



## SOLE SOURCE PUBLIC NOTICE

***\*\*This is not a request for bids\*\****

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to enter into a sole source contract with Washington State Council on Problem Gambling for a twenty-four (24) month period to provide training, outreach, and awareness efforts focusing on the prevention and treatment of problem and disordered gambling for the general population and for targeted populations, including but not limited to Youth, Older Adults, and Veterans.

This contract requires specialized knowledge and experience in working with and evaluating services provided to people with problem and disordered gambling addictions, and outreach and prevention of problem and disordered gambling. In addition, the contractor must develop and manage the Certified Gambling Counselor training and certification program, which includes offering Core Trainings of 30 hours plus advanced and required CE training for behavioral health clinicians. The contractor must have a close partnership with the independent Washington State Gambling Counselor Certification Committee and host WSGCCC's regular meetings, as well as maintain and update the Certification Handbook. The Washington State Council on Problem Gambling has performed such services for over fifteen (15) years.

The contract will include the anticipated period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, with a projected value of \$331,500.00. This contract may be extended in two 2-year increments.

This is not an invitation to bid. However, vendors contemplating the above can submit capability statements demonstrating their ability to meet the state's requirements with a quote for providing the training, outreach, and awareness efforts within ten (10) business days of this announcement.

The following information must be included in any capability statements:

1. Your business' qualifications and experience in providing training, outreach, and awareness efforts focusing on the prevention and treatment of problem and disordered gambling, pursuant to [WAC 246-341-1200](#). Provide details of your business':
  - a. History and programs, including development and delivery of Certified Gambling Counselor trainings (both Core and Advanced trainings);
  - b. Relationships with State Problem Gambling Program, Joint Legislative Problem Gambling Task Force, and other stakeholders and communities to be served;
  - c. Ability to provide continuing education (CE) credits, accredited by the appropriate state and national organizations, as needed;
  - d. Offer Youth Prevention trainings and programs.
2. A detailed plan to:
  - a. Provide Certified Gambling Counselor provider trainings, conferences, and workshops, both live and virtual;
  - b. Provide scholarships to Washington State providers, including how you will reach providers;
  - c. Develop and provide presentations at one or more regional or state behavioral health conferences;
  - d. Develop online sessions for specific organizations or agencies;

- e. Provide outreach by developing two (2) Problem Gambling Awareness Month campaigns, focused on General Adults and Older Adults, and General Adults and Veterans/Active Duty Military/Military Families.
  - f. Provide additional outreach, up to four (4) campaigns for populations at high-risk for problem gambling/Gambling Disorder.
  - g. Develop and maintain 2 webpages: Youth Awareness; and Washington State Gambling Counselor Certification Committee.
3. Extensive knowledge of problem gambling and Gambling Disorder, Certified Gambling Counselor requirements, Responsible Gaming, Problem Gambling Prevention, Outreach, Education, and related topics.

Interested vendors will be considered only if they respond with clear and convincing documentation that they can meet the above requirements and HCA determines that competition would be advantageous to the state, would not be cost or time prohibitive, and would not hinder the mission objective of HCA.

**Capability statements must be submitted via email to the Sole Source Coordinator listed below, including the subject line provided, no later than June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** The emailed capability statement must be less than 25 Mb. Do not send zipped files.

Sole Source Coordinator Contact Information:

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*Note: This contract requires a ten (10) day public inspection period and approval by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES). HCA will not finalize the contract unless or until DES approves.*