



CALIFORNIA
STATE LANDS
COMMISSION

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

RFQ #2025-31

**On-Call Tribal and Cultural Resources Monitoring
The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians**

August 14, 2026

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Introduction and Background

Established in 1938, the California State Lands Commission (Commission) is composed of the Lieutenant Governor, the State Controller, and the Governor’s Director of Finance. The Commission is primarily a land and resource trust manager. It manages approximately 4 million acres of California's state-owned (sovereign) Public Trust lands and resources that were received upon admission into the Union in 1850. It also manages other lands that the federal government conveyed to the State (commonly known as school lands) and oversees the management of Public Trust lands legislatively granted in trust to over 70 local jurisdictions. The Commission also enforces the protections of the Public Trust Doctrine, the State’s property rights, and important environmental quality and marine pollution prevention laws.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report (EIR) on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. The Commission regularly acts as the lead agency on a multitude and variety of projects throughout the state.

[Executive Order B-10-11 \(September 19, 2011\)](#), reaffirmed by [Executive Order N-15-19 \(June 18, 2019\)](#), directed all state agencies to encourage and participate in communication and consultation with California Native American tribes on matters that may affect tribal communities. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 52 \(Statutes on 2014\)](#) specified that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment.

AB 52 recognizes that California Native American tribes possess unique expertise regarding their own history and cultural practices, particularly those connected to the tribal cultural resources with which they are traditionally and culturally affiliated. Because CEQA calls for a sufficient degree of analysis, tribal knowledge about the land and tribal cultural resources at issue should be included in environmental assessments for projects that may have a significant impact on those resources. AB 52 further requires a lead agency, if requested by a tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a proposed project, to engage in CEQA-related consultation with that tribe.

[Government Code section 4525](#), pertaining to Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement, defines “Environmental Services” as those services performed in conjunction with project development and permit processing in order to comply with federal and state environmental laws. Therefore, as tribal cultural resources monitoring clearly falls within A&E purview, the Commission is issuing a Request for Qualifications to California Native American tribes for on-call engagement related to CEQA projects that affect or impact a Tribe.

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- 1) **Acquisition Approach** - Pursuant to [Government Code section 4526](#) and regulations as described in [California Code of Regulations, title 2, division 3, chapter 1, article 13 \(Retainer Contract\)](#), the Commission announces its intention to establish an on-call Tribal and Cultural Resources Monitoring environmental services Retainer contract with an appropriately qualified Tribe for projects affecting or impacting the **Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians**.
 - a) Staff has been authorized by the Executive Officer and the Commission to solicit for consultant services, negotiate a fair and reasonable price, and award and execute Agreements (hereafter referred to as Contract or Agreement, considered one and the same).
- 2) **Definitions and Terms** - Unless otherwise stated, “**Tribe(s)**” as used herein, refers to California Native American tribes, Bands, Rancherias, or Nations, including those with Federal Recognition status, and those with ancestral interest in the Project area.
- 3) **Overview** - The Commission invites you to review and respond to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). By submitting your Proposal, your Tribe agrees to the terms and conditions included in this RFQ.
- 4) **Minimum Requirements** - The Tribe shall be recognized by the California Native American Heritage Commission.
- 5) **Key Action Dates**
 - a) Responders are advised of the key dates and times shown below and are expected to adhere to them. All times noted in this document are Pacific Standard Time (PST).
 - b) Please contact CSLC.Solicitations@slc.ca.gov with any questions. Place “RFQ#2025-31: On-Call Tribal and Cultural Resources Monitoring – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians” in the subject line.

Key Date #	Description of Key Action Date	Key Date
1	Request for Qualifications issued:	Friday, August 14, 2026
2	Questions due:	Friday, August 21, 2026 by 1:00pm
3	Responses to Questions:	Tuesday, August 25, 2026 by 1:00pm
4	Submissions due	Tuesday, September 1, 2026 by 1:00pm
6	Notice of Intent to Award (Subject to change):	Friday, September 4, 2026 by 1:00pm
7	Estimated Term Dates (Subject to change):	September 7, 2026 through September 6, 2030

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- 6) **Sample Contract and Standard Agreement Language** – The Tribe shall review the terms of the Sample Contract and become familiar with its language. This will substantively be the Contract that will be entered into between the Commission and the Tribe.
- a) Standard Form 213 (STD213) – This is the document that details the term dates, total contract capacity, exhibit page count, and is the signature binding Agreement.
 - b) Exhibit A – Scope of Work
 - i) Exhibit A – Scope of Work and Deliverables – Services to be performed and detailed information regarding the specific work order are described in Exhibit A of the Contract.
 - ii) Exhibit A1 (Attachment 3) – Qualifications narrative providing information related to the Tribe’s historical boundaries, qualifications, capabilities, and capacity to provide monitoring services shall be included as Exhibit A – Attachment 1 in work order Agreements.
 - iii) Exhibit A2 (Attachment 4) – Tribal Ancestral map illustrating tribal historical relationship to area subject to work shall be included as Exhibit A – Attachment 2 in work order Agreements.
 - c) Exhibit B – Budget and Payment Detail
 - i) Costs shall be negotiated at time of work order Agreement and shall include the hourly fee rates for all specific classifications of employees and/or services that may be used for this project.
 - d) Exhibit C – [General Terms and Conditions \(GTC 02/2025\)](#)
 - e) Exhibit D - Special Terms and Conditions
- 7) **Submission – Administrative Requirements**
- a) The deadline to respond to this Solicitation is noted in Section 5) Key Dates.
 - b) Responses shall be submitted via email to the Commission at the following email address: CSLC.Solicitations@slc.ca.gov.
 - c) Responses shall include the following:
 - i) Attachment #1 – Checklist
 - ii) Attachment #2 – Cover Letter
 - iii) Attachment #3 – Narrative providing information related to the Tribe’s current and historical boundaries, qualifications, capabilities, and capacity to provide monitoring services.
 - iv) Attachment #4 – Tribal Ancestral Map
 - v) Attachment #5 – Tribal Resolution to enter into Agreement with the Commission or Statement on Tribal government letterhead stating that no resolution is required.
 - vi) Attachment #6 – STD204 Payee Data Form
 - vii) Attachment #7 – Darfur Contracting Act Certification form
 - viii) Attachment #8 – California Civil Rights Laws Certification form
- 8) **Cost Proposal**
- a) No cost information shall be submitted at this time. Awardee shall be asked to submit a detailed cost proposal after selection.
 - b) Negotiations shall include providing a cost worksheet of bill rates which shall apply to future Work Orders and be incorporated into Exhibit B – Budget and Payment Detail of the Agreement.

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9) **Monetary Incentive Programs**

- a) This is a competency-based selection process in accordance with Government Code section 4525 et seq. As such, cost is not a scored factor. The following incentive programs are **not** applicable to the selection method.
 - i) [Disabled Veterans' Business Enterprise \(DVBE\)](#) incentives. ([Military & Veterans Code sections 999 and 999.5\(d\)](#))
 - ii) [Small Business incentive](#) (CCR §1896.8, [GC § 14835 et seq](#)).
 - iii) [TACPA preferences](#) pursuant to [Government Code section 4530-4535.3](#).

10) **Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprise (DVBE) Participation and Certification**

- a) Under [Military and Veterans Code section 999.2](#), each state department has a participation requirement of not less than 3% for disabled veteran business enterprises. These requirements apply to the overall dollar amount expended each year by the awarding department.
 - i) The Commission recognizes disabled veterans for their service and has a DVBE Participation Program. The program is intended to further veterans' participation in Commission contracting, promote competition, and encourage greater economic opportunity.
 - ii) **The Contract will not have a mandatory participation goal for DVBEs.**
- b) For general DVBE contracting assistance, email OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov or call 916-375-4940.

- 11) **Selection Process** - Tribe(s) shall be selected based on qualifications. This is a competency-based selection process in accordance with [Government Code section 4525](#) et seq and [Commission regulations](#) as described in California Code of Regulations, title 2, division 3, chapter 1, article 13.