



Request for Qualifications

March 24, 2026

**Yakama Nation Fisheries
On-Call Technical Support Services**

OVERVIEW

The Yakama Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to the Treaty of Walla Walla, June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 951). As set forth in the Treaty of 1855, other federal statutes, and court decisions, the Yakama Nation holds reserved rights and responsibilities as a co-manager of fisheries in the Columbia River Basin. The Yakama Nation uses its authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery and Compensation Liability Act (CERCLA) to participate in the cleanup and restoration of hazardous waste sites in the Columbia River Basin. Yakama Nation's work and actions are focused on a clean and productive Columbia River that sustains the cultural practices of Yakama members and improves life for our neighbors and future generations.

Yakama Nation Fisheries (YNF) is tasked with the oversight of priority hazardous waste sites and contamination issues affecting Columbia River Basin resources. YNF's involvement at these sites includes technical, legal and policy activities related to response and natural resource damage actions. Due to the complexity and volume of work associated with this involvement, contract technical support services are required.

The Yakama Nation requests from all applying engineering and technical consulting firms their general qualifications to accomplish the work elements outlined in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including general technical assistance to support YNF's work on cleaning up and restoring hazardous waste sites in the Columbia River Basin. The Yakama Nation will review the response to this RFQ to establish one or more technical support contracts. This RFQ will be considered viable for contracting purposes extending over 36 months.

SCOPE OF WORK

General Requirements. The contractor shall be available to provide on-call technical support services for the length of the contract.

Work schedules, budgets, and deadlines for deliverables will be agreed upon. Payment will be made on a cost reimbursement basis. Travel will be required for support at technical meetings, coordination meetings, and site visits throughout the Pacific Northwest. Meetings with Yakama Nation Tribal Council and YNF Management Team will also be required.

Work Elements. Technical support shall be provided in the following areas, as requested, including, but not limited to:

- Ascertain the stage of cleanup for individual sites. Determine if available data will provide the necessary information to establish a remedial action that is protective of Yakama

Nation resources. Identify key issues or data gaps to be resolved. Track project timeline and identify key issues or activities for YNF management/staff engagement.

- Ascertain the stage of a natural resource injury assessment for individual sites. Determine if available data will provide the necessary information to establish a settlement that appropriately compensates for natural resource damages. Identify key issues or data gaps to be resolved. Track project timeline and identify key issues or activities for YNF management/staff engagement.
- Review and comment on all phases of a hazardous waste site response and natural resource damage actions. The following activities (and their associated documents) would require tracking, review, comment, and identification of potential issues: site investigations, remedial investigations, feasibility studies, risk assessments, remedial designs, closeout reports, monitoring plans, restoration planning, natural resource injury assessment, natural resource damages, and other associated activities/documents.
- Plan and develop injury assessments for individual sites in terms of lost uses and lost resource services and quantify damages in terms of restoration and resource services and/or monetary equivalents.
- If deemed necessary, plan, develop, and execute environmental sampling to address outstanding questions about contamination at a specific site or reach of a water body.
- Attend and provide technical support at technical meetings/conference calls, coordination meetings, and site visits.
- Support strategic planning efforts to obtain a clean and productive Columbia River.
- Assist with conducting public outreach to educate members of Yakama Nation and the public on program activities.

Work Deliverables. Deliverables will be determined throughout the contract period via task order as documents become available for review or technical support needs are identified. Deliverables will be submitted in agreed upon formats and will generally include electronic versions. Submittals will be the sole property of the Yakama Nation, and no information will be released to other parties without express written permission. Examples of the type of deliverables to be expected are listed below.

- Provide a summary report on the status of a site's remedial investigation/feasibility study, cleanup, five-year review, closure report, and/or natural resource damage assessment process.
- Provide a summary report on a site's remediation process in relationship to protectiveness for Yakama Nation resources.

- Provide a summary report on a site's key response issues and/or data gaps to be resolved.
- Provide a summary report on a site's remediation timeline identifying key issues of concern.
- Provide a summary of releases, including backup documentation of releases.
- Provide comments on monitoring, sampling, analyses, and modeling for hazardous waste site response and/or natural resource damage actions. Comments should ensure that all information and analytical data gathered at sites are technically sound and statistically reliable.
- Provide technical review and analysis of human health and ecological risk assessments, or specific component of these risk assessments to support decisions made on the adequacy of and actions needed to upgrade such risk assessment.
- Provide expertise on the process of collecting, compiling, and analyzing information, statistics, or data to determine the extent of injuries to natural resources from hazardous substance releases or oil discharges, and to determine appropriate ways of restoring and compensating for those injuries.
- Provide content knowledgeable staff to conduct research, analysis, and integration of information from available scientific literature on regional toxic issues and site-specific concerns.
- Prepare factsheets, reports, presentations, and tribal/public outreach materials on specific hazardous waste sites and other regional hazardous waste issues.
- Provide technical support at key meetings to promote Yakama Nation's positions.
- Provide support on grant development, management, and deliverables.
- Provide support on development for policy updates.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The consultant shall identify any potential conflict of interest (ex. status as or relationship with a potential responsible party) in its performance of any work assigned under this contract. If the Yakama Nation determines that adequate contingencies are not in place to address a real or perceived conflict of interest, then Yakama Nation can reassign work. This requirement also applies to any subcontractors used by the consultant.

If a firm foresees a conflict with providing Yakama Nation support at any of Yakama Nation's Priority Sites (see Attachment 1) it should disclose and explain how that conflict would be handled/avoided. Similarly, the consultant will disclose any work being performed for any other government or tribal entity on the sites or issues covered by requests from the Yakama Nation.

QUALIFICATIONS PACKAGE GUIDELINES

Firms submitting a qualifications package should have the ability to successfully complete work deliverables. Firms should have experience in working with Tribes on hazardous waste site investigation, management, regulation, and related technical issues, and possess knowledge and experience in regional aquatic and terrestrial species and habitats as well as natural resource damage assessment. Experience with litigation is desirable.

Firms must be able to provide support to Yakama Nation without a conflict of interest.

The scope of work, budget, and schedule will be developed in cooperation with the selected consulting firms.

Yakama Nation will not pay any costs associated with developing the qualifications package or negotiating a contract that may be awarded post response to this RFQ.

The qualifications package should be no more than 10 pages, excluding resumes. The package must include:

1. Description of expertise and project experience related to work elements and deliverables described herein, within past 5 years. Identify roles and proposed project staff in past project examples.
2. Proposed work team structure and internal controls.
3. Experience working with Tribal governments.
4. Resumes of principal(s) and key work team members, highlighting staff's proposed roles and experience relevant to the Work Elements in the last 5 years.
5. 2026 billing rates for all staff or staff categories that may support this work.
6. Contract information for references from three clients.
7. Identification of and procedures for handling potential conflicts of interest at the sites listed in Attachment 1.

If the qualifications package includes these required items, it will be evaluated using the criteria in Attachment 2.

Qualifications packages received after the deadline of April 22, 2026, at 3:00 pm PDT will not be considered.

To submit a proposal, email a PDF of the Qualifications packages (not to exceed 10 MB) to Natalie Swan (swan@yakamafish-nsn.gov). An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the Qualifications package.

The RFQ process does not obligate Yakama Nation to award a contract. Yakama Nation maintains the right to reject all statement of qualifications packages, amend the RFQ, or even decide to proceed without a contract.

Attachment I: List of High Priority Hazardous Waste Sites

SITE NAME	LOCATION
Agrium Kennewick Fertilizer Operations. Finley Area (Nutrien Kennewick Nitrogen)	Kennewick, WA
Agrium Kennewick Fertilizer Operations. Hedges Area (Nutrien Kennewick Nitrogen)	Kennewick, WA
Agrium US Inc. Kennewick Fertilizer Operation/Nutrien US LLC	Kennewick, WA
Alcoa Vancouver Evergreen	Vancouver, WA
Alcoa Wenatchee Works	Malaga, WA
AmeriGas Propane Dallesport	Dallesport, WA
Armstrong World Industries	St. Helens, OR
Astoria Marine Construction Company	Astoria, OR
Bateman Island	Kennewick, WA
Boise White Paper LLC/Packaging Corporation of America	Wallula, WA
Boise Cascade Veneer	St. Helens, OR
Boise Cascade YKM I82 Exit 33A City of Yakima Landfill	Yakima, WA
Boise Cascade YAKIMA MILL	Yakima, WA
BNSF Railway Appleyard Facility	Wenatchee, WA
BNSF Wishram Track Switching Facility	Wishram, WA
Bradford Island NPL Site	Cascade Locks, OR
Burlington Environmental LLC Washougal	Washougal, WA
Cascade Locks Lumber Company	Cascade Locks, OR
Central Pre-Mix, Pasco	Pasco, WA
Chevron Bulk Plant, Camas	Camas, WA
Chevron Pipeline Company	Pasco, WA
Chevron Willbridge Terminal	Portland, OR
Reynolds Aluminum Smelter, Northwest Alloys	Longview, WA
Columbia Marine Lines	Vancouver, WA
Conrad Wood Preserving Inc./Conrad Forest Products, Rainier, Columbia County	Rainier, OR
Emerald Kalama Chemical LLC/LANXESS Group	Kalama, WA
General Chemical Corp. Vancouver Works	Vancouver, WA
General Electric Company	Portland, OR
Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP	Clatskanie, OR
Goldendale Northwest Aluminum Co./Columbia Gorge Aluminum/NSC Smelter	Goldendale, WA
Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations LLC, Camas Mill	Camas, WA
J.R. Simplot Company	Wenatchee, WA
Kanto Corporation	Portland, OR
KB Alloys, Inc.	Malaga, WA
Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging Inc.	Longview, WA
Martin Marietta Facility and Landfill	The Dalles, OR
Multnomah Plywood / Port of Columbia County	St. Helens, OR
NW Pipeline Meter Station Hood River	Hood River, OR

SITE NAME	LOCATION
Owens Brockway (Owens Illinois) Glass Container Plant 21	Kalama, WA
Pacific Ethanol Columbia LLC (Port of Morrow)	Boardman, OR
Pacific Wood Treating Plant	Ridgefield, WA
Port of St. Helens Creosote (Port of Columbia County)	St. Helens, OR
Portco Corp Pedigo Products	Vancouver, WA
Portland Harbor	Portland, OR
Pope & Talbot / Port of Columbia County	St. Helens, OR
Prosser Pomace Pits	Prosser, WA
Rufus Industrial Park	Rufus, WA
Safety-Kleen Systems	Portland, OR
SDS Lumber LLC / Bingen Plywood Corp	Bingen, WA
Specialty Chemical Products LLC	Rock Island, WA
Steelscape, Inc.	Kalama, WA
Tidewater Terminal Company / Snake River Terminal	Pasco, WA
Union Pacific Railroad	The Dalles, OR
Union Pacific Railroad Mosier Oil Spill (2016)	Mosier, OR
Unocal Bulk Plant	Bingen, WA
Vancouver Water Station #4 (WS4)	Vancouver, WA
Vancouver Lake and Flushing Channel Port of Vancouver	Vancouver, WA
Port of NuStar Swan Cadet Kinder Morgan Port of Vancouver	Vancouver, WA
Weyerhaeuser Plywood	Longview, WA
Yakima Training Center	Yakima, WA
Zidell Waterfront Property	Portland, OR

ATTACHMENT 2: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Qualification package response will be evaluated using the following criteria, each criterion will be weighted equally.

1. Experience working with Yakama Nation or other federally recognized tribes and federal resource management agencies.
2. Experience with all phases of Oregon, Washington, and Federal hazardous waste site cleanups.
3. Experience with natural resource damage assessment.
4. Experience with risk assessments (ecological and human health) and ecological evaluations.
5. Experience with upland sites affecting waterbodies, including all contaminated media and transport pathways.
6. Experience critiquing technical documents and providing technical support to client work products.
7. Experience in state and federal policy, guidance, and rulemaking processes.
8. Experience with document, information, and data management for clients.
9. Experience with planning and conducting environmental studies and contaminated media study design.
10. Experience with public outreach.
11. Experience in strategic planning processes.
12. Experience providing support to meet the requirements and deliverables in federal grants.