

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED  
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE  
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: Department of Military Affairs

TITLE Regional Native American Consultation Meeting 2020

Short description of the commodity or service desired: To obtain contractual services from Thompson Engineering Inc. to coordinate, facilitate, and manage the Southeastern Region Army National Guard Native American Consultation Meeting, August 17-21, 2020 at the proposed facility, Double Tree Hotel in St Augustine, Florida.

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Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

80171905 Indigenous peoples relations consultation and engagement

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

Contract from February through September 2020. Actual Meeting Event to occur August 17-21, 2020

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Jacqueline Kelly, Cultural Resources Manager, Construction Facilities Management Office/Environmental Section, Department of Military Affairs/Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG).

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g.. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):

The work incorporated within the tasks presented below will be conducted by the Contractor with an anthropological perspective of cultural awareness. Native American issues to be addressed at the meeting will be incorporated into discussions of Federal regulations and the requirement for the FLARNG to consult with the Native American tribes associated with Florida in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Archeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA), Executive Order (EO) 13007, EO 13175, AR 200-1 & AR 200-4, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), and DoD Annotated American Indian and Alaska Native Policy dated 27 Oct 1999.

The meeting will provide awareness and also provide for the regulatory consultation requirement for Southeastern Army National Guard (ARNG) Programs from AL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, and TN, their environmental and Joint

Forces Headquarters Staff, as well as representatives of affiliated Federally-recognized Tribal governments. Thompson Engineering, Inc. will coordinate, facilitate and manage the Regional Native American Consultation Meeting in its entirety; obtaining transportation, and lodging for the Native American representatives, meals and associated per diem, parking, luggage and accommodations for the Native American guests, as well as coordinate with the hosting facility for catering, provide additional meals as outlined in the Scope of Work, and overall coordinate the logistics for the conduct of the Consultation Meeting, official social gatherings between the Native Americans and National Guard Representative, and arrange for and coordinate any off-site field trip day excursion that are scheduled during this event.

Intended Single Source:

Thompson Engineering Inc.  
1135 Townpark Ave. Ste. 2101  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
407-792-0018

Estimated Dollar Amount:

\$115,000.00

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

Thompson Engineering, Inc. has over ten years' experience with coordinating, facilitating, and managing the Southeastern Regional Native American Consultation Meetings for the Army National Guard and National Guard Bureau. The Southeastern Regional States include; Florida Army National Guard, Alabama Army National Guard, Georgia National Guard, Louisiana Army National Guard, Mississippi Army National Guard, and Tennessee Army National Guard. Thompson Engineering has also worked with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct similar consultation Meeting Events in order for these other Federal entities to achieve compliance. Critical to the consultation process is for facilitators to establish and have a trusted relationship with the Native American Tribal Representatives to facilitate open and productive communication between the government agency and the Sovereign Native American Nation. Thompson Engineering involvement in this specialize regulatory work in support of the National Guard has afforded their company to develop and possess required rapport with the Native Americans that has assured consultation success for the National Guard in the past. Thompson Engineering not only has established a positive consultation rapport with the Native Americans associated with the State of Florida, but has also established the same rapport with the Native American Tribes/Nations in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Thompson Engineering has coordinated directly with the following Florida Native American Tribal/Nation representatives: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Porch Band of Creek Indians, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.

Thompson Engineering has also coordinated directly with the following Southeastern United States Native American Tribal/Nation representatives that include but are not limited to: Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Caddo Nation, Cherokee Nation, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Kialegee Tribal Town, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe, Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians.

Thompson Engineering has the specialized staff, demonstrated experience, and resources as a consulting engineering firm that possesses the unique experience to perform favorably under contract in support of the FLARNG and the Southeastern ARNG States. Through the Status Tool for the Environmental Program (STEP) budgeting process, the National Guard Bureau has funded the Florida Environmental Program under Project Number FLONG150001, Statewide Annual Native American Consultation, to host and conduct this regional consultation meeting in 2020. The criticality of a successful consultation for Florida as well as for the other ARNG states dictate that the contractor chosen for this work has the credentials as itemized. Therefore, Thompson Engineering is the preferred contractor for this effort, not only for the FLARNG, but for the other ARNG States. Thompson Engineering has demonstrated

their ability to meet performance expectations and to accomplish the work within budget as best value to the government.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Mark Widener, Environmental Program Manager, Construction and Facility Management Office, FLARNG

John Connor, Purchasing Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Sam Tozer, Resource Manager, Construction and Facility Management Office, FLARNG

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