Question - We are interested in submitting for the Eastern Region General Engineering Consulting Services RFQ. Our firm specializes in construction services including Special Inspections and Materials Testing, Geotechnical Engineering and Services, Building Science, and Environmental services. Would we be able to submit for these categories or is your scope limited to prime contractors at this point?

Answer- The Eastern Region is asking for Qualifications of firms to act as the Prime Consultant. We fully anticipate no single firm will be able to provide the services we need for life of the contract. Therefore, we anticipate firms may form a coalition of several firms where one firm would be the Prime Consultant and there might be multiple sub-consultants to the Prime.

Question - Please clarify the role of “proposed communicator” as it relates to proposed projects or task orders in the third bullet of Criteria?

Answer- WSDOT’s Eastern Region prefers to function as the ‘proposed communicator’ for most WSDOT projects, via the Eastern Region’s Public Information Officer (PIO). However, there may be situations where the Prime Consultant’s proposed communicator may be called upon to answer project specific questions from elected officials, stakeholders, and constituents. The questions may call for project specific answers such as: what steps are being taken to include the underserved population in the project, will minority owned firms be included in the project design, how will the minority owned firms be selected, what will occur at public outreach meetings, etc.