



# SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## Questions and Answers

### RFQ for Professional Engineering Services for Non-Federally Funded Capital Projects on an As-Needed Basis

1. **Question:** Does *Critical Areas Assessment* pertain only to ecological/habitat critical areas (i.e., wetlands, shorelines, waterways)?

**Answer:** Yes, it does pertain solely to ecological/habitat critical areas (i.e., wetlands, shorelines, waterways.)

2. **Question:** Does *Environmental Impact Assessment & Environmental Studies* include contamination-related geological consultation services (i.e., Phase I & Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments), or does it solely relate to ecological/habitat work?

**Answer:** Yes, it does pertain solely relate to ecological/habitat work.

3. **Question:** How many firms will be awarded for each category?

**Answer:** Two

4. **Question:** If our firm is the Engineer or Record for preliminary work, would it be a conflict of interest for category 3, bullet 1, Development Plan Review & Inspection?

**Answer:** By having two Consultants selected for each category, the County can effectively navigate around potential conflicts of interest as described.

5. **Question:** What is meant by “stormwater research and management”, what is the scope?

**Answer:** “Stormwater research and management” is a sub-category from Environmental Consulting taken directly from MRSC’s website, see <https://mrscrosters.org/categories/>. While not explicitly defined by SRSC, the County interprets this sub-category to include all things related to stormwater conveyance, treatment, detention, and management, but exclusive of fish passage, culverts, drainage basin analysis, and modeling of creeks and rivers that would fall under the Hydrologic and Hydraulic Services Support category.

**6. Question:** What firm(s) current hold contracts for each of the categories? And how long have the firms held these contracts?

**Answer:** All prior on-call contracts ran from Q4 2021 to Q4 2024. The following is the current list of contract holders;

- a. Environmental Consulting Support – one firm: Widener & Associates
- b. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Services Support – two firms: NHC, Watershed
- c. Rewriting County Road Standards & Private Sector Development Review – “new” category
- d. Guemes Ferry Design Services Support – “new” category