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From: Sarah Champion, Chief Contracts Officer

Subject: Sole Source Announcement

The Washington Department of Commerce (Commerce) intends to award a sole source contract to Third Sector New England on behalf of A Way Home Washington (AWHWA). The contract will be awarded on or about January 17, 2022, and will expire on June 30, 2023. The contract amount is \$1,900,000. The contract may be amended to extend performance and/or increase funds.

The contract is to expand the Anchor Community Initiative (ACI) to build the infrastructure and staffing support for a second cohort of anchor communities and to provide direct services in anchor communities to prevent and address homelessness and housing instability among unaccompanied youth and young adults. The Contractor must submit a report to Commerce by September 1, 2023 summarizing the outcomes and impact of the work delivered under this contract. The report shall be developed in consultation and collaboration with Commerce's Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) and have a component that serves as an outward-facing public document representing the partnership between the Contractor and OHY on the Anchor Community Initiative.

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: experience with the services and requirements listed above, as well as operational and administrative 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 can be sent to [sarah.champion@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.champion@commerce.wa.gov).