

# Nez Perce Tribe

## Update of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan with A Resiliency Plan

### Request for Proposals

The Nez Perce Tribe hereby issues a ***Request for Proposals (RFP) for an independent consultant or consultant firm to develop an updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan with a work plan for the Nez Perce Tribe***, that includes addressing the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic in a resiliency plan. The project will be conducted under a grant award to the Tribe from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Economic Development Action Plan will identify Nez Perce Tribe economic recovery and resiliency needs and will serve as an inclusive work plan with strategies to accomplish specific short term and long term goals and objectives for the update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy with a resiliency.

#### Background:

The Nez Perce Tribe, a federally recognized tribe, is located in what is now north-central Idaho. As a tribal government, it carries out the full range of governmental functions, including tribal government operations, law enforcement and court system, education, health care, economic development, environmental and wildlife protection and restoration, promotions of cultural functions, and promotion of the overall well-being of the community. The Tribe is one of the top three regional employers in north-central Idaho with more than 1,000 employees.

The Nez Perce Tribal government operates under a representative form of government, where a nine-member executive committee (Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee) is elected by the general council to govern. There are approximately 3,500 tribal members, 2/3 of whom live on or near the current reservation. The office of executive direction manages the intergovernmental affairs of the Nez Perce Tribe and all government operations, including economic development, providing the ability for employees to accomplish the goals set by the NPTEC, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

The Economic and Community Development office resides in the suites of Executive Direction of the Nez Perce tribal government. It is the purpose of the Economic & Community Development Planning office to provide planning work necessary to design, direct and complete development activities which will enhance or add to the tribal government organization and quality of life for tribal community members through better employment and services for economic advancement. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update for the plan core committee will include leaders, planners within the tribal structure and members of the Nez Perce Tribal Emergency Disaster Team.

More background information may be obtained on the Tribe's website at [nezperce.org](http://nezperce.org) or by contacting Ann McCormack, Economic Development Planner at [annm@nezperce.org](mailto:annm@nezperce.org) or (208) 621-3710.

#### Proposal Requirements:

- Resume' and relevant experience.

An explanation as to how applicant will address the following components of the planning grant awarded to the Tribe:

- Work with the Tribe's Economic Development Planner to attend necessary planning meetings with Nez Perce Tribe Core Committee stakeholders, known as the Economic and Resiliency Team, to be held at Lapwai, Idaho and including lead personnel from the following Nez Perce Tribe departments, agencies and partners and their sub-departments and programs:
  - Business and Finance Sub-Committee
  - Executive Direction
  - Internal Tribal Planners
  - Grants Coordinator
  - Grant Writers
  - Members of Emergency Disaster Team
- Interview elected tribal officials and tribal staff to provide input and guidance into collection of economic development and resiliency needs and issues, including but not limited to:
  - a) Economic & Community Development
  - b) Transportation
  - c) Technology Services
  - d) Natural Resources
  - e) Fisheries
  - f) Climate Change/Energy Sub-Committee
  - g) Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
  - h) Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority
  - i) Nimiipuu Health Clinic
  - j) Education
  - k) Social Services
  - l) Law & Justice (including TERO)
- In coordination with the Planning Team, help facilitate the planning process, coordinate the community assessment, organize and process information and data provided by team and to format the final update of the Nez Perce Tribe Economic Development Strategy, CEDS, with the Resiliency Plan and incorporating all findings and strategies, to be presented to the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee and other tribal officials as complete plans capable of serving as a framework on which the Tribal Government can base future economic and resiliency decisions and that can serve as justification for future economic and disaster relief grants for the Tribe. The Plans must be consistent with the Tribe's overall strategic plan.

Proposals must also include the following:

- A Scope of Work, including deliverables, time frame and costs
- Prior experience and knowledge of working with Tribal Economic Development Programs
- Minimum of three professional reference contacts with contact information

#### Grant Specifications

Once a proposal is selected, a contract may be issued as a result of this. **The contract will begin no later than November 1, 2021 and all work must be completed by March 30, 2022 for the CEDS and May 30, 2022 for the Resiliency Plan.** The funding available for this proposal may not exceed \$ 12,400.

Incomplete proposals will not be accepted. The Nez Perce Tribe reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses, or any part of any response, or to cancel the RFP process if it is in the Tribe's best interest.

The deadline for responses is  
**4:30 p.m., PST on October 8, 2021,**  
Send hard copies to: Ann McCormack,  
Economic Development Planner  
Nez Perce Tribe  
P.O. Box 360  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540  
(must be postmarked by deadline)

E-mailed or in person copies will also be accepted, if sent prior to the deadline. Send to:  
Ann McCormack, Economic Development Planner Nez Perce Tribe  
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