



**THE NORTHWEST
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**NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE (NWSA)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)
PROCUREMENT NO. 022026-1020
PROJECT NO. 201038.01
PCT TRANSFER ZONE PAVEMENT
RECONSTRUCTION**

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RFQ INFORMATION	
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Submittal Date	March 25, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
Questions Due Date	March 11, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS AND SOQS VIA THE PROCUREMENT PORTAL (LINK LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PROCUREMENT WEB PAGE).

NWSA RFQ 022026-1020

PCT Transfer Zone Pavement Reconstruction

A. PURPOSE

The NWSA is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (**SOQ**) from firms interested in providing survey, civil and geotechnical engineering services. The NWSA anticipates awarding one Professional Service contract. The period of performance of the contract is anticipated to be three (3) years from the execution of the contract, with options for renewal at the sole discretion of the NWSA, for a possible total of five (5) years. This contract is not anticipated to exceed a total of **\$1,000,000.00 + any applicable Washington State Sales Tax (WSST)**.

B. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT

RCW 39.34 allows cooperative purchasing between public agencies, and other political subdivisions. If a public agency files or has filed an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Northwest Seaport Alliance, those agencies are eligible to purchase from Contracts established by the Port. Such agencies may ask Northwest Seaport Alliance Contractors to accept orders from the agency, citing the Northwest Seaport Alliance contract as the basis for the order. The Contractor may accept or decline such orders. If the Contractor accepts an order from another public agency using the Northwest Seaport Alliance contract as the basis, the Contractor agrees to sell additional items at the contract prices, terms, and conditions. The Northwest Seaport Alliance accepts no responsibility for the payment of the purchase price by other governmental agencies.

C. GRANT LANGUAGE

The NWSA has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (**MARAD**) (FY 2024 PIDP Grant No. 693JF72540031). All work must be performed in accordance with associated grant requirements. Therefore, the contract that results from the RFQ and various work packages will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the grant. See "Attachment C" for the current Terms and Conditions dated November 21, 2025, which may be updated in the future. Any future updates to these Terms and Conditions will be binding on any agreement resulting from this RFQ. Current Terms and Conditions can be found online at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants/federal-grant-assistance/federal-grant-assistance>.

D. BACKGROUND

Formed in 2015, The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a marine cargo operating partnership of the ports of Tacoma and Seattle. The NWSA is the fourth-largest container gateway in North America. To learn more about the NWSA, visit www.nwseaportalliance.com.

Pierce County Terminal (**PCT**) is located at 4015 SR-509 N. Frontage Rd. The terminal was expanded and reconstructed in 2005 and encompasses approximately 155 acres, including container marshalling areas, an intermodal rail yard, approximately 2,087 linear

feet of wharf with seven post-panamax gantry cranes used for servicing container vessels. Operations at PCT include wheeled/grounded container import, grounded container export, and grounded empty cargo.

Included in the marshalling yard is the Transfer Zone. The Transfer Zone is a series of stalls that are used by inbound and outbound trucks with either full or empty containers. Trucks park in the Transfer Zone stalls and the drivers exit their trucks while container handling equipment (straddle carriers) park over the truck to either load or offload the container from the truck and complete the transaction. The trucks then either await for a new container to be loaded or depart the terminal.

There are approximately 30 total Transfer Zone stalls and the terminal completes an average of 1,000 transactions per day. In general, trucks, either with or without a container, enter the terminal, complete required paperwork and then park in an available stall. All truck related container exchanges happen in the transfer zone. The southern stalls generally see the highest use due to ease of access. Due to the heavy use and age of the Transfer Zone paving, particularly the southernmost stalls, the pavement has degraded over time and has experienced an increase in rutting and pavement failure. Excessive rutting and/or pavement failure prevents container handling equipment from being able to safely operate in the Transfer Zone and in turn decreases the overall capacity of the terminal. Due to the extensive deterioration of the Transfer Zone pavement and the increasing frequency of repairs, full depth replacement/rehabilitation of the pavement is required.

E. TERMS & CONDITIONS

The NWSA's Standard Terms and Conditions are included with the Sample Professional Services Agreement (Attachment B) to this RFQ. By submitting a SOQ, the Proposer represents that it has carefully read and agrees to be bound by the NWSA's Standard Terms and Conditions. Identify during the question submittal and response period, any sections you consider onerous, clarify why you consider these sections onerous, propose alternative language and describe why it is in the NWSA's best interests to adopt the alternative language.

SOQs submitted with altered or conditioned Terms and Conditions without prior written agreement from the NWSA will be considered non-responsive and not considered for evaluation.

Proposers submit SOQs understanding all contract terms and conditions are mandatory. Response submittal is agreement to the Contract without exception. The NWSA reserves the right to negotiate changes to submitted SOQs and to change the NWSA's otherwise mandatory Contract form during negotiations. If the Proposer is awarded a contract and refuses to sign the attached Contract form, the NWSA may reject the Proposer from this and future solicitations for the same work. Under no circumstances shall Proposer submit its own boilerplate of terms and conditions.

F. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The NWSA is seeking a prime consultant to provide survey, civil and geotechnical engineering services to support the project. The consultant will produce bid-ready design drawings and technical specifications. The consultant will also be expected to provide responses to agency comments during the permitting process to support their design. During the bidding and construction phases, the consultant will be expected to provide technical assistance in the form of responding to RFI's, advising on change order proposals, attending weekly construction progress meetings and producing record drawings from the contractor's red-lined as-builts.

The work may include, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

- **Design Phase**
 - Surveying and field investigations
 - Civil/Geotechnical engineering design (Asphalt, Stormwater, Utilities, Subgrade)
 - Construction Cost estimates
 - Technical specifications
 - Preparing draft and final bid documents
- **Bidding Phase**
 - Responses to questions
 - Preparation of addendums
 - Attending the pre-bid meeting
- **Construction Phase**
 - Respond to RFIs
 - Submittal and change order review
 - Issue resolution
 - Draft Record Drawings

G. DELIVERABLES

Design Phase

- Field/site investigation reports
- Permit review drawings
- Progress milestone packages at 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% to include:
 - Construction Drawings
 - Engineer's Probable Cost Estimate
 - Technical specifications

Bidding Phase

- Issued for Bid drawings and technical specifications
- Responses to technical questions submitted during the advertisement and provide addendums as necessary

- Attendance at the pre-bid site walk

Construction Phase

- Attendance at weekly construction meetings (virtual meetings via MS Teams)
- RFI, Change Order and Submittal review
- Issue resolution
- Preparation of record drawings

H. QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal consulting firm will be proficient in designing stormwater conveyance and treatment systems, heavy duty asphalt design and soils analysis. The consultant must be licensed to practice civil engineering in the state of Washington. The consultant should have experience with public works projects.

I. SOQ ELEMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

SOQs should present information in a straightforward and concise manner, while ensuring complete and detailed descriptions of the Vendor (to include the prime, key team members, and major sub-consultants) and the team's ability to meet the requirements and provide the requested services of this RFQ. Emphasis will be on completeness of content. The written SOQs should be prepared in the same sequential order as outlined below.

SOQs are limited to 8 numbered pages (8 ½ by 11 inch) **excluding** the cover letter and all appendices. All pages shall be in portrait orientation with 1-inch (1") margins. Font size shall be 10 point or larger. SOQs that do not follow this format may be rejected. Submittals need to be limited to **9 MB** in total size.

The cover letter shall include the RFQ Number & Title in the subject line, and the Name, Title, Email Address, Phone Number, and current Address of the submitting team. SOQ's that do not follow this format may be rejected. **The cover letter shall include the following information (even if the answer is None):**

- **Describe any claim submitted by any client against the prime firm within the past two (2) years related to the professional services provided by the firm or its key personnel. For purposes of this request, claim means a sum of money in dispute in excess of 10% of the firm's fee for the services provided.**
- **Any real or perceived conflicts of interest for team members, inclusive of the prime, sub-consultants, and key team members.**

SOQs are to address criteria #1 (Qualifications and Experience) and criteria #2 (Project Approach Narrative) in the Initial Evaluation Phase. Format your SOQ in the order presented here with headings for each lettered item (a, b, c, etc.) outlined below:

INITIAL EVALUATION PHASE

1. Qualifications & Experience.....50 PTS

a) Project Team (30 points available)

- Identify the proposed team members. Include working titles, degrees, certificates and licenses. Demonstrate the team's experience in performing the requested services and describe how the team meets or exceeds the required qualifications.
 - Resumes of the key individuals may be included as an appendix and are not included in the total page count. Resumes are to be limited to one (1) single-sided, letter-size page. Resumes exceeding this limit will not be reviewed.
 - Provide an organizational chart demonstrating the relationships and hierarchy of the team described above and availability to support NWSA projects. Identify individuals by name, position, discipline and firm. Identify key backup personnel.
 - The NWSA will evaluate the experience, technical competence, and qualifications of the key personnel identified, their project specific roles and responsibilities, and overall organization of the project team. Emphasis will be placed on experience and expertise in performing work of similar scope and complexity.
- Demonstrate the team's capacity to perform the work (including any specialized services) within the time constraints identified, considering the firm's current and planned workload.

b) Project Experience (20 points available)

- Include a list of three (3) recent contracts/projects in the last five (5) years. Include a brief description of services relevant to the items listed in the Scope of Services as performed by the key personnel. Only projects completed by key members of the project team will be considered.

2. Project Approach Narrative.....50 PTS

SOQs should clearly outline the team's recommended approach and methodology for:

a) General information for supporting the NWSA with an overall approach to civil and geotechnical engineering services (30 points available)

b) Accomplishing the Scope of Services (20 points available)

- Clearly describe the approaches and methods that will be used to accomplish the tasks required in the Scope of Services. Include a summary of innovative ideas and suggestions for enhancing the scope of services.
- Project Management: Describe how the team will manage and coordinate the necessary disciplines required to accomplish the services requested.

- Coordination & Communication. Provide a plan for communications and coordination between the Project Team, the NWSA's Project Manager, and the various Stakeholders.

FINAL EVALUATION PHASE (if applicable)

1. Oral Presentations (if requested) 100 PTS

Oral Presentations will be conducted with the top-ranked SOQ. Failure to participate in the process will result in the Vendor's disqualification from further consideration. Oral Presentations will be conducted by online video meeting.

2. References (if requested) Pass/Fail

Reference checks may be performed on the selected firm, if based directly on the SOQ's received, or on shortlisted firms if Oral Presentations are being requested. The NWSA may evaluate the reference checks to assess the proposed Vendor's overall performance and success of previous, similar work. Reference checks may also be utilized to validate information contained in the SOQ.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING (ATTACHED)

ATTACHMENT B – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TEMPLATE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS (ATTACHED)

ATTACHMENT C – MARAD PIDP 2024 FEDERAL GRANT (SEPARATE DOCUMENT)

ATTACHMENT D – PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION (SEPARATE DOCUMENT)

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

SOLICITATION TIMELINE:

Issuance of RFQ	February 23, 2026
*Last Day To Submit Questions	March 11, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
*SOQ packets due	March 25, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
Review/Shortlist	April 1, 2026
Oral Presentations (if required)	April 6-10, 2026
*Final Selection	April 15, 2026
*Execute Contract	April 22, 2026

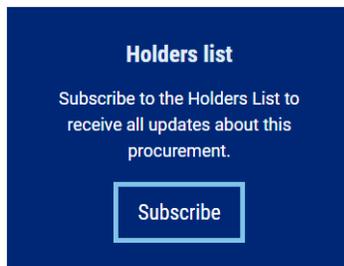
*Dates are tentative and may be subject to change.

All status updates on the above solicitation timeline will be announced on the NWSA's website for this solicitation.

VENDOR OBLIGATION

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (**NWSA**) and Port of Tacoma's (**PORT**) Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications can be accessed on the following websites, www.portoftacoma.com (**PORT**) under 'Business -> Contracting -> Procurement' or <https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/> (**NWSA**) under 'Resources -> Procurement.'

When viewing the details page for this procurement on the NWSA's Website firms have the option of subscribing to the Holder's List.



By subscribing to the Holder's List, firms will automatically be notified when new documents or changes relating to this procurement occur.

***Only those who have subscribed to the Holder's List will receive notifications throughout the procurement process, up until a firm is selected.**

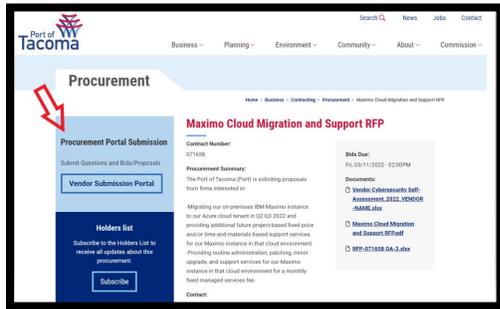
COMMUNICATION / INQUIRES

All communications is to be sent through Michelle Walker, the Procurement Analyst.

Proposers who, relative to this scope of services, contact any individuals or Commission members representing the NWSA or the PORT, other than the Procurement Representative listed on the solicitation may be disqualified from consideration.

ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING

Written questions about the meaning or intent of the Solicitation Documents shall only be submitted to the Procurement Department via the Procurement Portal (Portal link is accessible via this specific procurements website. See left side of page.).



Proposers who may have questions about provisions of these documents are to submit their questions by the date listed on the solicitation. The NWSA will respond to all written questions submitted by this deadline, and responses will be posted on the corresponding procurements website.

ADDENDA

The NWSA may make changes to this Solicitation. Oral or other interpretations, clarifications or submittal instructions will be without legal effect. Any information modifying a solicitation will be furnished in a formal, written addendum. If at any time, the NWSA changes, revises, deletes, increases, or otherwise modifies the Solicitation, the NWSA will issue a written Addendum to the Solicitation. Addenda will be posted to the NWSA's web site and conveyed to those potential submitters who have requested to be placed on the Holder's List.

SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Electronic Submittal:

SOQs must be received via the procurement portal on or before the date and time outlined on the front page of this RFQ.

Procurement Submission Portal Instructions:

Navigate to this procurements web page (referencing the number and name) via the following link [Procurement | Port of Tacoma](#) or [Procurement | Northwest Seaport Alliance](#). While on the procurements page, click on the 'Procurement Submission Portal' link (located on the lefthand side of the page).

Full instructions on how to utilize the submission portal can be found on the NWSA's Procurement website.

Please submit SOQ, including all separate attachments and compensation in separate Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Submittals need to be limited to **9 MB in total size**. **It is the Consultant's responsibility to verify the receipt of the submittal. Electronic verification will be provided.**

***Late SOQs will not be accepted by the NWSA. SOQs received after the stated date and time will not be reviewed and shall be deemed non-responsive.**

ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING

All SOQs submitted shall be valid and binding on the submitting firm for a period of ninety (90) days following the submittal deadline and for any extension of time granted by the submitting firm.

EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

An evaluation team, using the point method of award, will review each SOQ and evaluate all responses received based upon the criteria listed herein. The NWSA may request clarifications or additional information, if needed. After the evaluation team individually scores each SOQ, the scores are tallied, and the firms are ranked based on the scores. A selection may be made based on the SOQs and initial evaluation criteria alone. Alternatively, the evaluation team may create a short list of the top ranked firms and invite the short-listed firms in for interview and/or check references. Scores for reference checks and interviews will be tallied and added to the short-listed firm's initial evaluation scores. Final selection will be based on the accumulative score.

The NWSA intends to select the Proposer who represents the most qualified to the NWSA.

The NWSA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all information in its entirety or in part and to waive informalities and minor irregularities and to contract as the best interest of the NWSA may require. The NWSA reserves the right to reject any or all SOQs submitted as non-responsive or non-responsible.

PROCEDURE WHEN ONLY ONE SOQ IS RECEIVED

In the event that a single responsive SOQ is received, the Proposer shall provide any additional data required by the NWSA to analyze the SOQ. The NWSA reserves the right to reject such SOQs for any reason.

GENERAL INFORMATION

News releases pertaining to this RFQ, the services, or the project to which it relates, shall not be made without prior approval by, and then only in coordination with, the NWSA.

COSTS BORNE BY PROPOSERS

All costs incurred in the preparation of a SOQ and participation in this RFQ and negotiation process shall be borne by the proposing firms.

PROTEST PROCESS

A Proposer protesting for any reason the Solicitation Documents, a evaluation procedure, the NWSA's objection to a Proposer a person or entity proposed by the Proposer, including but not limited to a finding of non-Responsibility, the Award of the Contract or any other aspect arising from or relating in any way to the Solicitation shall cause a written protest to be filed with the NWSA within two (2) business days of the event giving rise to the protest. (Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are not counted as business days.) The written protest shall include the name of the protesting Proposer, the RFQ solicitation number and title under which the protest is submitted, a detailed description of the specific factual and legal grounds for the protest, copies of all supporting documents, evidence that the apparent proposer has been given notice of the protest, and the specific relief requested. The written protest shall be sent by email to procurement@portoftacoma.com.

ATTACHMENT A – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSING

Consideration. Upon receipt of the written protest, the NWSA will consider the protest. The NWSA may, within three (3) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the protest, provide any other affected Proposer(s) the opportunity to respond in writing to the protest. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement of the protesting Proposer and the NWSA, the Contracts Director of the NWSA or his or her designee will review the issues and promptly furnish a final and binding written decision to the protesting Bidder and any other affected Proposer(s) within six (6) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the protest. (If more than one (1) protest is filed, the NWSA's decision will be provided within three (3), but no more than six (6) business days of the NWSA's receipt of the last protest.) If no reply is received from the NWSA during the six (6) business-day period, the protest will be deemed rejected.

Waiver. Failure to comply with these protest procedures will render a protest waived. Condition Precedent. Timely and proper compliance with and exhaustion of these protest procedures shall be a condition precedent to any otherwise permissible judicial consideration of a protest.

SMALL BUSINESS AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Northwest Seaport Alliance encourages participation in all its contracts by MWBE firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (**OMWBE**). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation/invitation or as a subcontractor to a Proposer. However, unless required by federal statutes, regulations, grants, or contract terms referenced in the contract documents, no preference will be included in the evaluation of submittals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award and submittals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis. Any affirmative action requirements set forth in federal regulations or statutes included or referenced in the contract documents will apply. The selected firm will be required to show evidence of outreach.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

SOQs submitted under this Solicitation will be considered public documents and, with limited exceptions, will become public information and may be reviewed by appointment by anyone requesting to do so following the conclusion of the evaluation, negotiation, and award process. This process is concluded when a signed contract is completed between the NWSA and the selected Consultant.

If a firm considers any portion of its response to be protected under the law, the vendor shall clearly identify each such portion with words such as **CONFIDENTIAL**, **PROPRIETARY** or **TRADE SECRET** on each page for which the protection is sought. If a request is made for disclosure of such portion, the NWSA will notify the vendor of the request and allow the vendor not less than ten (10) days to seek a protective order from the Courts or other appropriate remedy and/or waive the claimed confidentiality. Unless such protective order is obtained and provided to the NWSA by the stated deadline, the NWSA will release the requested portions of the SOQ. By submitting a response, the vendor assents to the procedure outlined in this paragraph and shall have no claim against the NWSA on account of actions taken under such procedure.

ATTACHMENT B – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TEMPLATE & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 022026-1020

TITLE: PCT Transfer Zone Pavement Reconstruction

Consultant: [VENDOR], [VENDORADD]

CONTRACT OWNER: Kyle Smith PROJECT NO./G/L NO.: 202059

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Northwest Seaport Alliance (hereinafter referred to as the **NWSA** and [VENDOR] (hereinafter referred to as the **Consultant**) for the furnishing of civil and geotechnical engineering services (hereinafter referred to as the **Project**).

The NWSA and Consultant mutually agree as follows:

SCOPE OF WORK

The NWSA is seeking a prime consultant to provide civil and geotechnical engineering services to support the project. The consultant will produce bid-ready design drawings and technical specifications. The consultant will also be expected to provide responses to agency comments during the permitting process to support their design. During the bidding and construction phases, the consultant will be expected to provide technical assistance in the form of responding to RFI's, advising on change order proposals, attending weekly construction progress meetings and producing record drawings from the contractor's red-lined as-builts...

COMPENSATION

\$1,000,000.00 + any applicable Washington State Sales Tax (WSST)...

TERM

The period of performance of the contract is anticipated to be three (3) years from the execution of the contract, with options for renewal at the sole discretion of the NWSA, for a possible total of five (5) years. ...

AGREED

This agreement is expressly conditioned upon the Terms and Conditions attached...

NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE

[VENDOR]

By

By

[CM]

Date

[VENDORSIGN]

Date

[CMTITLE]

[VENDORTITLE]

1. Relationship of the Parties

Consultant and its employees are independent Contractors. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create a relationship of employer and employee or of principal and agent.

2. Subconsultant and Supplier Relations

- a. Subconsultants at all tiers shall be approved by the Port prior to performing Services in support of this Agreement between Consultant and Port.
- b. The award of a subcontract does not create a contract between the Port and the subconsultant. Subconsultants shall have no rights whatsoever against the Port by reason of their contract with the Consultant. The foregoing provision shall apply with equal force to subconsultants, suppliers and all other persons or parties otherwise engaged by the Consultant to do any portion of the Services.
- c. The Consultant shall ensure every subcontract shall bind the subconsultant to the applicable terms of the Agreement. The Consultant shall appropriately monitor the activities of the subconsultant. In no event shall the activities of the subconsultant operate to release or reduce the liability of the Consultant to the Port for any breach in the performance of the Consultant’s duties.

3. Conflicts of Interest

Consultant warrants that it has no direct or indirect economic interest which conflicts in any manner with its performance of the Services required under this Agreement. Consultant warrants that it has not retained any person to solicit this Agreement and has not agreed to pay such person any compensation or other consideration contingent upon the execution of this Agreement.

4. Compliance with Laws

- a. Consultant agrees to comply with all local, state, tribal, and federal laws and regulations applicable to the Services existing at the time this Agreement was executed or that became applicable subsequent to this Agreement’s execution, and those regarding employee safety, the workplace environment, and employment eligibility verifications as required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Consultant shall obtain and maintain all professional licenses and permits required to complete the Services.
- b. Consultant must comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**), Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (**WISHA**),

Department of Labor, Environmental Protection Agency and other applicable environmental standards as prescribed by law while on or occupying Port-owned properties.

- c. The Consultant is responsible for ensuring that all personnel performing Services are paid wages in accordance with federal, state and local laws when applicable.

5. Records and other Tangibles

- a. a. Port Data means any data, records, or information provided by or pertaining to Port of Tacoma and Northwest Seaport Alliance, collectively referred to as the Port Entities, including but not limited to operational, financial, and personal data.
- b. The NWSA is a public entity and must maintain access to, and be able to provide, records per RCW 40.14, RCW 42.56, and the Secretary of State’s Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (**CORE**) (Current Version at time of execution). Therefore, until the expiration of six (6) years after the term of this Agreement, consultant agrees to maintain accurate records of all activities done in providing the Services and to deliver such records to the NWSA upon termination of the Agreement or otherwise as requested by the NWSA.
- c. The NWSA or its designated agent, and federal and state auditing authorities have the right to audit this Agreement and access to all records and documents, including financial data, for a period of not less than six (6) years after Completion of all projects related to this Agreement or until resolution of any litigation related to this Agreement whichever occurs last.

6. Ownership of Intellectual Property (IP)

- a. The plans, specifications, models, programs, reports, and other products prepared by the Consultant in performing the Services are Instruments of Service for purposes of the copyright laws of the United States. The NWSA has ownership rights to the Instruments of Service. Consultant shall not be liable for changes made in the Instruments of Service by anyone other than the Consultant. Consultant shall have free right to retain, copy and use any tangible materials or information produced but only for its own internal purposes. Any patentable result or materials suitable for copyright arising out of this Agreement shall be owned by and made available to the NWSA for public use,

- unless the NWSA determines it is not in the public interest that it be owned or available.
- b. The Instruments of Service shall include all calculations, notes, draft documents, reports, drawings, specifications, electronic files, including e-mails, and any other materials, information or documentation developed or prepared in the performance of the Services and shall be owned by and treated as NWSA property. The Consultant shall obtain no proprietary rights or interest the Instruments of Service.
- c. Any items incorporated into the Instruments of Service that were developed by the Consultant prior to the execution of this Agreement, and not paid for by the NWSA, is not covered by this provision "Consultant Data."
- d. All information, materials, data and documentation furnished or made available to the Consultant by the NWSA for purposes of performing services pursuant to this Agreement on this project shall remain the property of the NWSA (Port Data). The Consultant shall obtain no proprietary rights or ownership interests to such Port Data. At the NWSA's written request, the Consultant shall return all such Port Data remaining in the Consultant's possession at the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

7. Disclosure

All information developed by the Consultant, all analyses or opinions reached by the Consultant (Instruments of Service) and all information made available to the Consultant by the Port Data, shall not be disclosed by the Consultant without the written consent of the NWSA.

8. Compensation

- a. As full compensation for the performance of its obligations of this Agreement and the Services, the NWSA shall pay Consultant as specified in the Agreement.
- b. Consultant is responsible for working within the agreement amount. Should the consultant incur costs beyond the agreement amount without an executed amendment to this agreement, the Consultant is solely responsible for the additional costs.
- c. Consultant expenses will be reimbursed at cost with the exception of:
 - i. Subconsultant services will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.

- ii. Services provided by a third party will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.
- d. Costs marked up by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall the mark up at any tier exceed the negotiated percentage.
- e. Reimbursable expenses by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall markup be applied to reimbursable expenses at any level.
- f. Rates: Rates are fully burdened and will remain in effect for the contract term unless renegotiated and agreed to by both parties in a written amendment.
 - i. Rates may be negotiated no more than once annually. Rate adjustments will be tied to the CPI for the Seattle, Tacoma/Bremerton area.
- g. Rates and Markup: are defined in the attached Rate Sheet and made a part of this contract.
- h. Overtime: The Port will allow overtime rates for preapproved labor categories, as required by federal law, at 1.5 times the rate when approved in advance by the Project Manager and when required by the nature of the Services. The Consultant shall submit a list of labor classifications to which overtime rates are applicable to by law.
- i. Local Travel Compensation for vehicle usage will be paid at the current Internal Revenue Service allowable mileage reimbursement rate. Out of state mileage will not be paid. Consultants who are located within 50 miles of the Project site will not be reimbursed for meals, lodging or mileage.
- j. Other Travel:
 - i. The Port will reimburse the Consultant for all allowable travel expenses (including expenses for travel by car, air, water and rail, accommodation and meals) incurred in order to provide the Services to the Port in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - ii. Lodging and meal reimbursement is in accordance with the following Per Diem rates established by the IRS at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/resources/travel.asp>
 - iii. Amounts reimbursed will be computed at the rate for physical location to which travel is authorized by the Project

Manager. Lodging, travel and local mileage must be approved in writing by the Project Manager prior to performing travel. Request for travel should include a breakout of costs associated with the requested travel.

- iv. Airfare will be reimbursed at the lowest available commercial coach rate. Airfare will be booked at least 15 days in advance of travel. The Port will reimburse for up to a mid-size vehicle with standard equipment (this does not include GPS, video screens, etc). The Port will also reimburse for gasoline expense associated with rental vehicle with the exception of gasoline provided/billed by the rental car company. The Port will not reimburse the Consultant for mileage at the IRS rate on a rented vehicle. Receipts are required for all reimbursed expenses with the exception of meals. Reimbursement (other than meals) will be for actual costs incurred subject to the Per Diem rates established by the IRS at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/resources/travel.asp> for the location to which travel has been authorized.

9. Invoices

- a. Consultant shall submit detailed numbered invoices showing descriptions of the Services being invoiced, work order number, title of the Project, total authorized, total current invoice, balance of authorization, individual’s names and titles, hours, hourly rate, and all authorized expenses, if allowed, for the month, itemized, with backup, in accordance with the NWSA’s “Guidelines for Consultant Fees and Reimbursable Items”, by the 10th of the following month to be paid by the end of the 30th, unless other terms are agreed to by the parties.
- b. Consultant agrees to submit timely invoices as the Services progress. Invoices that are submitted for payment ninety (90) days or more after the Services were completed are subject to non-payment.
- c. Un-invoiced Services performed through December 31 of each year shall be invoiced no later than the 7th day of January. If the Consultant is unable to provide an invoice, they shall advise the NWSA in writing with a summary of the work completed and the accrual amount to be invoiced through December 31 of that year.

10. Costs and Disbursements

Consultant is responsible for and shall pay all costs and disbursements required for the performance of the Services.

11. Standard of Care

- a. Consultant shall perform the Services to conform to generally accepted professional standards. Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical adequacy and accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all plans, designs, drawings and specifications prepared under this Agreement. Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or omissions in such Services.
- b. The NWSA’s approval of plans, drawings and specifications shall not relieve Consultant of responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy thereof. The Consultant shall remain liable for damages and costs incurred by the NWSA arising from the Consultant’s errors, omissions, or negligent performance of the Services.

12. Time

Time is a material consideration in the performance of the Services. The Consultant shall complete the Services within the agreed upon schedule, including any established milestones and task completion dates, and the overall period of performance. The completion dates for tasks may be modified by a written directive; however, the period of performance for the Agreement may only be modified through an amendment. The period of performance and contract milestones shall not be extended because of any unwarranted delays attributable to the Consultant. The period of performance and contract milestones may be extended in the event of a delay caused by the NWSA which results in a delay in the performance of an affected task, because of unavoidable delay caused by any governmental action, or other conditions beyond the control of the Consultant, which could not reasonably be anticipated and which results in a delay in the period of performance and contract schedule. Upon mutual agreement, the period of performance may be accelerated to meet Project requirements.

13. Assignability

The Consultant may not assign, transfer, or novate all or any portion of the Agreement, including but not limited to any claim or right to the Contract Sum, without the NWSA’s prior written consent. If the Consultant attempts to make an assignment, transfer, or novation without the NWSA’s consent, the assignment or novation, shall be of no effect, and the Consultant shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Agreement. The Consultant also shall not assign or transfer to

any third party any claims it may have against the NWSA arising under the Agreement or otherwise related to the Project.

14. Termination of Agreement

a. Termination for Default:

i. The NWSA may terminate this Agreement, in writing, if the Consultant substantially fails to fulfill any or all of its material obligations under this Agreement through no fault of the NWSA; provided that the Consultant has been given an opportunity to cure.

1. Cure Notice: If the NWSA determines that a breach of this Agreement has occurred, that is, the Consultant has failed to comply with any material terms or conditions of this Agreement or the Consultant has failed to provide in any manner the Services agreed to herein, and if the NWSA deems said breach to warrant corrective action, the following sequential procedure will apply:

- ii. The NWSA will provide the Consultant with a written Cure Notice, notifying the Consultant of the nature of the breach.
- iii. The Consultant shall respond within five (5) calendar days of the notification. The Consultant shall submit a corrective action plan indicating the steps to be taken to correct the specified deficiencies within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notification. The corrective action plan shall specify the proposed completion date for bringing this Agreement into compliance within the number of calendar days specified by the NWSA;

b. Show Cause Notice:

- i. In the event that the Consultant does not respond within the appropriate time with a corrective action plan, the NWSA will provide the Consultant with a written Show Cause Notice; notifying the Consultant of their requirement to notify the NWSA in writing within seven (7) calendar days of any reason the NWSA should not terminate this Agreement. At the expiration of the seven (7) calendar day period the NWSA may commence termination of this Agreement in whole or in part.
- ii. The NWSA may withhold payment owed the Consultant, instruct the Consultant to stop work and to refrain from incurring

additional costs until the NWSA is satisfied that the breach has been corrected.

- iii. No increase in total price or period of performance shall result from breach of this Agreement; and
- iv. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect or waive any other rights of the NWSA.

c. Notice of Termination:

- i. If the NWSA terminates this Agreement for default, the NWSA shall determine the amount of Services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination and the amount owing to the Consultant using the criteria set forth below; provided, that (a) no amount shall be allowed for anticipated profit on unperformed Services or other work and (b) any payment due to the Consultant at the time of termination may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs the NWSA incurs because of the Consultant's default. In such event, the NWSA shall consider the actual costs incurred by the Consultant in performing this Agreement to the date of termination, the amount of Services originally required which was satisfactorily completed to the date of termination, whether the Services are in a form or of a type which is usable and suitable to the NWSA at the date of termination, the cost to the NWSA of completing the Services itself or of employing another firm to complete it and the inconvenience and time which may be required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the NWSA of the Services performed to the date of termination. Under no circumstances shall payments made under this provision exceed the Total Price set forth in this Agreement. This provision shall not preclude the NWSA from filing claims and/or commencing litigation to secure compensation for damages incurred beyond that covered by withheld payments.
- ii. Upon receipt of a termination notice the Consultant shall at no additional cost to the NWSA:
 - 1. Promptly discontinue all Services (unless the notice directs otherwise);
 - 2. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of termination, promptly deliver or otherwise make available to the

NWSA all Instruments of Service and Port Data including data, drawings, electronic drawing files, specifications, calculations, reports, estimates, summaries, official Project documentation and other Project documentation, such other information and materials as the Consultant or subconsultants may have accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in progress and all equipment/materials purchased specifically for this Agreement where the NWSA has paid the Consultant for such items.

3. Upon termination, the NWSA may take over the Services and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise.

d. Termination for Convenience:

- i. The NWSA may terminate this Agreement, for the convenience of the NWSA. The NWSA shall terminate by delivery to the Consultant a Notice of Termination specifying the termination and the effective date.
- ii. If the NWSA terminates this Agreement for convenience, the NWSA shall pay the Consultant for the following items:
 1. An amount for Direct Labor Costs and Indirect Costs in accordance with the Agreement for Services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.
 2. Reasonable invoiced Other Direct Costs as allowed by the Agreement, actually incurred before the date of termination; or
 3. Reasonable termination settlement costs the Consultant actually incurred unless the NWSA determines to assume said commitments. Reasonable termination settlement costs include settlement costs for subconsultants, and reasonable accounting and clerical costs actually incurred by the Consultant.

- iii. Upon receipt of a termination notice the Consultant shall at no additional cost to the NWSA:
 1. Promptly discontinue all Services (unless the notice directs otherwise);
 2. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of termination, promptly deliver or otherwise make available to the NWSA all Instruments of Services and Port Data including drawings, specifications, calculations, reports, estimates, summaries, official Project documentation, other Project documentation, and such other information and materials as the Consultant may have accumulated in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in progress and all equipment/materials purchased specifically for this Agreement where the NWSA has reimbursed the Consultant for such costs;
 3. Take any action necessary, or that the NWSA may direct, for the protection and preservation of property related to this Agreement that is in the possession of the Consultant and in which the NWSA has or may acquire an interest.
- iv. Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the notice of Termination for Convenience, the Consultant shall submit to the NWSA a Termination Settlement Proposal. The Termination Settlement Proposal shall include:
 1. Request for Direct Labor Costs and Indirect Costs for services satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.
 2. As allowed by the Agreement, Actual and reasonable Other Direct Costs incurred before the termination.
 3. Documentation supporting all costs identified in the Termination Settlement Proposal; and
 4. A statement certifying, under penalty of perjury, that the Termination Settlement Proposal is made in good faith,

the Termination Settlement Proposal and supporting data are true and accurate to the best of the Consultant's knowledge and belief, the Termination Settlement Proposal is fully supported by the accompanying data, and the amount requested accurately reflects the amount for which the Consultant believes the NWSA is responsible.

- v. Termination settlement costs and proposals are subject to audit verification by the NWSA.
- vi. Upon termination, the NWSA may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise.

15. Disputes

If a dispute arises relating to this Agreement and cannot be settled through direct discussions, the parties agree to endeavor to settle the dispute through a mediation firm acceptable to both parties, the cost of which shall be divided equally. The NWSA reserves the right to join any dispute under this Agreement with any other claim in litigation or other dispute resolution forum, and the Consultant agrees to such joinder, so that all disputes related to this Agreement may be consolidated and resolved in one forum.

16. Venue & Governing Law

Venue for any litigation shall be the Pierce County Superior Court of the State of Washington and the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney(s) fees. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Washington.

17. Integration and Merger/ Extent of Agreement

- a. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated understanding between the NWSA and Consultant, supersedes any previous written or oral representations and may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the NWSA and Consultant. No verbal agreement or conversation between any officer, agent, associate or employee of NWSA and any officer, agency, employee or associate of consultant prior to or following the execution of this Agreement shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained in this Agreement.
- b. Authority to sign. Every signer of this Agreement warrants that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement and to bind the entity for which they represent.

18. Non-Discrimination

- a. Nondiscrimination in Employment and Provision of Services: During performance of this Agreement, the Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of the employee or applicant's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity Efforts: The Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement agree to undertake equal employment opportunity efforts to ensure that applicants and employees are treated, without regard to their age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.
- c. The Consultant and all parties subcontracting under the authority of this Agreement shall comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, executive orders and regulations that prohibit discrimination.

19. Indemnity / Hold Harmless Clause

- a. The Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and its officers, managing members, employees and agents from and against any liability, claims, damages, losses, expenses or actions, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising out of the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongdoing of Consultant or its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agents; or arising out of a failure to comply with any applicable state, federal, local, law, statute, rule, regulation or act by the Consultant or its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agent's provided, however, that for any defense obligation related to a claim for which Contractor has insurance coverage under a professional liability policy, such obligation shall be limited to reimbursement by the Consultant for expenses incurred by the Port of Tacoma or the Northwest Seaport Alliance.

- b. This duty to indemnify, defend and hold harmless shall not apply to claims which arise solely out of negligence on the part of the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and this duty shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
 - c. Consultant specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by Consultant's own employees against the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, Consultant specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, Title 51 RCW. Consultant's indemnity obligations shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable to or for any third party under the Worker Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts, or other employee benefit acts. Consultant recognizes that this waiver was the subject of mutual negotiation.
 - d. Consultant shall indemnify and hold the Port of Tacoma and Northwest Seaport Alliance harmless from and against any liability, expense, fines, penalties, cost, demand, or other obligation, resulting from or out of any cyber-related risk that include theft, loss or misuse of data, release of private information as result of a network breach, penetration, compromise, or loss of IT systems control.
 - e. The provisions of this Section 19 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- b. Captions: All titles, including sections or subsections, are for convenience only and do not define or limit the contents.
 - c. Severability: Any term or provision of this Agreement found to be prohibited by law shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remainder of the Agreement.
 - d. Waiver: No covenant, term, or the breach thereof shall be deemed waived, except by written consent of the Party against whom the waiver is claimed, and any waiver of the breach of any covenant, term or condition shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant, term or condition. Neither the acceptance by NWSA of any performance by consultant after the time the same shall have become due nor payment to consultant for any portion of the Services shall constitute a waiver by NWSA of the breach or default of any covenant, term or condition unless otherwise this is expressly agreed to by NWSA, in writing. NWSA's failure to insist on performance of any of the terms or conditions herein or to exercise any right or privilege or NWSA's waiver of any breach hereunder shall not thereafter waive any other term, condition, or privilege, whether of the same or similar type.
 - e. Negotiated Agreement: The Parties acknowledge that this is a negotiated Agreement, that they have had the opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by respective legal counsel, and that terms and conditions are not construed against any Party on the basis of such Party's draftsmanship thereof.
 - f. No Personal Liability: No officer, agent or authorized employee of either NWSA or Consultant shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under this Agreement, whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement or representation made herein or in any connection with this Agreement.

20. General Insurance Requirements

The Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement such insurance as shall protect it from claims or damages for, IT Professional or Cyber Liability, bodily injury, including death resulting therefrom as well as from claims for property damage, and cyber-related risks such as theft, loss or misuse of data, release of private information as result of a network breach, penetration, compromise, or loss of IT systems control, which may arise from operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by itself, its agents, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and shall comply with any such Project specific insurance requirements as determined by the NWSA.

21. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. Remedies Cumulative: Rights under this Agreement are cumulative and nonexclusive of any other remedy at law or in equity.

22. Key Personnel

The Consultant's key personnel, as described in the Consultant selection submittals, shall remain assigned for the duration of the Project unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the NWSA.

23. Insurance - Assumption of Risk

- a. As a further consideration in determining compensation amounts, the Consultant shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, such commercial general liability insurance, professional liability insurance and environmental liability

insurance including asbestos abatement liability and other insurance as required by contract for this project that shall protect Consultant and any subconsultant performing work under this Agreement from claims for damages from bodily injury, including death, resulting therefrom as well as from claims for property damage, economic damage or cleanup costs, which may arise under this Agreement, whether arising from operations conducted by the Consultant, any subconsultant, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Consultant recognizes that it is the obligation of the Consultant to ensure that all Subconsultants of any tier have insurance for the activities performed under this agreement. If this agreement requires that a Subconsultant perform ultra-hazardous operations the NWSA will require that it be named as an Additional Insured by endorsement on all Subconsultant insurance policies and waivers of subrogation shall be provided by endorsement. Workers Compensation and Professional Liability are exempted from the additional insured requirement.

- b. Consultant shall submit to the NWSA, prior to the commencement of services, certificates of insurance evidencing:
 - i. Commercial General Liability coverage on occurrence form CG0001 or equivalent with limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 aggregate. Coverage will include: Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Personal & Advertising Injury; and
 - ii. Automobile Liability covering owned, non-owned and hired vehicles of \$2,000,000 combined single limit per accident; and
 - iii. Professional Liability including environmental consulting services of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. If the scope of Professional Services includes environmental testing, consulting or other such professional services, the Consultant's Professional Liability policy shall include coverage for these services. If such coverage is written on a claims-made basis, any retroactive date on the policy shall be prior to the start of this contract. Coverage shall remain in effect for the term of this Agreement plus three years. Certificates of Insurance citing the contract and project number shall be provided to the

NWSA on an annual basis for each of the three years.

- iv. Workers Compensation Insurance: Statutory Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Washington.
- v. Stop Gap/Employers Liability Insurance shall be provided with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim.
- vi. Protection and Indemnity Insurance/Jones Act: \$1,000,000 limits shall be provided covering all vessels and crew.
- vii. Maritime Employers Liability: \$1,000,000 limits shall be provided covering all divers.
- c. All policies shall be issued by a company having an A. M. Best Financial Strength Rating of A- and Financial Size Category of VIII or better. The Consultant shall be responsible for notifying the NWSA in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of notice of coverage being suspended, voided, cancelled or materially reduced. Except for professional liability, the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance shall be named as an additional insured on all policies by endorsement on ISO Form CG 20 10 Form B or equivalent. Except for Workers Compensation and Professional Liability, waivers of subrogation shall be provided by endorsement to all policies.
- d. Consultant is responsible for complying with the Washington State laws that pertain to industrial insurance (RCW 51). Consultant shall submit a current employer liability certificate as issued by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries that shows the status of Consultant's worker compensation account prior to contract execution, including those Consultants who are qualified self-insurers with the state. Consultant bears the responsibility to ensure that any out-of-state (non-Washington) employees and subconsultants have appropriate workers compensation coverage while working for the NWSA in Washington State. Consultant may be exempt from state worker compensation insurance requirements (RCW 51.12.020) such as if Consultant is a sole proprietor.
- e. Certain Services under this Agreement may require United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act (USL&H) and Jones Act. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for determining the applicability of USL&H and Jones Act coverage. The failure of the Consultant to procure either

USL&H or Jones Act coverage shall at no time create liability on the part of the NWSA. The Consultant shall bear all responsibility and shall indemnify and hold harmless the NWSA for any and all liability, cost and/or damages.

24. Payment Schedule

- a. Consultant shall submit detailed numbered invoices in accordance with the Agreement by the 10th of the month. After a complete and correct invoice has been received by the NWSA, payment will be made within thirty (30) days.
- b. Consultant shall submit detailed invoices showing the following:
 - i. Invoice Number, Contract number, Title, Invoice Period.
 - ii. Summary page with a brief description of Services completed during the invoice period, deliverables provided during the invoice period, and forthcoming milestones / deliverables.
 - iii. Further, provide a summary breakdown of all projects with the amount of the overall invoice to be charged to each project.
 - iv. Current Amount Due, with a Time and Materials Breakdown: titles, hours, hourly rates, and all expenses itemized, with backup, in accordance with the Contract.
 - v. Total amount of the Contract, and balance of Contract amount. Indicate “Final Invoice” when invoice is the final billing.

25. Compensation

- a. Consultant expenses will be reimbursed at cost with the exception of:
 - i. Subconsultant services will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.
 - ii. Services provided by a third party will be reimbursed at cost plus negotiated markup.
- b. Costs marked up by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall the mark up at any tier exceed the negotiated percentage.
- c. Reimbursable expenses by a sub-tier shall be passed through to higher tiers as a direct cost. In no case shall markup be applied to reimbursable expenses at any level.
- d. Rates: Rates are fully burdened and will remain in effect for the contract term unless

renegotiated and agreed to by both parties in a written amendment.

- i. Rates may be negotiated no more than once annually. Rate adjustments will be tied to the CPI for the Seattle, Tacoma/Bremerton area.

- e. Rates and Markup: are defined in the attached Rate Sheet and made a part of this contract.

26. Deliverables

All tangible materials produced as a result of this Agreement shall be prepared as specified by the NWSA’s Project Manager. Delivery of materials produced shall consist both of the tangible materials and one copy of any computer files used in the creation of the tangible product in a PDF format or other format specified by the NWSA.

27. Drawing, Specification and GIS

- a. Consultant shall prepare specifications using BSD SpecLink-E, Masterformat specification organization, latest edition.
- b. Consultant shall prepare specifications in accordance the NWSA’s Specification Standards available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms> and from the Port Project Manager. The Port’s Master format specifications are available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms>.
- c. All site plans, derivative drawings, record drawings, and bid plans shall be completed using Port GIS and CADD standards and layer/block protocols available at <https://www.portoftacoma.com/business/contracting/forms> and from the NWSA Project Manager.

28. Security – Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

- a. The Services may require the consultant to work within a secured/restricted TWIC regulated terminal.
- b. TWIC is a credentialing program managed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration. All credentialed merchant mariners and individuals who will need unescorted access to secure areas of a maritime regulated facility or vessel must obtain a TWIC. For more information on TWIC visit <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic>.
- c. The Consultant shall have a minimum of one TWIC compliant employee trained as an

escort for every five workers not possessing TWIC cards working on a secured or restricted site. Each escort will be required to receive Terminal Operator provided escort training.

29. Existing Hazardous Material Information

The NWSA shall furnish the Consultant with the information as required by the Hazard Communication standard for materials pre-existing on the Project. The Consultant is solely responsible for ensuring that this information is made available to the Consultant’s personnel, subconsultants, and that relevant information is incorporated into work products including, but not limited to, reports, specifications, and contract documents.

30. Extent of Agreement

- a. In the event the Consultant identifies something that may impact the Services, Project schedule, total price, task budget(s) or cost of performing the Services, the Consultant shall inform the Project Manager in writing prior to exceeding the task budget(s) and within seven (7) calendar days of the event and possible impacts to scope, schedule and cost or task budget.
- b. The Project Manager may, at any time, by written directive require the Consultant to perform the Services consistent with the Agreement; provided that this directive does not add scope or cost to the project.
- c. Any directive shall not constitute an amendment to the Agreement nor entitle the Consultant to any additional compensation or a time adjustment.

31. Prevailing Wages

- a. The Consultant shall ensure that all Subcontractors of any tier pay all prevailing wages and other wages (such as Davis-Bacon Act wages) applicable to the Project.
- b. Pursuant to RCW 39.12, “Prevailing Wages on Public Works,” no worker, laborer, or mechanic employed in the performance of any part of the Work shall be paid less than the “prevailing rate of wage” in effect as of the date that bids are due.
- c. The applicable effective date for prevailing wages for this project is the execution date of this Amendment.
- d. The State of Washington prevailing wage rates applicable for this public works project, which is located in Pierce County, may be found at the following website address of the Department of Labor and Industries: <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/>.

- e. The schedule of the prevailing wage rates is made a part of the Contract Documents by reference as though fully set forth herein; and a copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates are also available for viewing at the Port of Tacoma Administration Building, located at One Sitcum Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98421 (253-383-5841). Upon request to the Procurement Department at procurement@portoftacoma.com, the NWSA will email or mail a hard copy of the applicable Journey Level prevailing wages for this project.
- f. Questions relating to prevailing wage data should be addressed to the Industrial Statistician.
- g. Mailing Address:
- h. Department of Labor and Industries
- i. Prevailing Wage Office
- j. PO Box 44540, Olympia, WA 98504
- k. Telephone: (360) 902-5335
- l. Facsimile: (360) 902-5300
- m. If there is any discrepancy between the attached or provided schedule of prevailing wage rates and the published rates applicable under WAC 296-127-011, or if no schedule is attached, the applicable published rates shall apply with no increase in the Contract Sum. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to ensure that the correct prevailing wage rates are paid.
- n. Prior to any payment being made by the NWSA under this Contract, the Contractor, and each Subcontractor of any tier, shall file a Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages under oath with the NWSA and certified by the Director of Labor and Industries. The statement shall include the hourly wage rate to be paid to each classification of workers entitled to prevailing wages, which shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wage, and the estimated number of workers in each classification employed on the Project by the Contractor or a Subcontractor of any tier, as well as the Contractor’s contractor registration number and other information required by the Director of Labor and Industries. The statement, and any supplemental statements, shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Labor and Industries. No progress payment shall be made until the NWSA receives such certified statement.
- o. The Contractor shall post in a location readily visible to workers at the Project site

(1) a copy of the Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages approved by the Industrial Statistician of the Department of Labor and Industries and (2) the address and telephone number of the Industrial Statistician of the Department of Labor and Industries to whom a complaint or inquiry concerning prevailing wages may be directed.

- p. If a State of Washington prevailing wage rate conflicts with another applicable wage rate (such as Davis-Bacon Act wage rate) for the same labor classification, the higher of the two shall govern.
- q. Pursuant to RCW 39.12.060, if any dispute arises concerning the appropriate prevailing wage rate for work of a similar nature, and the dispute cannot be adjusted by the parties in interest, including labor and management representatives, the matter shall be referred for arbitration to the Director of the Department of Labor and Industries, and his or her decision shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.
- r. The Contractor shall defend (at the Contractor's sole cost, with legal counsel approved by NWSA), indemnify and hold the NWSA harmless from all liabilities, obligations, claims, demands, damages, disbursements, lawsuits, losses, fines, penalties, costs and expenses, whether direct, indirect, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and consultants' fees and other costs and expenses, from any violation or alleged violation by the Contractor or any Subcontractor of any tier of RCW 39.12 ("Prevailing Wages on Public Works") or Chapter 51 RCW ("Industrial Insurance"), including but not limited to RCW 51.12.050.

32. On-Call Definitions Supplementary Conditions (As Applicable)

- a. Task Order: The document that memorializes agreement between the Consultant and the NWSA, in accordance with the terms of the On-Call Contract. Task Orders are executed for defined Services under the On-Call Contract.
- b. Contract Owner: NWSA staff member responsible for managing the On-Call Contract and executing all Task Orders.
- c. Project Manager: NWSA staff member responsible for managing a specific Task Order.
- d. Consultant Representative: The Consultant staff member(s) delegated the authority to

provide signature approval for Task Orders under the On-Call Contract.

e. Task Order Proposals:

- i. The Project Manager will request consultant to provide a fee proposal for the Services requested by the NWSA.
- ii. The NWSA will not pay for time or materials associated with development of fee proposals, unless such costs are approved by the Project Manager and Contract Owner in advance.
- iii. Task Order proposals shall be signed and submitted by the Consultant Representative to the NWSA's Project Manager in writing. Proposals shall include one of the following:

1. Time and Materials Proposal

- a. Description of Task Order scope and deliverables.
- b. Consultant's Personnel Titles and Rates as negotiated.
- c. Hours per person per task.
- d. Sub-tier consultant scope and deliverables (when applicable).
- e. Anticipated reimbursable costs.
- f. Total proposal with Not to Exceed dollar amount.

f. Task Order Execution:

Executed Task Orders will be issued by the Contract Owner to the Consultant.

g. Task Order Revision:

- i. Revisions include when the Consultant becomes aware of the potential to exceed the executed amount or when changes are requested by the Project Manager.
- ii. Consultant shall provide a revised proposal detailing all revisions per 2A and B above. Consultant shall not proceed with changed work until a revised Task Order is executed by the Contract Owner.

h. Payment Schedule:

- i. Each Task Order shall be invoiced separately. Consultant shall submit detailed invoices showing the following:
- ii. Invoice Number, Contract number, Title, Task Order Number and Title.
- iii. Summary page with a brief description of Services completed during the invoice period, deliverables provided during the invoice period, and forthcoming milestones / deliverables.
- iv. Current Amount Due:
- v. For Lump Sum Task Orders:
Percentage of Services complete, percentage of completed Services billed.
 - 1. For Time and Materials Task Orders: titles, hours, hourly rates, and all expenses itemized, with backup, in accordance with the contract.
- vi. Total amount of the Task Order, and balance of Task Order amount.
- vii. Indicate “**Final Invoice**” when invoice is the final billing for that Task Order.

i. Task Order Closure:

When the Services have been completed and final invoice processed by the NWSA, the Contract Owner will issue a Task Order Completion Notification to the Consultant Representative.

j. Task Order Termination:

The NWSA may terminate the Task Order at its convenience with or without cause. In such case, the Consultant shall be paid for all Services performed and reasonable expenses properly incurred in connection with the termination.

33. Order of Precedence

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event there are Exhibits to this Agreement, the Terms & Conditions of this Agreement shall supersede and control over the Exhibits.