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Request for Proposals

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) is soliciting proposals for contractual services listed below.

CONTRACT SERVICE: Leatherback Tag Head and Power Assisted Deployment Device Development

CONTRACT PERIOD: The contract period is expected to be approximately one year beginning on or around December 15, 2021.

SCOPE OF WORK: The Contractor will work closely with PIFSC to refine the design of a direct attachment tag head and develop a power assisted pole deployment device suitable for vessel-side tag deployments on leatherback turtles in the Hawaii longline fishery. The Contractor will assist PIFSC researchers in testing the prototype direct attachments and pole deployments, modify prototypes as necessary in consultation with PIFSC researchers based on testing outcomes; and supply prototype tags and deployment devices for testing.

ELIGIBILITY: The potential contractor must:

- Have a demonstrated ability to design and fabricate machine parts for ocean-based deployments;
- Have prior experience designing tag heads for marine species;
- Be available to start the project on or around December 15, 2021; and
- U.S. Federal agencies and their employees are not eligible for contractual agreements with the Council.

HOW TO APPLY: Proposal submissions should include a proposal including the following items (maximum 3 pages): a. Name, affiliation, and contact information of the principal contractor(s); b. Brief statement addressing the requirements as stated; c. Budget; and d. a curriculum vitae or resume for each project participant.

Proposals may be submitted by e-mail (attach materials in PDF files) to info@wpcouncil.org or regular mail to: Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400 Honolulu, HI 96813.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Proposals will be welcome until December 6, 2021 or until a contractor is engaged.