

**Washington State Joint Transportation Committee
Independent Review – Transportation Impacts of Lower Snake River Dams Removal**

Responses to RFP questions

April 4, 2024

Question 1: Do you know whether the River Transportation Work Group could involve entities/individuals from outside the state of Washington?

Response: We anticipate that the Work Group members will be from Washington state. Three of the four [Columbia River Treaty Tribes](#) are not based in Washington. Their input will be sought through tribal consultations in cooperation with WSDOT.

Question 2: The timeframe of this review suggests that the final report must be completed by June 2025. Yet the activities to be reviewed from the \$4 million WSDOT project (Transportation Impacts of the Lower Snake River Dam Removal) and being conducted by the team of consultants continues until December 2026. That's an additional year and ½ beyond this review effort. It seems logical to expect that the WSDOT project will yield outputs over that time horizon that are significant in satisfying the specified work tasks. I recognize the WSDOT consultants must provide an interim progress report December 2024 in advance of the 2025 legislative session, but that report isn't likely to include all the relevant outputs to be evaluated and what is being requested in this independent review. How should proposers reconcile this?

Answer: Proposers should assume that they will complete their work by June 30, 2025 (which is the end of the current fiscal biennium) and that up to \$485,000 will be available for the work performed during that time period. This will require review of work by the WSDOT consultant that is not complete. In 2025, the legislature could decide to continue this project and provide additional necessary funding through a new proviso in the 2025-27 transportation budget.