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Request for Proposals
Engineering and Environmental Assessment Services
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
TUMWATA VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1
Proposal due 2 p.m. May 4, 2023

Through this Request for Proposals (RFP), the CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE is seeking competitive proposals from qualified and experienced individuals or firms for the provision of design services for the construction of infrastructure and utility improvements at tumwata village site in Oregon City. The project is located at 419 Main Street, Oregon City, Oregon. Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Project Manager, Ryan Webb, via e-mail at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org by 2 p.m., prevailing local time, Monday, May 1, 2023.

Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing Ryan Webb at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2404.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 2 p.m. Thursday, MAY 4, 2023, to Ryan Webb, Project Manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■

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“The enrollment process was never stopped and we are continuing to accept and process all incoming applications,” she said in an e-mail.

The planned pause was in response to recent findings by a Tribal staff genealogist that almost 70 percent of current living Tribal members have lower provable blood quantum than what is on file with the Tribe.

Tribal Council will move forward with a series of enrollment meetings to gather more input and decide next steps regarding the Tribe’s error-plagued enrollment files.

“We must continue our conversations around the future of enrollment and how we move forward,” Langley said. “We hope that you will continue to join us at our upcoming enrollment meetings and workshops so that we can continue that work.”

The meetings will be held in a hybrid format on Zoom and in-person at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19; Thursday, May 4; Wednesday, May 17; and Thursday, June 1.

All meetings will be at the Tribal Governance Center, with the exception of May 4, which will be at Portland State University’s Native American Student and Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson St. ■

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Langley moderated the executive session meeting that lasted almost four hours.

Because the meeting was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report details of what was discussed.

On Wednesday, March 22, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced a planned year-long pause on enrollment actions. Kennedy stated almost 70 percent of current living Tribal members have lower provable blood quantum than what is on file with the Tribe.

The pause was later rescinded.

The Grand Ronde Tribe has specific blood quantum requirements in its Constitution. Using blood quantum to determine enrollment dates back more than two centuries when Indian agents would conduct census taking in Tribal communities and assign blood quantum amounts to families, with little to no scientific process.

Widespread errors in the memberships’ files were first identified in an enrollment audit conducted in 2012 that became the foundation for a divisive era of disenrollment proceedings within the Grand Ronde Tribe. The audit was eventually deemed unreliable by Tribal Council.

Since 2019, Tribal Council has been researching, conducting meetings and hiring staff to find a fix for these errors.

In order to change the requirements of enrolling new Tribal members, the membership must approve a constitutional amendment, which requires at least 30 percent of registered voters cast ballots and two-thirds of those voting must approve the amendment.

The only three constitutional amendments that have passed were the 1999 amendment, which tightened enrollment requirements, an increase in the relinquishment period approved in 2008 and a 2022 amendment, which bans disenrollment except in cases of deliberate fraud or dual enrollment.

If Grand Ronde Tribal members would like to receive a link to watch the Tuesday, April 4, meeting, e-mail Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org.

Future enrollment-oriented meetings are slated for:

- Wednesday April 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Governance Center/Zoom;
- Thursday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. at Portland State University’s Native American Student and Community Center/Zoom;
- Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Governance Center/Zoom;
- Thursday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Governance Center/Zoom. ■

We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! ■

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBERS 50+ TO SHARE STORIES...

Chachalu is seeking tribal members 50+ to share stories and photos for an upcoming exhibit. The exhibit will feature stories from the forest, told through the perspective of timber industry workers, conservationists, hunters, weavers and others reflecting on how our interaction with the land has changed from time immemorial to present day.

If you or someone you know have a story to share, please contact us at Chachalu:

Phone // 503-879-2194 or
 Email // culturalresources@grandronde.org

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Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE NAME OUR WELLNESS CANOE AND CELEBRATE HEALING IN THE COMMUNITY

MAY
 SATURDAY **20** AT 2PM
 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 2PM
 FEAST AT 5PM
 DANCING TO FOLLOW DINNER
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