**Proposal**

**Request for Quotes/RFQ**

**Elected Governance Workshop**

**Confederated Tribes**

**of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**

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November 13, 2019

John David Tovey III

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Tribal Planning Office

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Dear Mr. Tovey,

I am writing in support of Dr. Eric Trevan’s response to your November 5th Request for Quotes for an Elected Governance Leadership Workshop. Dr. Trevan serves as a faculty member in the Master of Public Administration at The Evergreen State College. His duties and experience in this role include teaching courses in our program’s Tribal Governance concentration (including Tribal Organizations, Tribal Policy, Tribal Economics, and Intergovernmental Relations). In addition, he has taught weekend intensive versions of our program’s core courses, which primarily serve Native American students who live across Washington State.

As Washington State’s public liberal arts institution, The Evergreen State College is extensively involved in community-engaged research in pursuit of its mission of “local and global commitment to social justice, diversity, environmental stewardship and service in the public interest” (<https://www.evergreen.edu/policy/missionstatement>). In addition to the Master of Public Administration program, the College’s graduate programs include a Master of Environmental Science program and a Master of Teaching program that support student and faculty-led applied research and technical outreach in the State of Washington, and particularly the Puget Sound region. The College’s resources also include educational and applied research relationships with Native American tribes located in Washington State through its Native Pathways Program, its Longhouse Education and Cultural Center, and the Master of Public Administration program’s tribal governance program. This includes research into tribal resilience to natural disasters, sea level rise, and climate change, and into collaboration across local and tribal governments in Washington State around emergency management, as well as projects on tribal economic development. Tina Kuckkahn-Miller, as Evergreen’s Vice President for Indigenous Arts and Education, serves as a lynchpin in Evergreen’s institutional commitment to serving indigenous communities in the Pacific Northwest.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have further questions or concerns. I am available at (360) 867-6820 or by email at [crawm@evergreen.edu](mailto:crawm@evergreen.edu).

Sincerely,

Michael Craw

Director, Master of Public Administration Program

**Experience 40%**

Summary

We propose a two-person team from Evergreen State College to plan and lead this workshop. Eric S Trevan, PhD and Tina Kuckkahn J.D. bring extensive experience in working with Tribal governments throughout the United States. Specifically, Dr Trevan is a Member of the Faculty (Tenure Track) for the Masters of Public Administration Program and Ms. Kuckkahn is the Vice President of Indigenous Arts and Education for The Evergreen State College. Both have worked on Tribal issues and curriculum within The Evergreen State College, the Pacific Northwest and their own Tribal nations. They are experts working with Tribal Governance and are uniquely qualified providing governance, Tribal, legal and strategic focus to the elected governance efforts of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Eric S Trevan, Ph.D.

*Biography*

Eric S Trevan, PhD is an advocate for local and Tribal economies, entrepreneurship and innovation, small business and economic development. He has worked in leadership positions with a variety of national policy efforts, local and Tribal government, regional economic development, research and government relations. He currently serves as a Member of the Faculty (Tenure-Track) for The Evergreen State College in the Masters of Public Administration program. Additionally, he just finished his term and is the immediate past Chairman of Gun Lake Investments. Eric is a Tribal citizen of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, Gun Lake Tribe.

His 20+ years of experience before working at The Evergreen State College include President and CEO of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, CEO of two (2) federally recognized Tribes (Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi) and Senior Advisor on Government and Tribal Affairs. Additionally, he worked in city government, planning and served as CEO of a nine (9) county regional economic development organization. He remains active with national public policy serving on two (2) tribal EDC boards (Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe) and a special advisor to the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (US Department of Treasury).

Dr. Trevan holds a PhD in Community Resources and Development from Arizona State University, a Master’s Degree in Administration, Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Administration/Economics from Western Michigan University.

*Specialty Areas*

* Tribal Governance/Strategic Planning
* Public Policy
* Economic Development
* Planning/Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Tina Kuckkahn, J.D.

*Biography*

Tina Kuckkahn-Miller (Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), J.D. became Evergreen’s first Vice President of Indigenous Arts and Education in March 2018. Tina served as the founding director of the s'gʷi gʷi ʔ altxʷ “House of Welcome” Longhouse Education and Cultural Center from 1996-2019. As vice president, Tina continues to oversee the mission of the Longhouse to promote Native arts and cultures, in addition to providing support for the Native academic programs at Evergreen.

With degrees in education (1988) and law (1991) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Tina regularly teaches in the Master of Public Administration Program, including the Tribal Governance concentration, at Evergreen. Courses include Tribal Organizations, Managing Cultural Organizations and Grant Writing Essentials. Tina serves on the Indigenous Program Council at the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada, as well as the Board of Directors for the Waaswaaganing Living Arts and Culture Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Tina received a “Bridge Builder” award from Women of Color Empowered in 2013, the President’s Leadership Award from The Evergreen State College in 2014, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Warms Springs Tribe of Oregon in 2015.

*Specialty Areas*

* Tribal Governance
* Economic Development
* Organizational Management
* Non Profit Management
* Corporate Governance
* International Indigenous Cultural Competence
* Social Justice
* Grants and Fundraising

**Suitability 20%**

Cultural Competence

As discussed above, the team has vast experience working with elected governance, specifically working with Tribal nations. Cultural competence is critical to the understanding of the team, listening to the elected leadership and providing guidance based on the cultural values and respecting the differences not only between the Tribal Council, but understanding the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation culture varies from other federally recognized Tribes.

Navigating Tribal Issues

Both team members are well respected not only for their current positions, but also working with Tribal leadership through difficult times. With scarce resources, both worked with their elected Tribal leadership to secure funding for a cultural center of the Tribe. This delicate balance of working directly with elected leaders, potential funders while maintaining a cultural and strategic balance provides a center point for the overall approach of the workshop.

**Leadership Qualities 20%**

Experience with Elected Teams

Eric has worked extensively with elected officials throughout his career. From city councilmembers, state representatives, US Congress and Tribal elected officials, his entire career has focused on advising, developing public policy and strategy for elected officials. He is able to balance different opinions, values and backgrounds and respectfully provide support, guidance, training and cohesion with a variant of elected and appointed officials.

Tina is a leader working in many circles with elected Tribal, State and Federal officials in many capacities. As the first Vice President of Indigenous Arts and Education, she has focused on systemic changes throughout the college to represent not only Native students, but ensure that the mission is reflective of the original lands of the college. As the Longhouse director, Tina had aggressively moved to have Evergreen representation with a variety of efforts, including the Centennial Accord, Tribal Canoe Journey, hosting international Indigenous events and working with Tribal Councils from the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, she has served as an adjunct professor for a variety of courses in Evergreen’s Master of Public Administration program, particularly in tribal governance and grant development.

Related Accomplishments

*Eric S Trevan Ph.D.*

* Hoh Indian Tribe Tribal Council Visioning Session
* Board of Directors Noo-Kayet Development Corporation-Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
* Board of Directors Cheyenne and Arapaho Economic Development Corporation
* Past President Gun Lake Investments-Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, Gun Lake Tribe
* Advisor-Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee-US Department of Treasury

*Tina Kuckkahn, J.D.*

* Board of Directors for the Cultural Center of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
* Community Visioning Session for Island Enterprises, Inc. and the Squaxin Island Tribe
* Worked with Squaxin Island Tribe to host the 2012 Canoe Journey
* Hosted Cultural Exchanges with Indigenous Groups From Hawaii and New Zealand: Squaxin Island, Skokomish, Chehalis and Nisqually
* Partnered with Nisqually Tribe on Legal Team to Exonerate Chief Leschi

**Fee Schedule/Cost 20%**

Team Member Rate Estimated Hours Total

Eric S Trevan Fixed Fee 10 Hours/Workshop N/A

Tina Kuckkahn Fixed Fee 10 Hours/Workshop N/A

Description of Services

Attached RFQ and Scope of Work

Reimbursements (See Attachments) N/A

F&B/Lodging

Taxi/Travel Fees

**TOTAL: $12,000**

* All costs associated with performance of contract are included- details executed in agreement
* Travel, per diem, meals, lodging, and related expenses are not billed on a reimbursement bases and are supported within the Fixed Fee
* Payments made by the first of the month

Respectfully Submitted



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Eric S Trevan Date

The fee covers a one-time direct payment to The Evergreen State College. This represents a future negotiated Indirect Fee and Direct Costs. There will be no additional payments for travel or ancillary costs. Tribal Preference criteria is met since the two facilitators are Tribal Citizens of Federally Recognized Tribes. All required proof and certifications will be provided upon request.