

# NOTICE OF BID OPPORTUNITY

## Competitive Solicitation 25RQ173 Student Loan Consultation Services

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION POSTING:** December 14, 2023

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS:** January 26, 2024

Find the full solicitation on [Washington's Electronic Business Solution \(WEBS\)](#). Vendors not registered in WEBS will not receive updates or amendments to the solicitation, which could disadvantage your bid.

**Pre-bid conference:** January 3, 2024

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**Contract location:** Statewide

**Contract description:** The Washington Student Achievement Council is conducting a competitive solicitation to award an Agency Convenience Contract(s) for Student Loan Consultation Services from experienced individuals or firms.

The 2023 Legislature [passed EHB 1823](#) modifying the statute for a state student loan program (RCW [28B.93](#)). WSAC is to administer this program for graduate students in workforce shortage areas. The first loans are to be issued in the 2025-26 academic year, with program design work in the years leading up, including competitive bid process for loan servicing.

The statute states that WSAC may retain consultation in the design process. This solicitation is for convenience contract(s) for ongoing program design work. This work could include development of a competitive bid for loan servicing. Any successful bidder for this convenience contract who consults on the RFP for servicing of the Washington State Student Loan program (WSSL) will not be eligible to bid on the subsequent RFP.

**Commodity codes:**

918-38-Education and Training Consulting,  
918-75-Management Consulting,  
918-83-Organizational Development Consulting  
918-20-Business Consulting (small)  
918-32-Consulting Services (not otherwise classified)  
918-49-Finance/Economics Consulting  
918-58-Governmental Consulting

**Preference/priority points:**

- Washington small businesses - 50
- Veteran-owned businesses - 25
- Executive Order 18-03 - 25

**Solicitation documents:** Solicitation documents, contacts and bid instructions are available in WEBS: <https://pr-webs-vendor.des.wa.gov/>.

**Question-and-answer period:** December 14, 2023 – January 18, 2024. Submit questions or concerns about this solicitation in writing to the Procurement Coordinator: [RFPCoordinator@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:RFPCoordinator@wsac.wa.gov).