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March 1, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – TRIBAL CLIMATE LIAISON POSITION

The Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance, Inc. (“Alliance”) is accepting proposals for a consultant agreement to perform professional services as a Tribal Climate Liaison. This agreement will require extensive travel to rural Indian Reservations within the North Central Region, which includes the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. The position is located at the North Central Climate Science Center in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he/she will work closely with the Climate Science Center staff. The consultant reports to the Alliance Board of Directors.

Qualifications for this professional services agreement includes:

- A Bachelor’s degree in science in the physical sciences, biology, ecology, natural resources or a related field is required; an advanced degree is desirable.
- Experience working with Indian Tribes is required. The ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with Tribal leaders and staff, government agencies and non-governmental organizations on issues relating to climate science must be demonstrated.
- Experience with climate science is preferred.
- A valid driver’s license and a reliable vehicle is required.

Work tasks under this Request for Proposals include the following:

- Tribal Focused Extension activities to support to tribes within the service area of the assigned Climate Science Center through strategic local engagements and discussions.

- Develop and implement practices to enhance collaboration between Tribes and various Federal agencies to develop a communication network and technical support for Tribes and BIA trust managers through the development of climate adaptation plans, workshop coordination, and trainings.
- Develop Tribal Climate Science Research and Application Opportunities.
- Participate and provide leadership for National Tribal Climate Liaison workgroup to identify climate adaptation research, policy and funding to build a resiliency among Tribal groups.
- Prepare communications instruments on a regular basis to notify Tribes in the North Central Region of news, research, announcements, and other important issues.

Interested qualified persons who have experience in providing these services are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the requirements of this Request for Proposals. A proposal may be in the form of a resume and cover letter, addressing the work tasks identified above, and the hourly rate and an annual amount to be charged. The applicant must include any claim of Indian preference or Veteran's preference.

Any questions may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail or electronic mail no later than March 20, 2018. Answers will be provided no later than March 23, 2018. The addresses for questions are provided below.

Proposals may be submitted and received no later than March 30, 2018 by U.S. mail to:

Doug Crow Ghost
Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance, Inc.
c/o Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Post Office Box D
Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538

Or by electronic mail and received no later than March 30, 2018 to:

DCrowGhost@standingrock.org

It is the policy of the Water Alliance to apply Indian preference and Veteran's preference, in contracting for professional services. Proposals will be considered until the Board of Directors approves a professional services contract pursuant to this Request for Proposals. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any proposal. The Board of Directors reserves the right to withdrawal this Request for Proposals at any time.