

STATE OF WASHINGTON
AGENCY NAME
LEGAL NOTICE
SOLE SOURCE ADVERTISEMENT

The Office of Financial Management contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Life Cycle Associates, LLC for a six month period to provide research and technical, analytical services.

In 2009, Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Air Quality Program (AQP) hired TIAX, LLC (TIAX) to conduct an analysis of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) for Washington. ¹At about the same time, Oregon decided to analyze an LCFS. Recognizing the inter-connectedness of the Washington/Oregon transportation fuels markets, Oregon decided to contract with TIAX to conduct their analysis, as well.

Now employed with Life Cycle Associates,² Ms. Jennifer Pont was the lead author for both the Washington and Oregon LCFS analyses. OFM conducted the economic analysis for the Washington LCFS analysis; Jack Faucett Associates conducted the economic analysis for the Oregon LCFS analysis.

These analyses required highly specialized skills and modeling to identify and then calculate Washington-specific carbon intensity values of low carbon transportation fuels. Results of this effort were further modeled to bracket possible compliance scenarios. Finally, the results were used to model certain cost impacts of implementing a Washington LCFS. The work required considerable experience and knowledge of the various models used as well as

¹ *A Low Carbon Fuel Standard in Washington: Informing the Decision* was published February 18, 2011.

² LCA has supported the California Air Resource Board's (ARB) LCFS efforts since 2007. Initially, LCA received funding from the Energy Foundation to help implement the CA_GREET model, which includes regionally specific parameters for both California and outside of California fuel production. LCA also prepared the initial fuel pathway documents and supported the development of many ARB staff pathway documents with funding from the California Energy Commission. In 2011, LCA was awarded a 2-year contract to train ARB staff on the details of the CA_GREET model, to support development of an updated model, and the development of new fuel pathways.

conventional and alternative fuel markets – as they relate to Washington and other Petroleum Administration for Defense District V (PADD V) states.³

In 2013, Ecology began reconsidering the benefits of a Washington LCFS. This led staff to consider whether the conclusions of the TIAX analysis would change if the assumptions used in the study were updated. In June 2013, Ecology contracted with Life Cycle Associates to assess and discuss the anticipated impact(s) on the conclusions of the TIAX analysis that would be expected to occur if certain assumptions were updated. Ms. Pont was the lead author of this assessment.⁴

To accomplish the work in E.O. 14-04 efficiently it is necessary to involve the people most familiar with the previous effort – the models, methods, and information bases used, the analysis itself and its conclusions. Life Cycle Associates has the necessary qualifications, abilities and expertise to conduct this analysis. In addition, Life Cycle Associates' staff has the in-depth familiarity and experience with past Washington analyses. It is therefore appropriate and justified to sole source with Life Cycle Associates (with Ms. Pont as project lead) to update and supplement *A Low Carbon Fuel Standard in Washington: Informing the Decision*", TIAX LLC, 2011.

The contract will be issued on or about June 5, 2014.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by 3:30 Olympia, WA time, on Monday, May 26, 2014. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

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³ PADD V states include Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington.

⁴ *WA LCFS Analysis: Implications of Updated Assumptions* was finalized July 3, 2013.