

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
SOLE SOURCE POSTING S-5838**

The Office of the Secretary of State (Agency) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Washington Public Affairs Network (dba TVW) for gavel-to-gavel television coverage of State deliberations and other events of state-wide significance.

The Washington State Legislature has determined there is a need for gavel-to-gavel coverage, to ensure continuous, autonomous, and independent coverage of public affairs. The Legislature authorizes the Agency to engage a nonprofit organization to meet these objectives. As the current vendor and primary television outlet providing coverage of government issues and events, TVW is well-versed in the unique requirements for filming legislative and other government proceedings. TVW operates and maintains over 50 cameras on the west Capitol Campus in Olympia. It also maintains two mobile production units, which cover events across Washington. Their small robotic cameras allow them to quietly capture television-quality video of government deliberations. TVW covers the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, as well as state agencies, state elections, and events hosted by non-governmental organizations. TVW covers all House and Senate committee hearings and floor debates at the State Capitol, and all Washington State Supreme Court oral arguments. They provide comprehensive coverage for elections, including the nine statewide elected offices, key legislative races, and ballot measures. They also cover hearings and public policy events in Olympia, Seattle, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Bellingham, Vancouver, and other locations. TVW is a cable-only network broadcasting in high-definition, and can be seen in most of the cable households in Washington.

The new contract will be issued on or about July 1, 2017. The anticipated period of performance is from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, with extensions possible subject to funding and agreement by the parties.

Vendors contemplating a response must submit a capability statement, in writing, detailing their ability to meet the following requirements:

1. Experience and familiarity with the unique requirements for filming legislative and other government proceedings;
2. Ability to obtain and use at least forty percent of the state contribution in private funding contributions, or commitments to make cash or in-kind contributions, to help achieve the legislative objectives for gavel-to-gavel television coverage;
3. Ability to provide comprehensive, state-wide, television production and distribution for Washington State government deliberations and other events of statewide significance, and ensure continuous, autonomous, and independent coverage of public affairs, by providing services equivalent to those provided by the current vendor, beginning July 1, 2017, without exceeding funding limitations;
4. Ability to provide written documentation of vendor's Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) tax exemption status; and
5. Ability to show that vendor is not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by the federal government.

Capability statements must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., Pacific Time, June 23, 2017. PDF attachments to e-mail responses will be accepted.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the Agency's intent to make a sole source award to TVW for gavel-to-gavel television coverage services. The amount of the award is contingent on legislative funding. The average yearly funding amount for the last two fiscal years was \$2,721,500.00.

To submit capability statements, or for questions, contact:

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