

STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of Healthy Communities
Washington State Department of Health

LEGAL NOTICE

SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT

DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: March 3, 2016 (Contract T134635).

The Department of Health's intent is to enter into a sole source contract with e3 MSR West for Natus hearing-loss detection equipment (Bio-logic AuDX, DPOAE only (014380)) which is approximately \$45,000. This represents a one-time purchase made no later than March 31, 2016.

The Department of Health (DOH) received a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (DHHS/HRSA) for Universal Newborn Hearing Screening for Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention (EHDDI) that requires reliable, easy-to-transport, durable, affordable equipment, from a supplier that also provides the following attributes: provides local-to-WA in-person training and on-the-spot loaners when equipment breaks down or has to be serviced. Additionally, this purchase has an unusual time component. DOH only recently received the federal notice of award with the end date being 3/31/2016 or the funds will be lost. e3 MSR West is the only supplier of the equipment and other attributes that the Department needs. It is critical that DOH achieve the equipment and attributes within the time available.

Because of the aggressive timeline of this project, the benefit of a known supplier with known equipment, the need for deep knowledge about the equipment, training, and mitigation strategies for resolving equipment breakdowns, understanding of existing efforts and collaborations, we are utilizing e3 MSR West, an expert facilitator, who effectively addresses these needs. e3 MSR West has also worked with many birthing hospitals, midwives, Head Start Programs in this area with good results and because of their long-standing work in these areas, they have a strong reputation, and effective working relationships with many of the players at the local, regional and state-levels around this work. Drawing on that expertise offers a strong risk mitigation approach for the population of Washington's infants at greatest risk for missed screening.

The contract will be executed with an estimated start date of March 25, 2016.

Offerors contemplating the above work requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet these requirements within five (5) business days of this announcement.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract as indicated above.

Please email capability statements no later than 5:00 pm Thursday March 10, 2016 to:

DOHCON.MGMT@DOH.WA.GOV: Subject line **must** reference T134635.