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Subject: Sole Source Announcement

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) intends to award a sole source grant agreement (contract) to The Pacific Science Center. The contract will be awarded on or about October 8, 2021, and will expire on June 30, 2022. The contract is \$291,000.00 contract period.

This contract shall be for:

Pacific Science Center will apply the grant funding to a Maker & Innovation Lab:

- to develop a showcase and hands on laboratory that will highlight the region's innovation economy and invite the public, as well as PacSci youth development participants, to experience the region's innovations across all sizes, stages, industries, and areas of research.
- to develop spaces that provide the public with hands on access to the necessary tools, resources and experts in order to tinker, prototype and iterate on their own ideas.
- to provide working laboratory space for in residence makers, start-ups and artists by which the public are invited along on the creation journey.
- Timeline for completion:
 - Fall 2021-Winter 2022: Concept, schematic, and design phase
 - Spring 2022:
 - Maker & Innovation Lab space iteration begins in proposed building including some minor space modification and equipment purchase
 - Program strategy prototyping for in person and virtual activity
 - Beyond June 30, 2022 contract end date:
 - Final design implementation
 - Construction, installation, and bulk purchase of equipment & supplies
 - Maker & Innovation Lab is fully open to the public through daily admission and programming.

Grant funds will also be used to develop and operate new experiential learning opportunities:

- to provide participants in PacSci's teen development programs opportunities for mentorship from innovators, makers and artists from all backgrounds.
- to provide the public with access to programs and presentations run by visiting educators and by PacSci's trained science educators that help ensure our community is innovation literate.

A sole source contract is appropriate for this contract based on the following:

The 2022-23 Operating Budget ESSB 5092, Sec 129 (108), Laws of 2021, directed:

(108) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 is provided solely for a grant to a nonprofit museum and science and technology center located in the city of Seattle that provides youth educational programming related to discovery, experimentation, and critical thinking in the sciences for a maker and innovation lab and to develop and operate new experiential learning opportunities. After conducting research, Commerce has determined that the Pacific Science Center is the only nonprofit meeting the criteria detailed in the proviso.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements within five (5) business days of this announcement. The following information should be included in the capability statements: ability to provide the above deliverables, experience delivering services to similar entities, location within Washington, and administrative and operational support capacity. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract. Capability statements or questions must be sent to ashly.mcbunch@commerce.wa.gov