



JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

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Request for Proposal: Construction of Solar + Storage Microgrid at Dungeness River Nature Center.

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe [Tribe] is requesting construction proposals from qualified contractors with experience sourcing and installing solar plus battery electric microgrids. Project will upgrade and add to existing electrical infrastructure.

Instructions for Submitting Proposals:

Proposals can be submitted by email, in person, through US Postal Service, or by ground delivery to:

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Attn: Robert Knapp
1033 Old Blyn Hwy
Sequim WA 98382

Issue RFP	July 13, 2026,
Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk	July 28, 2026, at PM Local Time
Proposal Due	August 21, 2026, by 3:00 PM Local Time
Anticipated Award	September 10, 2026,

Project Funding:

The Construction Project will be funded in part or in whole by Department of Commerce grant award to Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe under the Tribal Clean Energy Grants 2025 (RFA #TRIBAL-CLEANENERGY-25) program. All relevant grant terms and conditions apply and flow down to the Contractor and all subcontractors. Additional project funding may be supplemented by a Direct (Elective) payment election under IRC Section 6417 for the Investment Tax Credit.

Site Ownership and Jurisdictions:

The project will be constructed at 1943 W Hendrickson Rd, Sequim WA, 98382 on Tribal Trust and Reservation land. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is a federally recognized sovereign nation. Tribal codes generally mimic state and local codes (IRC, WA L&I, etc.). The Dungeness River Nature Center [DRNC] building and infrastructure are owned and maintained by the Tribe. The DRNC is a partnership between the Tribe, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Audubon Washington, and the National Audubon Society.

PART 1: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Project Overview & Funding Constraints This project is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA) through the Department of Commerce. The planned construction target date for Substantial Completion is **June 30, 2027**. The Tribe acknowledges that BESS equipment lead times and mandated 1-year post-completion monitoring may necessitate a schedule extension into the following state biennium. The Tribe will manage the standard state fund reappropriation and no-cost extension processes to accommodate this.

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2. Bid Schedule

- **RFP Release Date: July 13, 2026**
- **Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk: July 28, 2026, at 12:00 PM Local Time**
- **Deadline for Questions (RFIs): August 6, 2026**
- **Proposal Submission Deadline: August 21, 2026, by 3:00 PM Local Time.**

3. Submission Requirements Bids must be submitted via email. To be considered responsive, proposals must include:

- Completed and signed Detailed Bid Proposal Form (included below).
- Copy of Contractor's WA State License and UBI Number.
- Proof of Insurance Capabilities meeting all State and Tribal requirements.
- Identification of Subcontractor business status (Minority, Woman, Veteran, or Small Business owned).
- Data sheets for major proposed equipment.

4. Contractor Qualifications & Subcontracting The contractor must not be debarred, suspended, or ineligible (verified via SAM.gov prior to award). Per grant requirements, the Tribe must obtain prior written approval from the Department of Commerce for all subcontracted work. Every subcontract must bind the subcontractor to the applicable terms of the primary state funding agreement, and the State and Commerce will not be held liable for claims arising from subcontractor performance.

5. Bonding and Insurance

- **Bonding:** In accordance with Tribal Procurement Policy, if the total contract price exceeds \$3,000,000, the bidder must submit a 5% Bid Bond, and the winning bidder must provide a 100% Payment and Performance Bond.
- **Insurance:** The successful bidder and all subcontractors must provide certificates of insurance maintaining full force during the agreement. **Washington, its agents, officers, and employees must be named as additional insureds** (except for Professional and Cyber liability), with 30 days' advance notice of cancellation. Required limits include:
 - **Commercial General Liability:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - **Automobile Liability:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - **Cyber Liability Insurance:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - **Fidelity Insurance:** \$100,000 to protect against loss of funds. Subcontractors receiving \$10,000+ must also secure Fidelity insurance, naming the Tribe as the beneficiary.

6. Indian Preference & Subcontractor Data TERO fees do not apply. Preference shall be given to verified Indian-owned businesses if their responsive bid does not exceed the lowest bid by 5% (contracts \$0 - \$100,000) or 2% (contracts over \$100,000). Furthermore, the contractor must report the portion of funds expended on minority-owned, woman-owned, veteran-owned, and small business subcontractors to comply with state data collection requirements.

7. Prevailing Wage & Invoicing State Prevailing Wages apply. No advance payments will be made. Equipment deposits are not considered advanced payments. Invoicing will strictly follow a milestone completion structure, and the Tribe will only compensate the contractor upon full completion and acceptance of deliverables. Receipts must accompany any reimbursed expense of \$50.00 or more.

8. Project Documents and Specifications The following documents are provided as part of this bid package and constitute the technical requirements for the Dungeness River Nature Center Microgrid Resilience Project. Bidders must base their proposals entirely on these documents:

- Exhibit C1: 04_Exhibit_C1_Technical_Specifications.pdf Contains: The Division 26 technical specifications, including strict requirements for commissioning (26 08 00), the microgrid energy management system (26 37 13), and the outdoor BESS (26 33 63.16).
- Exhibit C2: 05_Exhibit_C2_Electrical_Drawings.pdf Contains: The stamped 100% design electrical drawings, site plans, conduit routing, and single-line diagrams for the 129.6 kW DC (carport) PV array and the 125 kW / 939 kWh BESS.
- Exhibit C3: 06_Exhibit_C3_Structural_Drawings.pdf Contains: The stamped structural drawings (S-010 and S-011), concrete mix specifications, subgrade compaction requirements, and equipment anchoring details.

9. Contract Terms and Grant Compliance

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Tribe's standard construction agreement, a sample of which is attached to this RFP as **01_Base_Contract_Agreement.docx**.

Furthermore, because this project is funded by the Climate Commitment Act, the execution of the work is strictly governed by the Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement (No. 25-95302-002). The general terms, conditions, and flow-down requirements of this grant are summarized and attached as **Exhibit A (02_Exhibit_A_Commerce_Flow_Down_Terms.pdf)**. By submitting a bid, the contractor acknowledges they have reviewed these terms and possess the capacity to meet all state insurance, invoicing, and subcontracting mandates.

PART 2: BID EVALUATION MATRIX

Evaluation Criteria	Max Points	Description
Cost / Price Estimate	35	Competitiveness of the lump-sum bid and thoroughness of the cost breakdown. <i>Indian Preference percentages (2% or 5%) will be mathematically applied to eligible bids during scoring.</i>
Project Team & Qualifications	25	Demonstrated experience with solar microgrids, AC-coupled BESS, and utility interconnection. Verification of NABCEP certifications.
Design Approach & Schedule	25	Clarity of project approach, ability to meet the June 30, 2027, completion deadline, and compliance with specification requirements (e.g., seamless islanding).
Completeness & Compliance	15	Submission of all requested forms, Subcontractor Data, explicit acknowledgement of the full scope of work without exclusions, and proof of ability to meet State/CCA insurance limits.
Total	100	

PART 3: PROJECT LOCATION:

Site Address: Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W Hendrickson Rd, Sequim, WA 98382

Please note: Nature Center staff and leadership are aware of and supportive of the project however, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe is the property and facility owner and project sponsor. Please direct all questions and communications through the Tribal project lead: Robert Knapp rknapp@jamestowntribe.org or the engineering lead: MZ Solar.

