

INVITATION TO BID

Project Name: **USIT Helmick Road Reservation Residential Broadband and Government Fiber Project**
Bid Opening: **April 2, 2026 - 2:00 PM**
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings: **March 19, 2026 - 10:30 AM or March 19, 2026 - 1:30 PM**
Engineers of Record: Tuttle Engineering and Management/Lochner/ADP Engineer's Estimate Range: \$750,000 - \$850,000
Time for completion: 100 Working Days

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: The Owner is requesting competitive proposals and will choose a contractor based on the responsive and responsible low bidder. Complete proposals include a fixed price cost proposal.

Bids will be received by the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, for the construction of the **USIT Helmick Road Reservation Residential Broadband and Government Fiber Project** (USIT: USIT-23-02-H01).

The public bid opening will be conducted via a Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83271846157?pwd=LFI56uxsw4UEN5mfELU6xOPxKef1Mu.1>

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Submit proposals in PDF (Portable Document Format) no later than 2:00 PM on April 2, 2026 by email to Dan Tolliver (dant@upperskagit.com) containing the subject line "USIT Helmick Road Reservation Residential Broadband and Government Fiber Project". Please ensure email attachments do not exceed 20 MB.

Bids received later than 2:00 PM on April 2, 2026 will not be considered.

Description of Work

Work intended under the four segments of this contract includes extending an underground broadband conduit network from an existing network in the Northern State Recreation Area to the Upper Skagit Indian Reservation and installing a new underground conduit network with vaults.

Work also includes demolishing and replacing existing pavements; underground boring near critical areas; installing rigid conduit under an existing bridge; installing panels and splice cases and splitter terminals; fiber-wiring conduits; fusion splicing; surface restorations; connecting and terminating these systems at existing home sites and light poles; temporary traffic control; protecting critical areas; erosion control; record drawings; and other Work; all in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Provisions, Special Provisions, and according to the industry-wide construction standards set for this Work.

All Work is located within, and in the immediate vicinity of, the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe's Helmick Road Reservation located approximately two miles east of the City of Sedro-Woolley, WA.

Restoration to pre-project conditions at all sites is a condition of the Work to be performed.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid must be submitted with the cost proposal bid.

Free-of-charge access to project bid documents (plans, specifications, addenda, and Bidders List) is provided to Prime Bidders, Subcontractors, and Vendors by going to www.bxwa.com and clicking on "Posted Projects", "Public Works", "Upper Skagit Indian Tribe", and "Projects Bidding". This online plan room provides Bidders with fully usable online documents with the ability to: download, view, print, order full/partial plan sets from numerous reprographic sources, and a free online digitizer/take-off tool. It is recommended that Bidders "Register" to receive automatic email notifications of future addenda and to place themselves on the "Self-Registered Bidders List". Bidders that do not register will not be automatically notified of addenda and will need to periodically check the on-line plan room for addenda issued on this project. Contact Builders Exchange of Washington at (425) 258-1303 should you require assistance with access or registration.

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In addition to the plan holder's list at BXWA, an interested party shall notify the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe with an Intent to Apply by email Dan (dant@upperskagit.com) containing the subject line "USIT Helmick Road Reservation Residential Broadband and Government Fiber Project". This statement should include the company name and point of contact information. A return email notification will be sent to all parties that submit an Intent to Apply. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of this notification, please contact the Tribe. **It may be necessary for the Tribe to send a test email to the same company email address for it to pass through the cybersecurity firewall successfully. A test/confirmation email from the Tribe should allow a subsequent submittal of emails with attachments.**

If you wish to have additional contacts listed for the submittal, please ensure the contact is cc'd on the reply email.

All prospective **bidders must attend one of the two mandatory pre-bid meetings** scheduled to be held **Thursday March 19, 2026 at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**. Bidders are to meet at the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe's Recreational Center (Gym) parking lot located at 25708 Coyote Drive, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284. The meeting will consist of a project discussion and subsequent mandatory site walk-through. Bids will only be considered from bidders attending the pre-bid meeting.

All technical questions shall be submitted in writing to Dan Tolliver, dant@upperskagit.com no later than 3:00 P.M. Thursday, March 26, 2026.

The Tribe will reject any bid not accompanied by bid security or data required by the bid documents. All bidders must be licensed contractors registered in the State of Washington, be registered prior to bid award on the federal System for Award Management website, www.sam.gov, and must not be on the Federal Debarment List.

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