



Friday, December 3, 2021

To: Respondents to Request for Proposals: Consultant Services to Support Washington VERTICAL Clean Energy Cluster

Subject: Supplemental Questions Answered – 1st Addendum to RFP

Question

Is it acceptable for an organizational offeror to propose consultants that are 1099 subcontractors to the offeror (i.e., not W-2 employees)?

Answer

If it is the intent of the 1099 subcontractor to do all or a majority of the work hereunder it is preferred that the 1099 subcontractor to respond independently as the Port already must seek independent authorization to contract with all entities and their subcontractors.

Questions

Is it acceptable for the VERTICAL Cluster and the Supply Chain Alliance to be established as separate entities?

Answer

It is acceptable and preferred; the Port may establish the VERTICAL cluster as a subsidiary of the Tri-Cities Research District.

Question

Does POB require a single individual for each position (i.e., the Director and the Coordinator), or would it be acceptable to propose a lead consultant for these positions, supported by 1 or more additional qualified members of the offeror's team to fulfill the required function?

Answer

Consultant may propose any combination of staff fulfillment services for one or either position; it is more important that the consultant execute the responsibilities of all roles they wish to be compensated for than fulfilling a specific role with a specific person.