

Lummi Nation Request for Qualifications
Climate Change and Water Supply Management and Planning Services
April 8, 2026

Response Deadline: Statements of Qualification must be received no later than **noon on May 8, 2026** (Pacific Time). Statements of Qualifications may be mailed or emailed (in PDF format) to the submittal address listed below and must be signed by an authorized agent to be accepted.

Submittal Address: Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to:
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Scope of Services:

The Lummi Nation is seeking statements of qualifications and associated fee and cost schedules to perform a wide range of climate change and water supply management and planning services in support of the Lummi Nation's participation in the Water Resources Inventory Area No. 1 (WRIA 1)¹ General Stream Adjudication. The emphasis of this work is the application of climate change information to treaty protected resources both on and off of the Lummi Reservation, primarily as it relates to supporting healthy and sustainably harvestable salmonid populations, and conditions necessary to achieve those uses (i.e., streamflow, water levels, water quality, aquatic and riparian habitats). The anticipated services may occur both on the Lummi Indian Reservation and on properties off-Reservation. Contracted work may include the following or similar tasks:

1. In collaboration with Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) staff and contracted subject matter experts:
 - a. Select appropriate methods to project climate change impacts to water supply, streamflow levels, and water dependent uses and needs both on the Lummi Reservation and throughout WRIA 1. This may include using existing methods, customization of methods, or development of new methods.
 - b. Interpret climate change projections/results and advise LIBC staff about projected changes to water supply reliability, including the trajectories of various climate scenarios and the associated biases and uncertainties. This includes methods utilized in 1.a. above, as well as other methods.
 - c. Assist with evaluating changes to water uses, water supplies, streamflow levels, and water quality due to climate change for all waters on the Lummi Indian Reservation and in WRIA 1, including potential implications for salmon populations and other aquatic resources and habitat functions.

2. As directed, work with other climate scientists and related LIBC subject matter experts to support Task 1 above, with a focus on climate change impacts to the following:
 - a. The annual hydrograph.
 - b. Instream flow regimes and minimum flow thresholds necessary for fish passage and salmonid habitat support.

¹ WRIA 1 stands for Water Resources Inventory Area No. 1 as defined by Washington State. It includes the Nooksack River Watershed and certain adjacent drainages that drain to marine waters or Canada.

- c. Water quality, including temperature and other parameters affecting salmon and aquatic ecosystems
 - d. Wetlands and riparian systems
3. Support meteorologic and hydrologic data collection and analysis, including analysis of trends in streamflow, temperature, and other indicators relevant to salmonid habitat conditions.

Tasks may change as the adjudication progresses and the needs of the Lummi Nation change. For instance:

- The evidentiary phase (June 1, 2027 to June 1, 2030), will necessitate the need for expert-witness level support and/or testimony. That could be an additional task under this work, or a separate contractor/entity. Expert witness work would be in collaboration with other LIBC subject matter experts and focus on the impacts of climate change scenarios to water supply, instream flow, water quality, and aquatic habitat conditions.
- Depending upon the progress of the adjudication, workload associated with climate change technical support may require additional tasks and/or additional contractors.

These tasks may be completed via meetings, emails, technical memos, or more detailed reports. A specific scope of work, budget, and work products will be negotiated and identified for each contracted task.

Terms of Service:

A contract established pursuant to the results of the review and evaluation of the submitted statements of qualifications may be extended for up to five years contingent on available funding and performance of tasks. One or more entities may be selected as a result of this procurement (i.e., experience/skillsets that are different but complimentary). Entities that cannot span the entire set of qualifications are encouraged to respond, and to clearly identify their skills and limitations. Individual entities/organizations and consortiums will be considered.

Statement of Qualifications Format and Content:

In submitting a statement of qualifications, each preparer acknowledges that the Lummi Nation shall not be liable to any person, company, or representative for any costs incurred therein or in connection with costs incurred by any preparer in anticipation of the Lummi Nation actions selecting a contractor. Nothing in the Request for Qualifications or in subsequent negotiations creates any vested rights in any person, company or representative.

Statements of Qualifications that do not explicitly address the items listed in the Evaluation Criteria Section will be considered incomplete and will be deemed non-competitive by the Lummi Natural Resources Department. Accurate, brief, and clear statements of qualifications that are organized in a manner that is aligned with the evaluation criteria identified below will score higher than statements that do not clearly address each of the criteria.

Statements of Qualifications must include:

- A. Letter of transmittal signed by an authorized agent.
- B. Narrative that addresses each element of the evaluation criteria (Maximum of 12 pages).

Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process:

The basis for selecting a climate change management and planning services contractor(s) will be the respondent(s) receiving the most points based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications (education, experience, certifications) of the staff who would work on the projects and the accuracy, brevity, and clarity of the overall statement of qualifications (Maximum 15 Points Available).
2. Staff experience working with and/or developing methods to apply local, regional, and global climate change models and information and applying them to the WRIA 1 area or Salish Sea region. Preference will be given if this work has been performed in the context of water rights (Maximum 20 Points Available).
3. Workflow approach to fulfilling the tasks, including internal coordination and coordination with the Lummi Nation (Maximum 20 Points Available).
4. Familiarity with the local and regional climates (Maximum 20 Points Available).
5. Familiarity with past and current climatic conditions and cycles (Maximum 15 Points Available).
6. Experience working with Tribal Communities and Entities (Maximum 10 Points Available).
7. Budget: Direct and indirect hourly and unit costs, the accounting/billing structure, and cost reasonability (Maximum 20 Points Available).
8. Tribally owned Business Enterprise (Maximum 10 Points Available).
9. Minority or Women Owned Business Enterprise (Maximum 10 Points Available).

Native Preference applies to this invitation and all Native Americans will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in consideration of the award. Minority-owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this investigation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion or national origin in consideration for an award.

Before entering into a contract, the selected entity/entities will be required to provide the Lummi Nation with copies of their current State of Washington and LIBC business licenses, certificate of Insurance and a Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Selection Process:

At least three members of the Lummi Natural Resources Department will review the submitted statements of qualifications and rank them based on the identified criteria. In the event of close scoring, interviews of the top scoring entity/entities may be performed, and the interviews may result in hiring of the entity/entities that did not have the highest initial cumulative scores. The selected entity/entities will be invited to enter into contract negotiations. If an agreement cannot be reached, the next highest scored entity/entities may be contacted for negotiations. The Lummi Nation reserves the right to award the contract to the highest ranked entity/entities without further discussion. The Lummi Nation reserves the right to reject all proposals received. If interviews are conducted, they will occur on or around the week of **May 18, 2026**. If interviews are conducted, the selected entities will be contacted with specific information as to date, location, and time of the interview.

Required Insurance:

General and Professional Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,0000 per claim and naming the Lummi Indian Business Council as an additional insured. This insurance requirement must be met prior to entering into a contract with the Lummi Nation but is not necessary for the submittal of the statement of qualifications.