



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Hemp Feasibility REVISED 6.23.17

ABSTRACT

The Yakama Nation seeks to determine the feasibility of growing hemp.

Owner

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Request for Proposals

1 INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS:

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is seeking proposals from a suitably qualified consultant to provide a feasibility study for growth of industrial hemp. **Revised to extend due date.

Submission of Proposals:

Digital copies must be received by 2pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Friday, **July 14, 2017** at kc@yakama.com. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted.

2 BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is a sovereign Tribal Nation whose reservation covers approximately 1.2 million acres. Approximately 12 million acres of territory in Central Washington State was ceded by the original 14 Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation established by the Treaty of 1855 with the United States of America.

The Tribe currently engages in agricultural production with standard crops such as apples, asparagus, etc. There is interest to ascertain whether industrial hemp production is economically feasible for the Tribe and to identify any legal implications associated with undertaking such a venture.

While hemp is still classified under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, the changing legal landscape related to hemp gives cause to evaluate it as another possible economic opportunity for the Tribe.

This request refers to hemp only (less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinols) and not marijuana.

3 PROJECT COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Yakama Nation Economic Development Office will respond to all questions in writing.

Correspondence will be shared as an addendum on www.yakamanation-nsn.gov. Questions may be submitted by e-mail or postal mail. Questions must be received no later than 4:00 pm (PDT) on June 5, 2017. All questions must be submitted in writing and should be addressed to:

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Economic Development Director
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948
Phone: (509)865-5121 x6050
kc@yakama.com

4 SCOPE OF WORK

- Education and Community readiness
 - Provide no less than two education sessions for Tribal members regarding the differences between marijuana and hemp
 - Develop and conduct a community readiness survey that gauges preliminary Tribal member interest and support for industrial hemp growth on Tribal lands
- Legal implications and recommendations
 - Provide guidance on the development of a strong and effective regulatory and enforcement system for cultivating and processing industrial hemp on Yakama Tribal lands
 - Identify the applicability of the Farm Bill for the growth of industrial hemp on Yakama Tribal lands
- Market outlook
 - Current status of the industry
 - Current market analysis
 - Competition
 - Anticipated future market potential
 - Potential buyers and sources of revenue
 - Sales projections
- Production considerations
 - Cultivar selection and seed acquisition
 - Labor requirements
 - Evaluate the cost effectiveness and impact to business of adding processing facilities
 - Estimate capital costs
 - Estimate equipment and facilities if needed

5 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Please submit general statements about your organizations qualifications and other information deemed necessary. These items will serve as the basis for evaluating proposals. Include at least the following:

- Firm name, business address, telephone, e-mail address, website address and fax numbers
- Contact person(s) with title(s)
- Professional history and affiliations
- Current staff size and professional registrations
- Range of professional service capabilities
- Identify previous experience with sovereign Tribal Nations
- A fee proposal for the project which shall include all required work as outlined in the Scope of Work, including anticipated reimbursable costs
- Please submit resumes for personnel proposed to complete the project. State their proposed project responsibilities

- Submit a minimum of three references to contact

6 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Identify any on-going legal proceeding or pending legal proceeding (arbitration, complaint, or court action) filed by an Owner or contractor against your firm for any project in the past five years.

7 TIMELINE

- May 22, 2017-RFP Issued
- June 5, 2017 (4:00pm)-Deadline for submitting questions
- June 12, 2017 (4:00pm)-Addendum and answers to questions posted on www.yakamanation-nsn.gov
- **July 14, 2017, 2017** (2:00pm)-Responses Due
- **August 4, 2017** (on or before)-Firm selection

8 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Yakama Nation and the evaluation team reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive informality, technical defect, or clerical error in any proposal, as the interest of the Yakama Nation may require.

9 PAYMENTS

The Yakama Nation's contract payment terms will be thirty (30) days from the receipt of approved invoices from the Consultant.