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Dear Interested Party:

The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) is announcing the opportunity to submit proposals for the Warren Slough restoration project. For this project **CREST requires a contractor with specific railroad and/or roadway infrastructure expertise as well as experience working in wetlands and tidal waterways.** This project is scheduled to commence in **Summer 2024, work must be completed July 15 to September 30, 2024.**

This is a prevailing wage contract and it meets all federal and state contracting guidelines. Applicants must be registered and in good standing with the federal SAM (System for Award Management). Furthermore, contractors will be asked to state that they have been prequalified, registered, and in good standing with the Construction Contractor's Board (CCB), and not been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded. The project is sponsored by CREST and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). BPA is the main project funder, with various Federal and State Agencies and Private Landowners as project partners. Materials are subject to the Buy America, Build America Act provisions for all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project.

The Warren Slough construction specifications, designs, conditions of the contract, and other supplemental information is available on the CREST website at <https://www.columbiaestuary.org/rfps.html>. Please direct questions to Jason R. Smith, Habitat Restoration Project Manager at (503) 325- 0435 ext. 219 or [jsmith@columbiaestuary.org](mailto:jsmith@columbiaestuary.org).

The Request for Information (RFI) Deadline will be March 4, 2024 at 4pm to provide ample time to review and a minimum of 48 hours prior to the proposal deadline to issue any last addenda. **All proposals must be received electronically by 4 pm on March 8, 2024.** Please submit proposals in PDF form to Jason Smith at the email address above. Please make sure the proposal is no larger than 20 mb in size. **Fax or mailed proposals will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted. A Mandatory pre-bid site visit will be held on February 20, 2024 at the project site. Please RSVP with Jason to confirm details by COB February 16, 2024.**

Sincerely,

Jason R. Smith  
CREST Senior Habitat Restoration Project Manager