

Organizational Conflict of Interest Statement

Prior to entering into a contract with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WESTCOG), an entity shall inform WestCOG of any real or apparent Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI).

An OCI exists when any of the following circumstances arise:

1. Lack of Impartiality or Impaired Objectivity. When the CONSULTANT (proposer, bidder, etc.) is unable, or potentially unable, to provide impartial and objective assistance or advice to WESTCOG due to other activities, relationships, contracts, or circumstances.
2. Unequal Access to Information. The CONSULTANT has an unfair competitive advantage through obtaining access to nonpublic information during the performance of an earlier contract.
3. Biased Ground Rules. During the conduct of an earlier procurement, the CONSULTANT has established the ground rules for a future procurement by developing specifications, evaluation factors, or similar documents.

OCI Prohibition and Non-Conflict Certification

The CONSULTANT warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to OCI.

All relevant facts or circumstances, which could give rise to OCI and of which the CONSULTANT is aware, shall be disclosed in full in writing as an attachment to this Statement, at the same time as this document is submitted to WESTCOG. Such disclosures must include a description of any action(s) that the CONSULTANT has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate the OCI. In the event the CONSULTANT was aware of an OCI prior to the award of the contract and did not disclose the OCI to WESTCOG, the proposer agrees that WESTCOG may terminate the contract for default.

The proposer agrees that, should an OCI be discovered after contract award, an immediate and full disclosure in writing shall be made to WESTCOG, including a description of any action(s) that the CONSULTANT has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an OCI is determined to exist, WESTCOG may, at its discretion, terminate the contract. The provisions of this clause must be included in all subcontracts for work to be performed similar to the service provided by the lead or prime consultant, and the terms "contract" and "CONSULTANT" modified appropriately to preserve WESTCOG's rights.

Proposer's Signature and Certification

The undersigned on behalf of the CONSULTANT hereby certifies that the information contained in this certification is accurate, complete, and current.

Signature and date

Typed or Printed Name

Title of Request for Proposals

Title

Company Name and Address