

**Washington State
Department of Commerce**

PNWH2 Projects

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

The Department of Commerce (COMMERCE) on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (PNWH2) is considering issuing a competitive solicitation [e.g., Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotation and Qualifications (RFQQ), etc.] in the upcoming months.

If PNWH2 does a solicitation, COMMERCE will post it on the PNWH2.com Website, COMMERCE website and the government posting system (WEBS).

Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (PNWH2) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation established by the State of Washington to coordinate regional efforts aimed at clean hydrogen deployment. The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is for PNWH2 to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Hydrogen Hub (H2Hubs) opportunity. The H2Hubs opportunity is aimed at building several regional network[s] of clean hydrogen producers, potential clean hydrogen consumers, and connective infrastructure. This request for information aims to collect information about all potential projects in the Northwest that should be considered in the development of the initial proposal. PNWH2 will evaluate candidate projects based on their fit with the DOE's guidance on the H2Hubs Notice of Intent, potential contribution to a larger network aimed clean hydrogen deployment, and other program objectives.

DOE is expected to publish the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in September or October 2022. Concept papers are likely to be due 6-8 weeks later, with invitations to submit a full proposal coming approximately 4 weeks after that. PNWH2 then expects to have about 4 months from the receipt of the invitation to prepare a full proposal. If successful, PNWH2 would receive up to \$1 billion to fund hydrogen hub development.

Responses to this RFI will help us:

- Decide whether to issue a solicitation,
- Determine the scope of work, and
- Create a RFP or RFQQ distribution list.

Please respond to this RFI if:

- You are interested in receiving a solicitation for this project.
- You have suggestions that could help PNWH2 with this project.

PNWH2 seeks to gather information through this survey to support upcoming concept paper & proposal development for the DOE H2Hubs opportunity. This is the first step of an interactive process; PNWH2 will review submissions and ask follow-up questions to respondents as needed.

Draft Project Timeline (all dates are estimates)

Event	Dates
Advertise Request for Information (RFI)	June 23, 2022
Issue Request for Information	June 23, 2022
Due date for RFI responses	July 26, 2022
Review Responses	July 26 – August 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ BEFORE RESPONDING TO THIS RFI

Cost of RFI Response Preparation

COMMERCE will not reimburse any Vendor or respondent for any costs associated with preparing a response to this RFI.

Proprietary or Confidential Information

Any information contained in the Response that is proprietary or confidential must be clearly designated. The page and the particular exception(s) from disclosure must be identified. Each page claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the word “confidential” printed on the **lower right hand corner** of the page. Marking the entire response as confidential will be neither accepted nor honored and may result in disclosure of the entire response. The Vendor must be reasonable in designating information as confidential. To the extent consistent with Chapter 42.56 RCW, the Public Records Act, COMMERCE will maintain the confidentiality of Vendor's information marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary".

Amendments/Addenda

COMMERCE reserves the right to change the RFI timeline or other portions of this RFI at any time.

Right to Cancel

COMMERCE reserves the right to cancel or reissue this Request for Information at any time without obligation or liability.

No Obligation to Buy or Issue Solicitation

COMMERCE will not contract with any vendor as a result of this RFI. While COMMERCE may use responses to this RFI to draft a competitive solicitation for the subject of these services, issuing this RFI does not compel COMMERCE to do so.

Information provided in response to this RFI will not be considered when evaluating bidders responding to any future solicitation.

Submission Instructions

- Please complete the Questionnaire page through PNWH2.com. If you are unable to complete online, Feel free to download the full RFI to prepare your answers ahead of starting the Qualtrics survey. and submit via email to Jaclyn.perez@commerce.wa.gov
- Insert your answers under each question, responding to each question to the best of your ability and with as much detail as possible adhering to all word and page count limits. Responses that do not adhere to these limits may be cut off.
- For the purposes of this RFI the word “project” is used as a placeholder for any project, product, plan, or asset related to the production, movement, and/or storage, and utilization of hydrogen.
- Insert your answers under each question, responding to each question to the best of your ability and with as much detail as possible adhering to all word and page count limits. Responses that do not adhere to these limits may be cut off.
- All responses must arrive by July 26, 2022.
- If you have any questions about the RFI or problems opening the survey, please contact Jaclyn Perez at Jaclyn.perez@commerce.wa.gov.

- SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:

Located on PNWH2.com or direct access through: <https://bit.ly/hydrogen-rfi>