

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

NO. 2014-036

**TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

- WHEREAS:** The Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center is a proposed new facility to be located at the northern entrance of the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway, in the Helen McCabe Park near the intersection of State Route 821 and Canyon Road; and
- WHEREAS:** The concept for the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center was developed in the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center Master Plan, a plan created in 2011 by the Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN), a non-profit organization that provides environmental education experiences in the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway; and
- WHEREAS:** KEEN submitted a grant application for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 National Scenic Byways Program to fund the design and construction of the above described interpretive center at the northern entrance to the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway; and
- WHEREAS:** The above described interpretive center received a Federal Fiscal Year 2012 National Scenic Byways Program grant of \$796,174 and a 2014 Sales and Use Tax grant of \$200,000, for a total of \$996,174; and
- WHEREAS:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requires that National Scenic Byways Program funds be administered by an agency who has obtained Certified Acceptance Services (CA Agency) status from WSDOT, that the project shall be completed or else the agency forfeits all of the federal funds awarded and spent on this project, that the facility use shall be in accordance with the National Scenic Byways program, and that the facility constructed shall be maintained for the life of the structure which is approximately fifty years; and
- WHEREAS:** KEEN, being a non-profit organization and unable to obtain CA Agency status, is ineligible to administer the National Scenic Byways Program project and requested Kittitas County to perform this work; and
- WHEREAS:** Kittitas County has CA Agency status and has agreed to be the recipient of these funds and perform the necessary work in accordance with FHWA and WSDOT requirements and applicable building codes; and
- WHEREAS:** Public Works plans to hire a consulting firm that can perform engineering and architectural services for the above described project; and
- WHEREAS:** The selected consulting firm will develop all structural, mechanical, electrical, and related systems including preparing drawings, specifications, and project cost

estimates; updating cost estimates as necessary; developing bidding documents in conformance with FHWA and WSDOT requirements and applicable building codes; authoring and compiling the final contract package; providing other related services as necessary including survey, environment assessment, preparation of permit applications; consulting Kittitas County and WSDOT regarding construction progress and quality; providing on-call consultation during construction; and assisting with the final inspection; and

WHEREAS: The above described project must be fully designed and constructed prior to September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS: The chosen consultant will provide a signed consultant agreement for Board approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise a request for qualifications for a consulting firm to provide engineering and architectural services for the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Interpretive Center project.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2014, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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