

## **Awareness Campaign – Questions and Answers as of 9.14.2022**

**Q1.** Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this?  
(like, from India or Canada)

**A1.** Per page 8 Eligible Bidders:

Eligible Bidders for this RFP must: 1. Demonstrate they are currently engaged in providing services or resources to survivors of labor and/or sex trafficking 2. For non-Tribal bidders: Demonstrate a history of effective engagement and working with indigenous individuals, communities and Tribes. 3. Be operated by a nonprofit organization, public agency or federally recognized Tribe of Washington State as determined by the United States Secretary of the Interior. 4. For non-Tribal bidders: Be licensed to do business in the State of Washington or submit a statement of commitment that it will become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparently Successful Bidder. 5. Indicate what cities you serve/resource and select whether they are east or west of the Cascade crest.

**Q2.** Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

**A2.** There isn't a specific requirement to be physically in Washington state for meetings. Additionally, per page 7 of the RFP, it is expected that successful bidders shall collaborate with the two liaisons for missing and murdered indigenous persons pursuant to RCW 43.43.874 to develop and implement a campaign to increase the visibility and accessibility of services and resources for indigenous persons who are survivors of human trafficking including:

- (a) Development of methods to help convey information discreetly and effectively, such as through the use of easily recognizable logos and symbols;
- (b) Increased signage for relevant anti-trafficking hotlines in frequently visited areas, such as truck stops, gas stations, and hotels; and
- (c) Increased online promotion.

**Q3.** Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA?  
(like, from India or Canada)

**A3.** As long as the applicant meets all of the eligibility criteria stated in the Awareness Campaign RFP on page 8 it is not required tasks be performed in the USA. Applicants are encouraged to clearly explain in their proposal narrative how they are uniquely qualified to perform the activities under this grant.

**Q4.** Can we submit the proposals via email?

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**A4.** Per page 2 of RFP 092322-OCVA-AC please email proposals in PDF or Excel format to the RFP Coordinator [ashly.mcbunch@gmail.com](mailto:ashly.mcbunch@gmail.com) . Please ensure the subject line reads as follows: Tribe/Agency Name, Awareness Campaign Proposal and note zipped files cannot be used for submission of proposals.

**Q5.** Is participation in the Pre-Proposal Conference mentioned online at [www.commerce.wa.gov](http://www.commerce.wa.gov) that is scheduled for September 16, 2022 a required step prior to submitting the proposal, or is participation optional?

**A5.** The Pre-Proposal Conference is not a requirement in order to submit a proposal.