

## NOTICE OF BID OPPORTUNITY

## Competitive Solicitation RFQQ 2024 0905 BDO Services to Manage DBE Supportive Services Program

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION POSTING:** September 05, 2024 **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS:** October 04, 2024

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Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Supportive Services (DBE/SS) Program assists in the growth and self-sufficiency of DBE firms participating in the federal-aid highway program. The services provided through the DBE/SS Program are free of charge to those DBE firms determined to be eligible to participate in accordance with 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart B, and 49 CFR Part 26 and have a work specialty related to the highway construction and consulting industry.

WSDOT is initiating this solicitation to acquire a Business Development Organization (BDO) to manage and deliver the DBE/SS Program. The BDO will be responsible for assessing DBE technical assistance requirements. The BDO will be required to pair firms with appropriate service providers, assess quality of service, monitor training objectives, act as a liaison between consultants and DBEs, track expenditures and report all instances of assistance provided.

**Commodity codes:** 918-35 Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Consulting Including Technical Assistance 918-79 Minority and Small Business Consulting 958-68 Support Services, Management

**Inclusion plan:** Yes

**Solicitation documents:** Solicitation documents, contacts and bid instructions are available in WEBS: <a href="https://pr-webs-vendor.des.wa.gov/">https://pr-webs-vendor.des.wa.gov/</a>.

**Question-and-answer period:** Questions due by September 12, 2024. Submit questions or concerns about this solicitation in writing to the Procurement Coordinator: Marianna Adams at <a href="Marianna.Adams@wsdot.wa.gov">Marianna.Adams@wsdot.wa.gov</a>.