

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES**

Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County (aka District, Whatcom PUD, PUD) is soliciting responses from qualified firms interested in providing professional Telecommunications Engineering and Design Services.

The firm selected will provide telecommunications engineering and design services for the District, which may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Aerial and underground design and construction-ready drawings for a dark fiber optic "home-run" architecture (single strand allocated from the A location to the Z location), to each premise identified in the project boundaries (See Attachment pg. 2). These plans will be made available to the PUD in PDF and GIS ESRI shapefile format.
- Prepare bill of materials (BOM)/take-off sheets within 4 weeks of contract execution
- Permitting services to include submittals to Whatcom County, Puget Sound Energy and other jurisdictional areas as identified
- Assist with right-of-way acquisition as required including GIS mapping and locates
- Pole contact design
- Pole contact application with Puget Sound Energy (PSE)
- Ability to interface with multiple municipalities and agencies to coordinate route requirements including Whatcom County and Puget Sound Energy
- Assist in preparation of construction bid documents and participate in any pre-bid or pre-contracting meeting
- Assist with oversight of the construction process

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process is to assist the District in selecting one or more firms to be offered, as needed, a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the District. The District reserves the right to enter into one or more PSAs or none at all, as a result of this process.

Selection of a respondent will be based on the evaluation of all responses received prior to or on the RFQ due date; selection is based on qualifications only. This is not a Request for Proposal (RFP). Therefore, no cost for services information should be included.

Consultants or firms desiring consideration must obtain from the District the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) submittal requirements and submit their structured SOQs by the deadline stated below. Interested parties may obtain the detailed SOQ information online from the District's website ([www.pudwhatcom.org](http://www.pudwhatcom.org)), by emailing [andrewentrikin@pudwhatcom.org](mailto:andrewentrikin@pudwhatcom.org) or by contacting the District's Broadband Manager at 360-305-7652

**SOQ SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: 12 PM (noon) NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

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