



Whatcom
Transportation
Authority

Notice of Intent to Award

Project: Legislative Consultant

RFP# 2022-001

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Procurement & Contracts

March 18, 2022

The above solicitation was issued by the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) on January 19, 2022. At the original date of submission, of 25 known plan holders, only two (2) responses were received. Knowing that there were more firms in the marketplace, WTA staff reopened the solicitation on February 14 and extended the submission deadline to March 4.

Vendors were solicited through an advertisement in The Bellingham Herald and TransitTalent.com, a posting on Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS), Washington's Office of Women and Minority Business Enterprise (owmbe.org), and Washington Procurement Technical Assistance Center, an announcement on WTA's website, and an email notice to proposers from a small purchase request in early 2021. The following companies submitted proposals in response:

CFM Strategic Communications 311 Massachusetts Ave NE Washington, DC 20002	Elevate Government Affairs, LLC 440 1st Street NW #550 Washington, DC 20001	Strategies 360 601 New Jersey Ave NW Ste 250 Washington, DC 20001
Tim Lovain 2606 Davis Ave Alexandria, VA 22302	Van Ness Feldman LLP 1050 Thomas Jefferson St. NW 7th Floor Washington, DC 20007	

WTA announces its intent to award a contract to **Van Ness Feldman, LLP**.

This intent does not form a contract, but rather is the first step in the contract process. Neither party is obligated to perform any item within the RFP until a formal contract is signed by both parties.

WTA will release any documents and information relating to the procurement not marked confidential or proprietary. Interested parties may submit a Public Disclosure Request to RecordsRequests@ridewta.com. Refer to Part 6 of the ITB for the process of releasing documents marked as "Confidential" or "Proprietary".

An interested party may protest this Notice of Intent to Award by submitting a written protest to the Procurement & Contracts Manager **no later than Friday, March 5 by 5:00 p.m., PST**. Information about protests can be found in the ITB.

On behalf of the Whatcom Transportation Authority, thank you for your efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation. We appreciate your interest in doing business with the Whatcom Transportation Authority.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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