

**NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
NO. PA000000099**

**ON-CALL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM  
SUPPORT SERVICES (ISGP) 2025**

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RFQ INFORMATION	
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Questions Due Date	<b>MAY 1, 2025 @ 2:00 pm (PST)</b>

**SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS VIA  
THE PROCUREMENT PORTAL. (LINK LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF  
THE PROCUREMENT WEB PAGE)**

**Northwest Seaport Alliance NWSA**  
**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) PA000000300**  
**On-Call Water Quality Program Support Services**

**A. PURPOSE**

The NWSA is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (**SOQ**) from firms interested in providing qualified and interested in providing professional consulting services in planning, preliminary and final engineering design (civil, structural, coastal, habitat and electrical), geotechnical investigation and design, land and bathymetric survey, cost estimating, scheduling, permitting, project management, environmental support, bidding support and construction support. The NWSA anticipates awarding multiple On-Call Professional Service contracts for providing project-based Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit Support (ISGP) services on a task order basis. The selection will be based on the most qualified team(s) that includes all key members whether from the prime consultant firm or subconsultants for all necessary project services and enter into negotiations with the intent to issue Professional Service contract(s) based upon the information provided herein.. The period of performance of the contract is three (3) years from the execution of the contract, with options for renewal at the sole discretion of the NWSA, for a possible total of five (5) years. This contract will not exceed a total of **\$250,000.00 each contract**. Additional funds may be added to meet the NWSA's projected service needs during the term of the contract(s).

The NWSA does not guarantee all disciplines of services will be used nor does the NWSA guarantee a specific volume of work under the contract(s).

The successful respondents may be precluded from competing for, or participating in, subsequent contracts that are the direct result of or primarily generated by, the work performed under the contract resulting from this procurement.

**B. BACKGROUND**

Created by Pierce County citizens in 1918, the Northwest Seaport Alliance is a major center for container cargo, bulk, break-bulk, autos and heavy-lift cargo. To learn more about the NWSA, visit [www.portoftacoma.com](http://www.portoftacoma.com).

**The NWSA's Standard Terms and Conditions are included with the Sample Professional Services Agreement (Attachment B) to this RFQ. By submitting a SOQ, the Proposer represents that it has carefully read and agrees to be bound by the NWSA's Standard Terms and Conditions. Identify during the question submittal and response period, any sections you consider onerous, clarify why you consider these sections onerous, propose alternative language and describe why it is in the NWSA's best interests to adopt the alternative language.**

**SOQs submitted with altered or conditioned Terms and Conditions without prior written agreement from the NWSA will be considered non-responsive and not considered for evaluation.**

**Proposers submit SOQs understanding all contract terms and conditions are mandatory. Response submittal is agreement to the Contract without exception. The NWSA reserves the right to negotiate changes to submitted SOQs and to**

**change the NWSA's otherwise mandatory Contract form during negotiations. If the Proposer is awarded a contract and refuses to sign the attached Contract form, the NWSA may reject the Proposer from this and future solicitations for the same work. Under no circumstances shall Proposer submit its own boilerplate of terms and conditions.**

### **C. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The primary focus of this contract is to provide support services for the Industrial Stormwater General Permit associated with several facilities. All tasks are on an “as needed” basis. Tasks will include but are not limited to:

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- Monitoring/Sample collection: Conduct stormwater monitoring activities.
- Alternative Analysis and Cost Estimating: Develop alternative analysis for various compliance options for the NWSAs ISGPs, including conceptual design and cost estimating for treatment BMPs.
- Source Evaluation and Control Strategies Conduct site characterization and source evaluations; provide recommendations for controls.
- Pilot Study Design and Support: Develop design drawings, sketches, materials lists and sampling plans; provide oversight for pilot projects.
- Tenant Outreach Program Support: Conduct site visits, document conditions and make recommendations.
- Receiving Water studies: specific skill set to conduct receiving water body studies under various conditions.
- Data Collection/Mapping: Collect data needed to develop stormwater management related maps.
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- Draft and final updated SWPPPs, Alternative Analyses, Engineering Reports, Annual reports and other reports as needed.
- Sampling and inspections forms.
- Draft and final Source Evaluation technical memorandums.
- Draft and final sampling plans, data reports, and tech memos.
- Formal documents to be submitted to agencies such as a Quality Assurance Project Plan (**QAPP**).

- **Task Order Proposal:**

Under the fully executed Time and Materials (**T&M**) Professional Services Agreement. The NWSA's Project Manager will request the consultant to provide a proposal for the services requested for a given project. The consultant will submit a proposal to the NWSA's PM in writing, which will then be reviewed and implemented into a Task Order for work authorization. The proposal shall include following:

- A detailed descriptive scope of services and deliverables
- Consultant's Personnel Titles and Rates (as per the executed Professional Services Agreement)
- Hours per person per Task (level of effort)
- Sub-tier consultant scope and deliverables (when applicable)
- Anticipated reimbursable costs (if any)
- Total proposal NTE "not-to-exceed" amount

#### **E. SOQ ELEMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA**

SOQs should present information in a straightforward and concise manner, while ensuring complete and detailed descriptions of the Vendor (to include the prime, key team members, and major sub-consultants) and the team's ability to meet the requirements and provide the requested services of this RFQ. Emphasis will be on completeness of content. The written SOQs should be prepared in the same sequential order as outlined below.

SOQs are limited to 15 numbered pages (8 ½ by 11 inch) **excluding** the cover letter and all appendices. All pages shall be in portrait orientation with 1-inch (1") margins. Font size shall be 10 point or larger. SOQs that do not follow this format may be rejected. Submittals need to be limited to **9 MB** in total size.

The cover letter shall include the RFQ Number & Title in the subject line, and the Name, Title, Email Address, Phone Number, and current Address of the submitting team. SOQ's that do not follow this format may be rejected. The cover letter shall include the following information (even if the answer is None). **SOQ submitted without the acknowledgement of claims and conflicts will be considered non-responsive and not considered for evaluation.:**

- Describe any claim submitted by any client against the prime firm within the past two (2) years related to the professional services provided by the firm or its key personnel. For purposes of this request, **claim** means a sum of money in dispute in excess of 10% of the firm's fee for the services provided.
- Any real or perceived conflicts of interest for team members, inclusive of the prime, sub-consultants, and key team members.

**SOQs are to address, and will be evaluated upon, the following criteria:**

**INITIAL EVALUATION PHASE**

**1. Qualifications & Experience..... 60 PTS**

Describe the qualifications and experience of the firm submitting the proposal, including:

- a. Provide a summary of proposing team's services, experience and expertise related to the elements described in the scope of services. **(20 pts)**
- b. Describe recent projects which demonstrate team's unique capabilities to complete the requested services. **(20 pts)**
- c. Provide a list of references for recent (in the last five (5) years) contracts/projects, to include a client point of contact name and title, contact information (phone and email), period of performance, key personnel involved, and brief description of services relevant to the services being requested. Highlight key project accomplishments (e.g., project savings vs. original budget, completion of tasks ahead of schedule, innovative strategies that resulted in project success). Only projects completed by proposed key team members will be considered. **(20 pts)**

**2. Project Management Approach..... 50 PTS**

SOQs should clearly outline the team's recommended approach and methodology for:

- a. Describe the effective approaches and methods that will be employed to accomplish the scope of services. Also indicate approach for managing individual Task Orders, managing multiple 'mini projects' at once and managing to the overall contract budget. Include a summary of innovative ideas and suggestions for enhancing project performance and deliverables. **(10 pts)**
- b. Explain company QA/QC process and note its benefits/advantages. **(10 pts)**
- c. Document effective/proven communications and coordination approach between the project team, the NWSA's project manager and the regulatory agencies. **(10 pts)**
- d. Identify sustainable/cost savings methods that are used as part of field/office practices (recycling options, minimized mobilizations, idle and noise reduction, alternative fuel and renewable energy usage, reuse of excavated materials, etc.) • Describe how the team will respond to the NWSA's requests for services. **(10 pts)**

**3. Compensation**

Compensation information **MUST be provided separately** from the proposal, in an individual PDF document.

Include a Rate Sheet that specifies the labor category and hourly rate of each member of the proposed team, or of each specific project role (see format in Attachment C).

All rates quoted shall be:

- Fixed, fully burdened, including, but not limited to, per diem, administrative overhead, travel, lodging, and transportation (all direct/indirect expenses included); (Firms submitting for RFQ must submit a fully burdened rate minus per diem, travel and lodging.
- Quoted in US Dollars.

- Full cost inclusive of sales tax and other government fees, taxes and charges; and
- Valid throughout the contract period unless otherwise amended and agreed to by both parties in writing.

**FINAL EVALUATION PHASE (if applicable)**

**1. Oral Presentations (if requested) ..... 100 PTS**

If an award is not made based on the written evaluations alone, Oral Presentations will be conducted with the top-ranked SOQ. Failure to participate in the process will result in the Vendor's disqualification from further consideration. Oral Presentations will be conducted by online video meeting.

**2. References ..... Pass/Fail**

Reference checks may be performed on the selected firm, if based directly on the SOQ's received, or on shortlisted firms if Oral Presentations are being requested. The NWSA may evaluate the reference checks to assess the proposed Vendor's overall performance and success of previous, similar work. Reference checks may also be utilized to validate information contained in the SOQ.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING (ATTACHED TO RFQ)**

**ATTACHMENT B –PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TEMPLATE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS (ATTACHED TO RFQ)**

**ATTACHMENT C – RATE SHEET TEMPLATE (SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)**

## **PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

### **SOLICITATION TIMELINE:**

Issuance of Solicitation	APRIL 7, 2025
Last Day to Submit Questions	MAY 1, 2025 @ 2:00 PM (PST)
<b>Submittal Packets Due</b>	<b>MAY 8, 2025 @ 2:00 PM (PST)</b>
Review/Shortlist*	MAY 14, 2025
Interviews (if required) *	MAY 15, 2025
Final Selection*	MAY 16, 2025
Execute Contract*	MAY 30, 2025

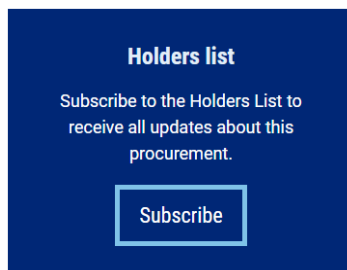
\*Dates are tentative and may be subject to change.

All status updates on the above solicitation timeline will be announced on the NWSA's website for this solicitation.

### **VENDOR OBLIGATION**

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (**NWSA**) and Port of Tacoma's (**POT**) Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications can be accessed on the POT's website, [www.portoftacoma.com](http://www.portoftacoma.com) under 'Business -> Contracting -> Procurement.'

When viewing the details page for this procurement on the POT's Website firms have the option of subscribing to the Holder's List.



By subscribing to the Holder's List, firms will automatically be notified when new documents or changes relating to this procurement occur.

**\*Only those who have subscribed to the Holder's List will receive notifications throughout the procurement process, up until a firm is selected.**

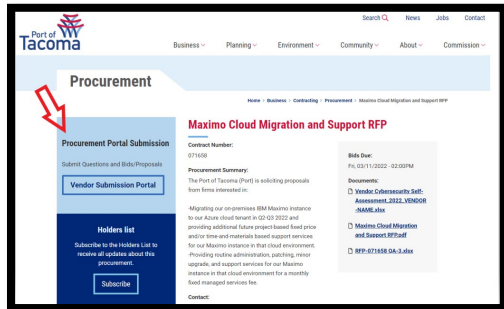
### **COMMUNICATION / INQUIRES**

All communications is to be sent through Michelle Walker, the Procurement Analyst.

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Proposers who, relative to this scope of services, contact any individuals or Commission members representing the NWSA or the POT, other than the Procurement Representative listed on the solicitation may be disqualified from consideration.

Written questions about the meaning or intent of the Solicitation Documents shall only be submitted to the Procurement Department via the Procurement Portal (Portal link is accessible via this specific procurements website. See left side of page.).



Proposers who may have questions about provisions of these documents are to submit their questions by the date listed on the solicitation. The NWSA will respond to all written questions submitted by this deadline, and responses will be posted on the corresponding procurements website.

### **ADDENDA**

The NWSA may make changes to this Solicitation. Oral or other interpretations, clarifications or submittal instructions will be without legal effect. Any information modifying a solicitation will be furnished in a formal, written addendum. If at any time, the NWSA changes, revises, deletes, increases, or otherwise modifies the Solicitation, the NWSA will issue a written Addendum to the Solicitation. Addenda will be posted to the NWSA's web site and conveyed to those potential submitters who have requested to be placed on the Holder's List.

### **SUBMITTAL PROCESS**

#### **Electronic Submittal:**

SOQ must be received via the procurement portal on or before the date and time outlined on the front page of this proposal.

#### **Procurement Submission Portal Instructions:**

Navigate to this procurements web page (referencing the number and name) via the following link [Procurement | Northwest Seaport Alliance](#). While on the procurements page, click on the 'Procurement Submission Portal' link (located on the lefthand side of the page).

Full instructions on how to utilize the submission portal can be found on the POT's website, [www.portoftacoma.com](http://www.portoftacoma.com) under 'Business -> Contracting -> Procurement'. See bold red heading above the bid search box "Bid and Question Submittal Instructions", to access the thorough instructions in PDF format.



## **ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING**

Please submit proposal, including all separate attachments and compensation in separate Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Submittals need to be limited to **9 MB in total size**. **It is the Consultant's responsibility to verify the receipt of the submittal. Electronic verification will be provided.**

**\*Late SOQ will not be accepted by the NWSA. SOQ received after the stated date and time will not be reviewed and shall be deemed non-responsive.**

All SOQ submitted shall be valid and binding on the submitting firm for a period of ninety (90) days following the submittal deadline and for any extension of time granted by the submitting firm.

### **EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS**

An evaluation team, using the point method of award, will review each proposal and evaluate all responses received based upon the criteria listed herein. The NWSA may request clarifications or additional information, if needed. After the evaluation team individually scores each proposal, the scores are tallied, and the firms are ranked based on the scores.

A selection may be made based on the SOQ and initial evaluation criteria alone. Alternatively, the evaluation team may create a short list of the top ranked firms and invite the short-listed firms in for interview and/or check references. Scores for reference checks and interviews will be tallied and added to the short-listed firm's initial evaluation scores. Final selection will be based on the accumulative score.

The NWSA intends to select the Proposer who represents the best value to the NWSA.

The NWSA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all information in its entirety or in part and to waive informalities and minor irregularities and to contract as the best interest of the NWSA may require. The NWSA reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ submitted as non-responsive or non-responsible.

### **PROCEDURE WHEN ONLY ONE PROPOSAL IS RECEIVED**

In the event that a single responsive proposal is received, the Proposer shall provide any additional data required by the NWSA to analyze the proposal. The NWSA reserves the right to reject such SOQ for any reason.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

News releases pertaining to this RFQ, the services, or the project to which it relates, shall not be made without prior approval by, and then only in coordination with, the NWSA.

### **COSTS BORNE BY PROPOSERS**

All costs incurred in the preparation of a Proposal and participation in this RFQ and negotiation process shall be borne by the proposing firms.

### **PROTEST PROCESS**

A Bidder protesting for any reason the Bidding Documents, a Bidding procedure, the NWSA's objection to a Bidder or a person or entity proposed by the Bidder, including but not limited to a finding of non-Responsibility, the Award of the Contract or any other aspect arising from or relating in any way to the Bidding shall cause a written protest to be filed with the NWSA within two (2) business days of the event giving rise to the protest. (Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are not counted as business days.)

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The written protest shall include the name of the protesting Bidder, the bid solicitation number and title under which the protest is submitted, a detailed description of the specific factual and legal grounds for the protest, copies of all supporting documents, evidence that the apparent low bidder has been given notice of the protest, and the specific relief requested. The written protest shall be sent by email to [procurement@portoftacoma.com](mailto:procurement@portoftacoma.com).

**Consideration.** Upon receipt of the written protest, the NWSA will consider the protest. The NWSA may, within three (3) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the protest, provide any other affected Bidder(s) the opportunity to respond in writing to the protest. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement of the protesting Bidder and the NWSA, the Contracts Director of the NWSA or his or her designee will review the issues and promptly furnish a final and binding written decision to the protesting Bidder and any other affected Bidder(s) within six (6) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the protest. (If more than one (1) protest is filed, the NWSA's decision will be provided within three (3), but no more than six (6) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the last protest.) If no reply is received from the NWSA during the six (6) business-day period, the protest will be deemed rejected.

**Waiver.** Failure to comply with these protest procedures will render a protest waived. **Condition Precedent.** Timely and proper compliance with and exhaustion of these protest procedures shall be a condition precedent to any otherwise permissible judicial consideration of a protest.

### **SMALL BUSINESS AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

The Northwest Seaport Alliance encourages participation in all its contracts by MWBE firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (**OMWBE**). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation/invitation or as a subcontractor to a Bidder/Proposer. However, unless required by federal statutes, regulations, grants, or contract terms referenced in the contract documents, no preference will be included in the evaluation of bids/submittals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award and bids/submittals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis. Any affirmative action requirements set forth in federal regulations or statutes included or referenced in the contract documents will apply. The selected firm will be required to show evidence of outreach.

### **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

SOQ submitted under this Solicitation will be considered public documents and, with limited exceptions, will become public information and may be reviewed by appointment by anyone requesting to do so following the conclusion of the evaluation, negotiation, and award process. This process is concluded when a signed contract is completed between the NWSA and the selected Consultant.

If a firm considers any portion of its response to be protected under the law, the vendor shall clearly identify each such portion with words such as **CONFIDENTIAL**, **PROPRIETARY** or **TRADE SECRET** on each page for which the protection is sought. If a request is made for disclosure of such portion, the NWSA will notify the vendor of the request and allow the vendor not less than ten (10) days to seek a protective order from

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the Courts or other appropriate remedy and/or waive the claimed confidentiality. Unless such protective order is obtained and provided to the NWSA by the stated deadline, the NWSA will release the requested portions of the proposal. By submitting a response, the vendor assents to the procedure outlined in this paragraph and shall have no claim against the NWSA on account of actions taken under such procedure.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. PA000000099

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TITLE: On-Call Water Quality Program Support Services (ISGP)

Consultant: [VENDOR], [VENDORADD]

CONTRACT OWNER: Ben Nield PROJECT NO./G/L NO.: [PROJECTNO]/[G/L]

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Northwest Seaport Alliance (hereinafter referred to as the **NWSA** and [VENDOR] (hereinafter referred to as the **Consultant**) for the furnishing of consulting services in consulting services in planning, preliminary and final engineering design (civil, structural, coastal, habitat and electrical), geotechnical investigation and design, land and bathymetric survey, cost estimating, scheduling, permitting, project management, environmental support, bidding support and construction support. The NWSA anticipates awarding multiple On-Call Professional Service contracts for providing project-based Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit Support (**ISGP**) services on a task order basis. (hereinafter referred to as the **Project**).

The NWSA and Consultant mutually agree as follows:

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**COMPENSATION**

**\$250,000.00...**

**TERM**

The term of the Agreement shall be from the date of execution through...

**AGREED**

This agreement is expressly conditioned upon the Terms and Conditions attached ...

**NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE**

**[VENDOR]**

By

By

[CM]

Date

[CMTITLE]

[VENDORSIGN]

Date

[VENDORTITLE]

## ATTACHMENT B – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TEMPLATE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **1. Relationship of the Parties**

Consultant and its employees are independent Contractors. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create a relationship of employer and employee or of principal and agent.

### **2. Subconsultant and Supplier Relations**

- a. Subconsultants at all tiers shall be approved by the NWSA prior to performing Services in support of this Agreement between Consultant and NWSA.
- b. The award of a subcontract does not create a contract between the NWSA and the subconsultant. Subconsultants shall have no rights whatsoever against the NWSA by reason of their contract with the Consultant. The foregoing provision shall apply with equal force to subconsultants, suppliers and all other persons or parties otherwise engaged by the Consultant to do any portion of the Services.
- c. The Consultant shall ensure every subcontract shall bind the subconsultant to the applicable terms of the Agreement. The Consultant shall appropriately monitor the activities of the subconsultant. In no event shall the activities of the subconsultant operate to release or reduce the liability of the Consultant to the NWSA for any breach in the performance of the Consultant's duties.

### **3. Conflicts of Interest**

Consultant warrants that it has no direct or indirect economic interest which conflicts in any manner with its performance of the Services required under this Agreement. Consultant warrants that it has not retained any person to solicit this Agreement and has not agreed to pay such person any compensation or other consideration contingent upon the execution of this Agreement.

### **4. Compliance with Laws**

- a. Consultant agrees to comply with all local, state, tribal, and federal laws and regulations applicable to the Services existing at the time this Agreement was executed or that became applicable subsequent to this Agreement's execution, and those regarding employee safety, the workplace environment, and employment eligibility verifications as required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Consultant shall obtain and maintain all professional licenses and permits required to complete the Services.
- b. Consultant must comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), Department of Labor, Environmental Protection Agency and other applicable environmental standards as prescribed by law while on or occupying NWSA-owned properties.

- c. The Consultant is responsible for ensuring that all personnel performing Services are paid wages in accordance with federal, state and local laws when applicable.

### **5. Records and other Tangibles**

- a. The NWSA is a public entity and must maintain access to, and be able to provide, records per RCW 40.14, RCW 42.56, and the Secretary of State's Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE) Version 4.2 (August 2021). Therefore, until the expiration of six (6) years after the term of this Agreement, consultant agrees to maintain accurate records of all activities done in providing the Services and to deliver such records to the NWSA upon termination of the Agreement or otherwise as requested by the NWSA.
- b. The NWSA or its designated agent, and federal and state auditing authorities have the right to audit this Agreement and access to all records and documents, including financial data, for a period of not less than six (6) years after Completion of all projects related to this Agreement or until resolution of any litigation related to this Agreement whichever occurs last.

### **6. Ownership of Intellectual Property (IP)**

- a. The plans, specifications, models, programs, reports, and other products prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services are Instruments of Service for purposes of the copyright laws of the United States. The NWSA has ownership rights to the Instruments of Service. Consultant shall not be liable for changes made in the Instruments of Service by anyone other than the Consultant. Consultant shall have free right to retain, copy and use any tangible materials or information produced but only for its own internal purposes. Any patentable result or materials suitable for copyright arising out of this Agreement shall be owned by and made available to the NWSA for public use, unless the NWSA determines it is not in the public interest that it be owned or available.
- b. The Instruments of Service shall include all calculations, notes, draft documents, reports, drawings, specifications, electronic files, including e-mails, and any other materials, information or documentation developed or prepared in the performance of the Services and shall be owned by and treated as NWSA property. The Consultant shall obtain no proprietary rights or interest the Instruments of Service.
- c. Any items incorporated into the Instruments of Service that were developed by the Consultant prior to the execution of this Agreement, and not

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paid for by the NWSA, is not covered by this provision "Consultant Data."

- d. All information, materials, data and documentation furnished or made available to the Consultant by the NWSA for purposes of performing services pursuant to this Agreement on this project shall remain the property of the NWSA "NWSA Data." The Consultant shall obtain no proprietary rights or ownership interests to such NWSA Data. At the NWSA's written request, the Consultant shall return all such NWSA Data remaining in the Consultant's possession at the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### **7. Disclosure**

All information developed by the Consultant, all analyses or opinions reached by the Consultant (Instruments of Service) and all information made available to the Consultant by the NWSA (NWSA Data), shall not be disclosed by the Consultant without the written consent of the NWSA.

### **8. Compensation**

- a. As full compensation for the performance of its obligations of this Agreement and the Services, the NWSA shall pay Consultant as specified in the Agreement.
- b. Consultant is responsible for working within the agreement amount. Should the consultant incur costs beyond the agreement amount without an executed amendment to this agreement, the Consultant is solely responsible for the additional costs.

### **9. Invoices**

- a. Consultant shall submit detailed **numbered invoices showing** descriptions of the Services being invoiced, work order number, title of the Project, total authorized, total current invoice, balance of authorization, individual's names and titles, hours, hourly rate, and all authorized expenses, if allowed, for the month, itemized, with backup, in accordance with the NWSA's "Guidelines for Consultant Fees and Reimbursable Items", by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month to be paid by the end of the 30<sup>th</sup>, unless other terms are agreed to by the parties.
- b. Consultant agrees to submit timely invoices as the Services progress. Invoices that are submitted for payment ninety (90) days or more after the Services were completed are subject to non-payment.
- c. Un-invoiced Services performed through December 31 of each year shall be invoiced no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January. If the Consultant is unable to provide an invoice, they shall advise the NWSA in writing with a summary of the work completed and the accrual amount to be invoiced through December 31 of that year.

### **10. Costs and Disbursements**

Consultant is responsible for and shall pay all costs and disbursements required for the performance of the Services.

### **11. Standard of Care**

- a. Consultant shall perform the Services to conform to generally accepted professional standards. Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical adequacy and accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all plans, designs, drawings and specifications prepared under this Agreement. Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or omissions in such Services.
- b. The NWSA's approval of plans, drawings and specifications shall not relieve Consultant of responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy thereof. The Consultant shall remain liable for damages and costs incurred by the NWSA arising from the Consultant's errors, omissions, or negligent performance of the Services.

### **12. Time**

Time is a material consideration in the performance of the Services. The Consultant shall complete the Services within the agreed upon schedule, including any established milestones and task completion dates, and the overall period of performance. The completion dates for tasks may be modified by a written directive; however, the period of performance for the Agreement may only be modified through an amendment. The period of performance and contract milestones shall not be extended because of any unwarranted delays attributable to the Consultant. The period of performance and contract milestones may be extended in the event of a delay caused by the NWSA which results in a delay in the performance of an affected task, because of unavoidable delay caused by any governmental action, or other conditions beyond the control of the Consultant, which could not reasonably be anticipated and which results in a delay in the period of performance and contract schedule. Upon mutual agreement, the period of performance may be accelerated to meet Project requirements.

### **13. Assignability**

The Consultant may not assign, transfer, or novate all or any portion of the Agreement, including but not limited to any claim or right to the Contract Sum, without the NWSA's prior written consent. If the Consultant attempts to make an assignment, transfer, or novation without the NWSA's consent, the assignment or novation, shall be of no effect, and the Consultant shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Agreement. The Consultant also shall not assign or transfer to any third party any claims it may have against the

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NWSA arising under the Agreement or otherwise related to the Project.

### **14. Termination of Agreement**

#### **a. Termination for Default:**

- i. The NWSA may terminate this Agreement, in writing, if the Consultant substantially fails to fulfill any or all of its material obligations under this Agreement through no fault of the NWSA; provided that the Consultant has been given an opportunity to cure.

1. Cure Notice: If the NWSA determines that a breach of this Agreement has occurred, that is, the Consultant has failed to comply with any material terms or conditions of this Agreement or the Consultant has failed to provide in any manner the Services agreed to herein, and if the NWSA deems said breach to warrant corrective action, the following sequential procedure will apply:

- ii. The NWSA will provide the Consultant with a written Cure Notice, notifying the Consultant of the nature of the breach.
  - iii. The Consultant shall respond within five (5) calendar days of the notification. The Consultant shall submit a corrective action plan indicating the steps to be taken to correct the specified deficiencies within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notification. The corrective action plan shall specify the proposed completion date for bringing this Agreement into compliance within the number of calendar days specified by the NWSA;

#### **b. Show Cause Notice:**

- i. In the event that the Consultant does not respond within the appropriate time with a corrective action plan, the NWSA will provide the Consultant with a written Show Cause Notice; notifying the Consultant of their requirement to notify the NWSA in writing within seven (7) calendar days of any reason the NWSA should not terminate this Agreement. At the expiration of the seven (7) calendar day period the NWSA may commence termination of this Agreement in whole or in part.
- ii. The NWSA may withhold payment owed the Consultant, instruct the Consultant to stop work and to refrain from incurring additional costs until the NWSA is

satisfied that the breach has been corrected.

- iii. No increase in total price or period of performance shall result from breach of this Agreement; and
- iv. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect or waive any other rights of the NWSA.

#### **c. Notice of Termination:**

- i. If the NWSA terminates this Agreement for default, the NWSA shall determine the amount of Services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination and the amount owing to the Consultant using the criteria set forth below; provided, that (a) no amount shall be allowed for anticipated profit on unperformed Services or other work and (b) any payment due to the Consultant at the time of termination may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs the NWSA incurs because of the Consultant's default. In such event, the NWSA shall consider the actual costs incurred by the Consultant in performing this Agreement to the date of termination, the amount of Services originally required which was satisfactorily completed to the date of termination, whether the Services are in a form or of a type which is usable and suitable to the NWSA at the date of termination, the cost to the NWSA of completing the Services itself or of employing another firm to complete it and the inconvenience and time which may be required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the NWSA of the Services performed to the date of termination. Under no circumstances shall payments made under this provision exceed the Total Price set forth in this Agreement. This provision shall not preclude the NWSA from filing claims and/or commencing litigation to secure compensation for damages incurred beyond that covered by withheld payments.
- ii. Upon receipt of a termination notice the Consultant shall at no additional cost to the NWSA:
  1. Promptly discontinue all Services (unless the notice directs otherwise);
  2. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of termination, promptly deliver or otherwise make available to the NWSA all Instruments of



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Service and NWSA Data including data, drawings, electronic drawing files, specifications, calculations, reports, estimates, summaries, official Project documentation and other Project documentation, such other information and materials as the Consultant or subconsultants may have accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in progress and all equipment/materials purchased specifically for this Agreement where the NWSA has paid the Consultant for such items.

3. Upon termination, the NWSA may take over the Services and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise.

d. Termination for Convenience:

- i. The NWSA may terminate this Agreement, for the convenience of the NWSA. The NWSA shall terminate by delivery to the Consultant a Notice of Termination specifying the termination and the effective date.
- ii. If the NWSA terminates this Agreement for convenience, the NWSA shall pay the Consultant for the following items:
  1. An amount for Direct Labor Costs and Indirect Costs in accordance with the Agreement for Services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.
  2. Reasonable invoiced Other Direct Costs as allowed by the Agreement, actually incurred before the date of termination; or
  3. Reasonable termination settlement costs the Consultant actually incurred unless the NWSA determines to assume said commitments. Reasonable termination settlement costs include settlement costs for subconsultants, and reasonable accounting and clerical costs actually incurred by the Consultant.
- iii. Upon receipt of a termination notice the Consultant shall at no additional cost to the NWSA:

1. Promptly discontinue all Services (unless the notice directs otherwise);
2. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of termination, promptly deliver or otherwise make available to the NWSA all Instruments of Services and NWSA Data including drawings, specifications, calculations, reports, estimates, summaries, official Project documentation, other Project documentation, and such other information and materials as the Consultant may have accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in progress and all equipment/materials purchased specifically for this Agreement where the NWSA has reimbursed the Consultant for such costs;
3. Take any action necessary, or that the NWSA may direct, for the protection and preservation of property related to this Agreement that is in the possession of the Consultant and in which the NWSA has or may acquire an interest.
- iv. Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the notice of Termination for Convenience, the Consultant shall submit to the NWSA a Termination Settlement Proposal. The Termination Settlement Proposal shall include:
  1. Request for Direct Labor Costs and Indirect Costs for services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.
  2. As allowed by the Agreement, Actual and reasonable Other Direct Costs incurred before the termination.
  3. Documentation supporting all costs identified in the Termination Settlement Proposal; and
  4. A statement certifying, under penalty of perjury, that the Termination Settlement Proposal is made in good faith, the Termination Settlement Proposal and supporting data are true and accurate to the best of the Consultant's

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knowledge and belief, the Termination Settlement Proposal is fully supported by the accompanying data, and the amount requested accurately reflects the amount for which the Consultant believes the NWSA is responsible.

- v. Termination settlement costs and proposals are subject to audit verification by the NWSA.
- vi. Upon termination, the NWSA may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise.

### **15. Disputes**

If a dispute arises relating to this Agreement and cannot be settled through direct discussions, the parties agree to endeavor to settle the dispute through a mediation firm acceptable to both parties, the cost of which shall be divided equally. The NWSA reserves the right to join any dispute under this Agreement with any other claim in litigation or other dispute resolution forum, and the Consultant agrees to such joinder, so that all disputes related to this Agreement may be consolidated and resolved in one forum.

### **16. Venue & Governing Law**

Venue for any litigation shall be the Pierce County Superior Court of the State of Washington and the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney(s) fees. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Washington.

### **17. Integration and Merger/ Extent of Agreement**

- a. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated understanding between the NWSA and Consultant, supersedes any previous written or oral representations and may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the NWSA and Consultant. No verbal agreement or conversation between any officer, agent, associate or employee of NWSA and any officer, agency, employee or associate of consultant prior to or following the execution of this Agreement shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained in this Agreement.
- b. Authority to sign. Every signer of this Agreement warrants that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement and to bind the entity for which they represent.

### **18. Non-Discrimination**

- a. Nondiscrimination in Employment and Provision of Services: During performance of this Agreement, the Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement agrees that it will not discriminate

against any employee or applicant for employment because of the employee or applicant's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

- b. Equal Employment Opportunity Efforts: The Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement agree to undertake equal employment opportunity efforts to ensure that applicants and employees are treated, without regard to their age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.
- c. The Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement shall comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, executive orders and regulations that prohibit discrimination.

### **19. Indemnity / Hold Harmless Clause**

- a. The Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Northwest Seaport Alliance and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and its officers, managing members, employees and agents from and against any liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses or actions, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising out of the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongdoing of Consultant or its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agents; or arising out of a failure to comply with any applicable state, federal, local, law, statute, rule, regulation or act by the Consultant or its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agent's provided, however, that for any defense obligation related to a claim for which Contractor has insurance coverage under a professional liability policy, such obligation shall be limited to reimbursement by the Consultant for expenses incurred by the Northwest Seaport Alliance or the Northwest Seaport Alliance.
- b. This duty to indemnify, defend and hold harmless shall not apply to claims which arise solely out of negligence on the part of the Northwest Seaport Alliance and the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and this duty shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- c. Consultant specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by Consultant's own employees against the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and, solely for the

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purpose of this indemnification and defense, Consultant specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW. Consultant's indemnity obligations shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable to or for any third party under the Worker Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts, or other employee benefit acts. Consultant recognizes that this waiver was the subject of mutual negotiation.

- d. Consultant shall indemnify and hold the Northwest Seaport Alliance and Northwest Seaport Alliance harmless from and against any liability, expense, fines, penalties, cost, demand, or other obligation, resulting from or out of any cyber-related risk that include theft, loss or misuse of data, release of private information as result of a network breach, penetration, compromise, or loss of IT systems control.
- e. The provisions of this Section 19 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

### **20. General Insurance Requirements**

The Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement such insurance as shall protect it from claims or damages for, IT Professional or Cyber Liability, bodily injury, including death resulting therefrom as well as from claims for property damage, and cyber-related risks such as theft, loss or misuse of data, release of private information as result of a network breach, penetration, compromise, or loss of IT systems control, which may arise from operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by itself, its agents, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and shall comply with any such Project specific insurance requirements as determined by the NWSA.

### **21. Miscellaneous Provisions**

- a. Remedies Cumulative: Rights under this Agreement are cumulative and nonexclusive of any other remedy at law or in equity.
- b. Captions: All titles, including sections or subsections, are for convenience only and do not define or limit the contents.
- c. Severability: Any term or provision of this Agreement found to be prohibited by law shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remainder of the Agreement.
- d. Waiver: No covenant, term, or the breach thereof shall be deemed waived, except by written consent of the Party against whom the waiver is claimed, and any waiver of the breach of any covenant, term or condition shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant, term or condition. Neither the

acceptance by NWSA of any performance by consultant after the time the same shall have become due nor payment to consultant for any portion of the Services shall constitute a waiver by NWSA of the breach or default of any covenant, term or condition unless otherwise this is expressly agreed to by NWSA, in writing. NWSA's failure to insist on performance of any of the terms or conditions herein or to exercise any right or privilege or NWSA's waiver of any breach hereunder shall not thereafter waive any other term, condition, or privilege, whether of the same or similar type.

- e. Negotiated Agreement: The Parties acknowledge that this is a negotiated Agreement, that they have had the opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by respective legal counsel, and that terms and conditions are not construed against any Party on the basis of such Party's draftsmanship thereof.
- f. No Personal Liability: No officer, agent or authorized employee of either NWSA or Consultant shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under this Agreement, whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement or representation made herein or in any connection with this Agreement.

### **22. Key Personnel**

The Consultant's key personnel, as described in the Consultant selection submittals, shall remain assigned for the duration of the Project unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the NWSA.

### **23. Insurance - Assumption of Risk**

- a. As a further consideration in determining compensation amounts, the Consultant shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, such commercial general liability insurance, professional liability insurance and environmental liability insurance including asbestos abatement liability and other insurance as required by contract for this project that shall protect Consultant and any subconsultant performing work under this Agreement from claims for damages from bodily injury, including death, resulting therefrom as well as from claims for property damage, economic damage or cleanup costs, which may arise under this Agreement, whether arising from operations conducted by the Consultant, any subconsultant, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Consultant recognizes that it is the obligation of the Consultant to ensure that all Subconsultants of any tier have insurance for the activities performed under this agreement. If this agreement requires that a Subconsultant perform ultra-hazardous operations the NWSA will require that it be named as an Additional Insured by endorsement on all Subconsultant

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insurance policies and waivers of subrogation shall be provided by endorsement. Workers Compensation and Professional Liability are exempted from the additional insured requirement.

- b. Consultant shall submit to the Northwest Seaport Alliance, prior to the commencement of services, certificates of insurance evidencing:
  - i. Commercial General Liability coverage on occurrence form CG0001 or equivalent with limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 aggregate. Coverage will include: Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Personal & Advertising Injury; and
  - ii. Automobile Liability covering owned, non-owned and hired vehicles of \$2,000,000 combined single limit per accident; and
  - iii. Professional Liability including environmental consulting services of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. If the scope of Professional Services includes environmental testing, consulting or other such professional services, the Consultant's Professional Liability policy shall include coverage for these services. If such coverage is written on a claims-made basis, any retroactive date on the policy shall be prior to the start of this contract. Coverage shall remain in effect for the term of this Agreement plus three years. Certificates of Insurance citing the contract and project number shall be provided to the Northwest Seaport Alliance on an annual basis for each of the three years.
  - iv. Workers Compensation Insurance: Statutory Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Washington.
  - v. Stop Gap/Employers Liability Insurance shall be provided with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim.
  - vi. Protection and Indemnity Insurance/Jones Act: \$1,000,000 limits shall be provided covering all vessels and crew.
  - vii. Maritime Employers Liability: \$1,000,000 limits shall be provided covering all divers.
- c. All policies shall be issued by a company having an A. M. Best Financial Strength Rating of A- and Financial Size Category of VIII or better. The Consultant shall be responsible for notifying the NWSA in writing within ten (10) days of

receipt of notice of coverage being suspended, voided, cancelled or materially reduced. Except for professional liability, the NWSA and the Northwest Seaport Alliance shall be named as an additional insured on all policies by endorsement on ISO Form CG 20 10 Form B or equivalent. Except for Workers Compensation and Professional Liability, waivers of subrogation shall be provided by endorsement to all policies.

- d. Consultant is responsible for complying with the Washington State laws that pertain to industrial insurance (RCW 51). Consultant shall submit a current employer liability certificate as issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries that shows the status of Consultant's worker compensation account prior to contract execution, including those Consultants who are qualified self-insurers with the state. Consultant bears the responsibility to ensure that any out-of-state (non-Washington) employees and subconsultants have appropriate workers compensation coverage while working for the NWSA in Washington State. Consultant may be exempt from state worker compensation insurance requirements (RCW 51.12.020) such as if Consultant is a sole proprietor.
- e. Certain Services under this Agreement may require United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act (USL&H) and Jones Act. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for determining the applicability of USL&H and Jones Act coverage. The failure of the Consultant to procure either USL&H or Jones Act coverage shall at no time create liability on the part of the NWSA. The Consultant shall bear all responsibility and shall indemnify and hold harmless the NWSA for any and all liability, cost and/or damages.

### **24. Payment Schedule**

- a. Consultant shall submit detailed numbered invoices in accordance with the Agreement by the 10th of the month. After a complete and correct invoice has been received by the NWSA, payment will be made within thirty (30) days.
- b. Consultant shall submit detailed invoices showing the following:
  - i. Invoice Number, Contract number, Title, Invoice Period.
  - ii. Summary page with a brief description of Services completed during the invoice period, deliverables provided during the invoice period, and forthcoming milestones / deliverables.
  - iii. Further, provide a summary breakdown of all projects with the amount of the overall invoice to be charged to each project.

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- iv. Current Amount Due, with a Time and Materials Breakdown: titles, hours, hourly rates, and all expenses itemized, with backup, in accordance with the Contract.
- v. Total amount of the Contract, and balance of Contract amount.  
Indicate "Final Invoice" when invoice is the final billing.

### 25. Compensation

- a. Consultant expenses will be reimbursed at cost with the exception of:
  - i. Subconsultant services will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.
  - ii. Services provided by a third party will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.
- b. Costs marked up by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall the mark up at any tier exceed the negotiated percentage.
- c. Reimbursable expenses by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall markup be applied to reimbursable expenses at any level.
- d. Rates: Rates are fully burdened and will remain in effect for the contract term unless renegotiated and agreed to by both parties in a written amendment.
  - i. Rates may be negotiated no more than once annually. Rate adjustments will be tied to the CPI for the Seattle, Tacoma/Bremerton area.
- e. Rates and Markup: are defined in the attached Rate Sheet and made a part of this contract.

### 26. Deliverables

All tangible materials produced as a result of this Agreement shall be prepared as specified by the NWSA's Project Manager. Delivery of materials produced shall consist both of the tangible materials and one copy of any computer files used in the creation of the tangible product in a PDF format or other format specified by the NWSA.

### 27. Drawing, Specification and GIS

- a. Consultant shall prepare specifications using BSD Speclink-E, Masterformat specification organization, latest edition.
- b. Consultant shall prepare specifications in accordance the NWSA's Specification Standards available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms> and from the NWSA Project Manager. The NWSA's Master format specifications are available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms>.

- c. All site plans, derivative drawings, record drawings, and bid plans shall be completed using NWSA GIS and CADD standards and layer/block protocols available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms> and from the NWSA Project Manager.

### 28. Security – Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

- a. The Services may require the consultant to work within a secured/restricted TWIC regulated terminal.
- b. TWIC is a credentialing program managed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration. All credentialed merchant mariners and individuals who will need unescorted access to secure areas of a maritime regulated facility or vessel must obtain a TWIC. For more information on TWIC visit <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic>.
- c. The Consultant shall have a minimum of one TWIC compliant employee trained as an escort for every five workers not possessing TWIC cards working on a secured or restricted site. Each escort will be required to receive Terminal Operator provided escort training.

### 29. Existing Hazardous Material Information

The NWSA shall furnish the Consultant with the information as required by the Hazard Communication standard for materials pre-existing on the Project. The Consultant is solely responsible for ensuring that this information is made available to the Consultant's personnel, subconsultants, and that relevant information is incorporated into work products including, but not limited to, reports, specifications, and contract documents.

### 30. Extent of Agreement

- a. In the event the Consultant identifies something that may impact the Services, Project schedule, total price, task budget(s) or cost of performing the Services, the Consultant shall inform the Project Manager in writing prior to exceeding the task budget(s) and within seven (7) calendar days of the event and possible impacts to scope, schedule and cost or task budget.
- b. The Project Manager may, at any time, by written directive require the Consultant to perform the Services consistent with the Agreement; provided that this directive does not add scope or cost to the project.
- c. Any directive shall not constitute an amendment to the Agreement nor entitle the Consultant to any additional compensation or a time adjustment.

### 31. Prevailing Wages

- a. The Consultant shall ensure that all Subcontractors of any tier pay all prevailing

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- wages and other wages (such as Davis-Bacon Act wages) applicable to the Project.
- b. Pursuant to RCW 39.12, "Prevailing Wages on Public Works," no worker, laborer, or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of the Work shall be paid less than the "prevailing rate of wage" in effect as of the date that bids are due.
  - c. The applicable effective date for prevailing wages for this project is the execution date of this Amendment.
  - d. The State of Washington prevailing wage rates applicable for this public works project, which is located in Pierce County, may be found at the following website address of the Department of Labor and Industries:  
<https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/>
  - e. The schedule of the prevailing wage rates is made a part of the Contract Documents by reference as though fully set forth herein; and a copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates are also available for viewing at the NWSA Administration Building, located at One Sitcum Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98421 (253-383-5841). Upon request to the Procurement Department at [procurement@portoftacoma.com](mailto:procurement@portoftacoma.com), the NWSA will email or mail a hard copy of the applicable Journey Level prevailing wages for this project.
  - f. Questions relating to prevailing wage data should be addressed to the Industrial Statistician.  
Mailing Address:  
Department of Labor and Industries  
Prevailing Wage Office  
PO Box 44540, Olympia, WA 98504  
Telephone: (360) 902-5335  
Facsimile: (360) 902-5300
  - g. If there is any discrepancy between the attached or provided schedule of prevailing wage rates and the published rates applicable under WAC 296-127-011, or if no schedule is attached, the applicable published rates shall apply with no increase in the Contract Sum. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the correct prevailing wage rates are paid.
  - h. Prior to any payment being made by the NWSA under this Contract, the Contractor, and each Subcontractor of any tier, shall file a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages under oath with the NWSA and certified by the Director of Labor and Industries. The statement shall include the hourly wage rate to be paid to each classification of workers entitled to prevailing wages, which shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wage, and the estimated number of workers in each classification employed on the Project by the Contractor or a Subcontractor of any tier, as well as the Contractor's contractor registration number and other information required by the Director of Labor and Industries. The statement, and any supplemental statements, shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Labor and Industries. No progress payment shall be made until the NWSA receives such certified statement.
  - i. The Contractor shall post in a location readily visible to workers at the Project site (1) a copy of the Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages approved by the Industrial Statistician of the Department of Labor and Industries and (2) the address and telephone number of the Industrial Statistician of the Department of Labor and Industries to whom a complaint or inquiry concerning prevailing wages may be directed.
  - j. If a State of Washington prevailing wage rate conflicts with another applicable wage rate (such as Davis-Bacon Act wage rate) for the same labor classification, the higher of the two shall govern.
  - k. Pursuant to RCW 39.12.060, if any dispute arises concerning the appropriate prevailing wage rate for work of a similar nature, and the dispute cannot be adjusted by the parties in interest, including labor and management representatives, the matter shall be referred for arbitration to the Director of the Department of Labor and Industries, and his or her decision shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.
  - l. The Contractor shall defend (at the Contractor's sole cost, with legal counsel approved by NWSA), indemnify and hold the NWSA harmless from all liabilities, obligations, claims, demands, damages, disbursements, lawsuits, losses, fines, penalties, costs and expenses, whether direct, indirect, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and consultants' fees and other costs and expenses, from any violation or alleged violation by the Contractor or any Subcontractor of any tier of RCW 39.12 ("Prevailing Wages on Public Works") or Chapter 51 RCW ("Industrial Insurance"), including but not limited to RCW 51.12.050.
- 32. On-Call Definitions Supplementary Conditions (As Applicable)**
- a. Task Order: The document that memorializes agreement between the Consultant and the NWSA, in accordance with the terms of the On-Call Contract. Task Orders are executed for defined Services under the On-Call Contract.
  - b. Contract Owner: NWSA staff member responsible for managing the On-Call Contract and executing all Task Orders.

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- c. Project Manager: NWSA staff member responsible for managing a specific Task Order.
- d. Consultant Representative: The Consultant staff member(s) delegated the authority to provide signature approval for Task Orders under the On-Call Contract.
- e. Task Order Proposals:
  - i. The Project Manager will request consultant to provide a fee proposal for the Services requested by the NWSA.
  - ii. The NWSA will not pay for time or materials associated with development of fee proposals, unless such costs are approved by the Project Manager and Contract Owner in advance.
  - iii. Task Order proposals shall be signed and submitted by the Consultant Representative to the NWSA's Project Manager in writing. Proposals shall include one of the following:
    - 1. Time and Materials Proposal
      - a. Description of Task Order scope and deliverables.
      - b. Consultant's Personnel Titles and Rates as negotiated.
      - c. Hours per person per task.
      - d. Sub-tier consultant scope and deliverables (when applicable).
      - e. Anticipated reimbursable costs.
      - f. Total proposal with Not to Exceed dollar amount.
- f. Task Order Execution: Executed Task Orders will be issued by the Contract Owner to the Consultant.
- g. Task Order Revision:
  - i. Revisions include when the Consultant becomes aware of the potential to exceed the executed amount or when changes are requested by the Project Manager.
- ii. Consultant shall provide a revised proposal detailing all revisions per 2A and B above. Consultant shall not proceed with changed work until a revised Task Order is executed by the Contract Owner.
- h. Payment Schedule:
  - i. Each Task Order shall be invoiced separately. Consultant shall submit detailed invoices showing the following:
    - ii. Invoice Number, Contract number, Title, Task Order Number and Title.
    - iii. Summary page with a brief description of Services completed during the invoice period, deliverables provided during the invoice period, and forthcoming milestones / deliverables.
  - iv. Current Amount Due:
  - v. For Lump Sum Task Orders: Percentage of Services complete, percentage of completed Services billed.
    - 1. For Time and Materials Task Orders: titles, hours, hourly rates, and all expenses itemized, with backup, in accordance with the contract.
  - vi. Total amount of the Task Order, and balance of Task Order amount.
  - vii. Indicate "**Final Invoice**" when invoice is the final billing for that Task Order.
- i. Task Order Closure: When the Services have been completed and final invoice processed by the NWSA, the Contract Owner will issue a Task Order Completion Notification to the Consultant Representative.
- j. Task Order Termination: The NWSA may terminate the Task Order at its convenience with or without cause. In such case, the Consultant shall be paid for all Services performed and reasonable expenses properly incurred in connection with the termination.