



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
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## Entiat River RM 2.6-3.5 Habitat Restoration Project

Dear Contractor:

March 14, 2014

The Yakama Nation's Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project (UCHRP) is requesting bids for a **Salmon Habitat Enhancement Project** to be implemented on the lower Entiat River in July of 2014. The project will involve all work elements and specifications found in the Project Plans and Bid Tab sheet attached to this bid packet.

To be eligible for an award of contract for this project, interested contractors must attend the mandatory pre-bid site visit on **March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:00 PM** at the project location. Immediately prior to heading to the project location, we will meet at the lower Entiat group parking area located on the corner of Entiat River Rd and Entiat Way (Entiat, WA 98822). From Wenatchee, WA, head north on Hwy 97A for approximately 15mi and turn left on Entiat River Road (immediately after crossing the Entiat River). The parking location will be located approximately 0.25mi on your right. This site visit will be conducted by Yakama Nation Fisheries Habitat Biologist Matt Wilberding (project manager) and the project design engineer.

By the close of business on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**, each interested contractor must have completed and submitted a signed copy of the attached Entiat River RM 2.6-3.5 Habitat Restoration Project Bid Sheet and other required materials (such as documented experience, references, equipment spec sheets, etc.) to:

### **Yakama Nation**

**Attn: Jackie Olney, Entiat River RM 2.6-3.5 Habitat Restoration Project**

**PO Box 151**

**Toppenish WA, 98948**

**(shipping address: 401 Fort Road, Toppenish, WA 98948)**

Please note: **Davis Bacon wages apply to this contract. The winning contractor will adhere to the Davis Bacon rules and comply and submit all necessary paperwork to the Yakama Nation. Also, attached with the bid packet are tax exempt documents for your review (Treaty Fishery Exempt Certificate and Tax Cover Letter). The documents exempt the Yakama Nation from state taxes and the successful bidder will receive these documents (signed) as proof of tax exemption.**

For environmental purposes, this project will be conducted during the in-water work window prescribed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for this section of river. The project will be conducted from **July 16<sup>th</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. Chinook salmon (a federally endangered species), Steelhead, and Bull trout (federally threatened species) will be in the area, so turbidity control will be of the utmost importance. The winning contractor will understand the magnitude of this project and be equipped to perform all necessary elements for a project of this type within a critical habitat stream. The winning contractor will possess a long reach excavator (330 or 336 Series, with min 60ft reach) to be able to place boulders in the stream, and list the make and model of all equipment in their competitive bid packet. Additionally, the winning contractor must be able to complete all project elements during the in-water work window and may have to have multiple crews working concurrently to complete tasks within

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the window. Contractor must also have extensive experience in the following: building cofferdams, constructing log jams, and especially de-watering of site by following NMFS fish screening protocols.

All contractors submitting bids for this project shall demonstrate, at a minimum, the following:

- *Experienced equipment operators on-site during proposed construction, who have built these types of habitat enhancement structures within the past several years.*
- *A detailed construction timeline of how you propose to get all project tasks completed within the permitting work-window timelines.*
- *Experience with, and preferably examples of the ability to create de-watered work areas through the use of coffering techniques.*

Awarded contractor must provide “san-i-can” service. Please note that this project is pending on final landowner permission.

This project will occur on private property and no one is allowed on the property prior to the site visit without specific consent of the property owner. For questions regarding the site visit, please contact me at the numbers provided below.

Sincerely,

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