

Sole Source Notification

FieldSTEM®

It is the intent of Washington State to promote open competition and transparency for all contracts for goods and services. In accordance with Department of Enterprise Service (DES) policy #DES-140-00, all intended sole source contracts must be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than ten (10) working days before the start date of the contract. This Sole Source Notification satisfies the requirement.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) intends to award a \$1,410,000 sole source contract to Pacific Education Institute (PEI) for the period of August 2021-June 2023. The purpose of this contract is to fulfill requirements of House Bill 5092 Section 522, (11)(e), to use Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) field study to enhance and improve student achievement in mathematics, English Language Arts (ELA), and science. Using their FieldSTEM® model, PEI will utilize Washington environmental, natural resources, and agricultural sectors in STEM field experiences to integrate Washington State Learning Standards (WSLS) in mathematics, ELA, and science, and generate student career interest through STEM field work experiences.

FieldSTEM® is a signature model designed to help classroom teachers, schools and school districts implement equitable environmental and sustainability education by engaging students in the practices that prepare them for the Washington science, math and ELA assessments while also supporting students in the development of critical thinking and civic engagement in the social sciences including Since Time Immemorial, economics, geography, civics, employability skills and technology.

House Bill 5092 Section 522, (11)(e) requires OSPI contract with a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization physically located in Washington state that has at least 18 years of experience collaborating with the office and school districts statewide to integrate the state learning standards in English language arts, mathematics, and science with FieldSTEM® outdoor field studies and project-based and work-based learning opportunities aligned with the environmental, natural resource, and agricultural sectors. OSPI has been successfully partnering and contracting with Pacific Education Institute for 18 years, and seeks to continue this relationship in order to meet the Legislative requirement, through a sole source contract.

Consultants contemplating the above requirements shall submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements **no later than 3:00 pm on July 27, 2021.**

In the absence of other qualified sources, and pending approval by the Department of Enterprise Services, it is OSPI's intent to make a sole source award of the contract mentioned above to Pacific Education Institute.



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Although this Sole Source Notification is not an invitation to bid, if you feel your firm is able to provide the goods or services listed above, you may submit a capability statement to:

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