



**Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) Initiative
Contract Announcement:**

**PRIORITY AREA AND LOCAL CAPACITY ASSESSMENT FOR MARINE INCIDENT RESPONSE
PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND MARINE PLAN AREA**

The MaPP initiative seeks to contract a consultant or consulting team to conduct an assessment of two components of a future marine incident response plan to be developed for the North Vancouver Island (NVI) Plan Area. These components: priority response areas and existing local community capacity and resources, will be consistent with and support the Regional Geographic Response Planning initiative of the Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) and may be utilized in implementation of the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Overview

The Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast (MaPP) is a partnership between the Province of British Columbia, the Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative, the North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society, Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance, Council of Haida Nation, and the Nānwakolas Council (the MaPP Partners). The partnership developed four sub-regional marine plans and a Regional Action Framework, and is now in the process of implementing these marine plans, completed in 2015.

The sub-regional plans include a marine plan for North Vancouver Island, developed by the Province of British Columbia and the Nānwakolas Council. Implementation of the North Vancouver Island sub-regional plan is being led by the NVI Plan Technical Team, comprised of representatives from each of the Nānwakolas Council and the Province of British Columbia, and supported by a contract technical planner.

Tides Canada is supporting the MaPP partners by, among other activities, administering funds on behalf of various donors for implementation activities.

Contract Summary

Scope of Work

Background:

The North Vancouver Island Marine Plan, co-led by the Nānwakolas Council and BC, approved, and released on April 27, 2015, includes a number of strategies relating to marine incident response planning (Section 4.3.3 of the Plan). They include a recommendation to assess spill preparedness and response capacity from industry and community perspectives, and to

establish geographic response plans that will address priority areas of concern and involve local communities and industries.

The MaPP partners are also conducting work at the regional level, including the development of a marine response strategy and development of a common template for geographic response plans to be used for MaPP sub-regions. This regional work is anticipated to be done in concert with the federal Oceans Protection Plan. Two important components of the template will be the determination of priority response areas that reflect significant or sensitive ecological and cultural areas, and the identification of the local capacity to respond to spills in these areas.

Purpose:

The purpose of the project is to gather detailed information that will support the development of a geographic response plan for the NVI Marine Plan Area. The tasks will be focused on identifying priority areas of concern by First Nations, local communities and stakeholders; documenting sensitive values and marine traffic data; evaluating coastal community resources such as population, fishers, boats, staffed light stations, and Guardian Watchmen resources. This information generated from these tasks will be used to inform the common template for all MaPP sub-regions.

This contract requires the consultant to:

- a) Review the NVI Plan, related MaPP reports and studies, and other relevant geographic response planning literature related to the NVI Plan Area for information on identifying and prioritizing vulnerable sensitive areas for marine incident response planning.
- b) Research and inventory the composition and potential for response participation of community and industry resources in close proximity to the priority areas, and identify training and equipment requirements;
- c) Conduct telephone and/or in-person interviews with NVI Plan Co-leads, representatives of marine sectors (including members of the NVI Plan Advisory Committee), appropriate BC government staff and Nanwakolas Council Member Nations representatives. The consultant will develop interview questions, and review the questions with the NVI co-leads prior to conducting the interviews.

Deliverables:

Preparation of a report with accompanying maps that outlines:

- Report purpose, background and context;
- Documentation of methodology and general information sources;
- Documentation (with maps) of priority vulnerable sensitive areas, including key values and resources requiring protection. Documentation to also include relevant marine traffic data summary, response participation evaluation of local coastal community, industry and First Nations human resources and equipment.

- References, including interviews, personal communications and literature cited or reviewed.
- All digital data referenced and analyzed during the study including spatial and non-spatial datasets.

Contract Timeline and Milestones – (subject to change)

- **Week of May 10-** Issuance of contract.
- **By May 24** – Draft list of interview questions presented to NVI Co-leads.
- **By May 31** – Completion of literature reviews and interviews.
- **By June 15** – Completion of draft report and maps.
- **By July 14, 2017** – Provide final report and maps.
- **Ongoing** monthly check-in and report with NVI Co-Leads to review progress against deliverable

Contract Remuneration:

- Up to a contract maximum of \$30,000 plus GST for services.

MaPP input

NVI CO-leads will provide the consultant with:

- A copy of the North Vancouver Island Marine Plan and relevant studies prepared for MaPP.
- Contact information for Nānwaḱolas, provincial government staff, local government representatives and stakeholder groups.
- Letters of support or introduction for contacts.

Qualifications, Experience, and Skills

- Consultant or consulting team with marine incident response planning expertise and experience.
- Excellent analytical and communication skills, including report writing.

Contracting Timeline

This contract will be targeted for award by May 10, 2017.

To Apply

Please submit by 5pm on Friday April 14 a project proposal that outlines the proposed project approach, name of consultants, qualifications, and fees and expense projections. Extensions to the submission timeline may be granted if there are insufficient applications. Send proposals to:

NVI Plan Marine Incident Response Planning

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