

SKAGIT COUNTY (WASH.) **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** ^{PUR}
Consultant Services for
Development of Right-of-way Management

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Notice is hereby given that the Skagit County Public Works Department will accept proposals from Consultants to provide assistance in the development of a Right-of-way Management Plan that will be consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") and allow the County to maintain control over its rights-of-way (ROW).

Scope of Services:

1. Review local regulatory structure as well as operating practices, pertaining to management of County ROW.
2. Review State regulatory structure pertaining to management of County ROW.
3. Research the Act as it relates to ROW management, including rule-making developments by the Federal Communications Commission and the Washington Public Utilities Commission.
4. Make recommendations for revisions to the local regulatory structure and operating practices as required to achieve consistency with the Act and assist in drafting language for same.
5. Make recommendations for legislative revisions and assist in development of language and lobbying strategy for same.
6. Assist in development of fee structure and compensation for use of County ROW.
7. Assist in negotiation/mediation with utilities and telecommunications providers to incorporate their comments into regulatory structures and compensation systems.

Additional information regarding the Scope of Services and contents of the Statement of Qualifications may be obtained from the Skagit County Public Works Department, (360) 336-9400.

Submittals: Proposals and Statements of Qualifications must be submitted by Noon August 9, 1996, to:

Janette A. Keiser, P.E., J.D., Director/County Engineer
Skagit County Public Works Department
1111 Cleveland Avenue
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-4215

(Signed 7/29/96)

DEBBY SIMS, Clerk of the Board

**Skagit County
Request For Proposals**

**DEVELOPMENT OF
RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Skagit County is interested in developing a Right-of-Way Management Plan that will be consistent with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"). This Plan will allow the County to maintain control over its rights-of-way ("ROW"), including the collection of fair and reasonable compensation for the use of such ROW as provided for in the Act.

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Proposals should include:

1. Statements of Qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Scope of Services.
2. Statement of availability.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the issues.
4. Identification of projected level of effort.
5. Identification of any specialized sub-consultants that may be included such as telecommunications attorneys, et cetera.

Submit five (5) Proposal copies to:

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SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: Noon, August 9, 1996