issued on or about January 11, 2021. The dollar value is estimated at \$70,000 for work required during the period ending July 31, 2021. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for an additional year or through July 31, 2022, if funding is available.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by January 7, 2021. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, Indian Child Welfare history, laws and policies.
- Experience developing Indian Child Welfare policy, procedures and regulations.
- Experience creating legal bench books.

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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