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Dear Interested Party:

The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) is announcing the opportunity to submit proposals for the *Deep River Connectivity – Preliminary Design* project. CREST meets federal and state contracting guidelines with this RFP.

The project is being sponsored and managed by CREST in close partnership with Wahkiakum County. Design funding is from the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative. CREST is a Council of Governments that includes the local counties, cities, and port districts surrounding the Columbia River Estuary in both Oregon and Washington. CREST is a community organization specializing in environmental planning and habitat restoration for fish and wildlife. CREST offers expertise in habitat restoration project design, funding, management, implementation and monitoring with the goal of improving and enhancing the natural resources that are essential to the vitality and resilience of the neighboring communities along the Columbia River Estuary.

The *Deep River Connectivity – Preliminary Design* RFP will be available online at [www.columbiaestuary.org](http://www.columbiaestuary.org). If you are unable to download the pdf document, please direct questions to Tracy Hruska, Habitat Restoration Project Manager at [thruska@columbiaestuary.org](mailto:thruska@columbiaestuary.org) (preferred) or by phone at (503) 325-0435 ext. 222.

All proposals must be received by 4:00 pm, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Electronic proposals no larger than 20mb can be emailed to [thruska@columbiaestuary.org](mailto:thruska@columbiaestuary.org). Late proposals and paper proposals will not be accepted. A site visit is tentatively scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> and is expected to last no more than 3 hours. Please RSVP by Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Project Manager will send additional details to attending firms prior to the visit. **The site visit is encouraged but not mandatory.**

Sincerely,

Tracy Hruska  
Habitat Restoration Project Manager  
Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce