



**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Transportation Infrastructure Finance Consultant
PNWER's Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Demonstration Program**

Introduction

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) is a statutory non-profit organization chartered by Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington and the western Canadian provinces/territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon and Northwest Territories. PNWER focuses on advancing projects to build the regional economy.

In 2021 PNWER was selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau to establish a Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) demonstration program for the Pacific Northwest. <https://www.pnwer.org/ria.html> As part of this effort we are expanding our team as we develop a second application that involves identifying key projects in the region that require innovative financing to move forward.

Technical Assistance Required

PNWER seeks a qualified consultant to provide technical assistance through our Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program with a primary focus on accessing and preparing projects for the TIFIA and/or RRIF process, innovative finance solutions for transportation infrastructure projects, and developing public-private partnerships (P3s). The consultant will work with PNWER staff and other consultants to provide financing expertise to selected projects, identify opportunities to leverage the TIFIA, RRIF, or PAB programs, and work with the PNWER RIA staff to help promote regional understanding of the process to apply for and access US DOT's credit programs and opportunities.

The transportation infrastructure finance consultant or team should have experience working with the TIFIA, RRIF, and/or PAB programs, now housed within the U.S. DOT's Build America Bureau, and expertise with innovative financing solutions for infrastructure projects. The consultant team will work with PNWER to evaluate projects for TIFIA, RRIF, or PAB eligibility for selected project, provide feedback on ways to prepare projects for the TIFIA / RRIF application process, and identify ways the DOT innovative financing tools can be leveraged to better serve projects in the Pacific Northwest.

Additional consideration will be given to innovative finance teams that can demonstrate expertise working with rural and Tribal communities to explore federal loan programs to finance projects.

Qualifications Submission Information:

1. Introductory letter describing your relevant experience and overview of qualifications. Provide past related project examples, and outcomes that could be leveraged. (3 pages max, standard format 8.5x11 with 1 inch margins)
2. Resumes or extended Curriculum Vitaes (no page limit)
3. Rate sheet (1 page max)
4. A minimum of 3 references from past projects (1 page max)
5. Top candidates may be selected for a follow on virtual interview.

Deadline

Submissions will be accepted until May 24, 2023 at 11:59pm Pacific Time. Proposals will only be accepted by email. Please send proposals by email to Betz Mayer, PNWER RIA Assistant Director at betz.mayer@pnwer.org

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