

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFIs)  
FOR GUEMES ISLAND FERRY REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2017, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners (Board) approved a professional services consultant contract (Skagit County Contract # C20170376, as amended by A20170110, A20180074, and A20180210) with Glosten, a naval architecture firm, for the design of an all-electric vessel to replace the 40-year old M/V Guemes and the associated charging system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the replacement vessel will be the first purpose-built all-electric vehicle and passenger ferry (and accompanying charging station infrastructure) in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, this is relatively new propulsion technology; therefore, the County has been advised by Glosten that engagement with the vendor community is essential for Glosten to complete preliminary design; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department, together with Glosten, intends to seek technical information and Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimates from vendors to inform design decisions that cannot otherwise be made via this Request for Information (RFI); and

**WHEREAS**, the RFIs describe the electrical system for the vessel, the propulsion system, the shore side electrical system and associated automated charging plug; and

**WHEREAS**, submission of information in response to this RFI by any party is completely voluntary, and parties will not be compensated for the submission of information; and

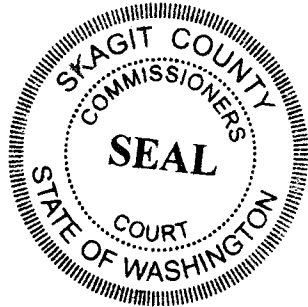
**WHEREAS**, information submitted by any party in response to this RFI will not be considered or treated as proprietary or confidential by the County, and will be subject to public disclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, information obtained through this RFI process will not be used as a basis for selection of vendors or equipment, and a subsequent formal procurement process will follow at an appropriate time in accordance with applicable laws; and

**WHEREAS**, no preference or special consideration will be given to parties who submit information, and parties will not be precluded from participating in the subsequent formal procurement process for not submitting information in response to this RFI.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, the Public Works Department is approved to release and advertise the Requests for Information (RFI) for the Guemes Island Ferry Replacement Project (#ESMVGUE-1).

PASSED this 4 day of May, 2020.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Linda Hanna  
Clerk of the Board

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## Legal Notice

### Requests for Information (RFIs) for the Skagit County Guemes Island Ferry Replacement Project #ESMVGUE-1

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Skagit County invites the submittal of information for the Skagit County Guemes Island Ferry Replacement Project #ESMVGUE-1 for the vessel electrical system, vessel propulsion system, shore side electrical system, and automated charging plug.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Skagit County (the County) owns and operates a vehicle and passenger ferry, and associated terminal structures, which has provided service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, WA since 1979. Due to the advanced age of the vessel and the high cost of extending operation beyond its economic useful life of 40 years, Skagit County has determined an immediate need for replacement. Glosten has been selected by Skagit County to design a 160-ft. battery electric vessel and the associated on shore electrical and charging systems.

The Guemes Island Ferry replacement vessel is expected to be the first purpose-built electric vehicle and passenger ferry in the United States. The battery electric system for this project could serve as a model for similar future ferry projects in Washington State and the surrounding region.

Information requested includes detailed technical information including a basic one-line diagram, equipment drawings, specifications, and rough order of magnitude (ROM) pricing for this equipment to progress the design of the vessel. Vendors are invited to respond to one or more of the RFIs. The information provided in response to the RFIs will not be used as a basis for selection of vendor or equipment. Submission of information in response to this RFI by any party is voluntary, and parties will not be compensated for the submission of information. No preference or special consideration will be given to Vendors who submit information, and Vendors will not be precluded from participating in the subsequent formal procurement process for not submitting information in response to this RFI. Information submitted will not be considered or treated as proprietary or confidential by the County, and will be subject to public disclosure. More information is available at [skagitcounty.net/Departments/Rfp/](http://skagitcounty.net/Departments/Rfp/).

Questions can be directed to Captain Rachel Rowe, Ferry Division Manager, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273; (360) 416-1400.

Skagit County ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from the federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Liaison, Keith M. Elefson, P. E., at (360) 416-1456.

#### **SUBMITTAL**

Responses are requested by June 30, 2020, and must be emailed to Captain Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager, at [rrowe@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:rrowe@co.skagit.wa.us).

  
Clerk of the Board