

# University of Washington

## OLYMPIC NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER

*College of Forest Resources  
College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences*

### REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS

*Fiscal Year 2006*

The Olympic Natural Resources Center (ONRC) has received federal research funding for FY 2006. These funds are a portion of the overall support provided to the USDA Forest Service for implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. Funds are being distributed by the Pacific NW Research Station (PNW) to ONRC as a result of Congressional earmarking. Approximately \$217,000 will be allocated to support projects selected through this RFP process.

#### **Guidelines:**

ONRC will accept research pre-proposals that address one or more of research priorities listed in the Forest Program section of the ONRC Strategic Plan. Restrictions arising from the source of the funding prevent ONRC from considering any marine project proposals unless they demonstrate a high degree of relevance to forest program priorities. Applicants should also review the evaluation criteria presented in the Strategic Plan to understand the unique approach ONRC seeks to bring to the priority issues. Proposals that have already received matching funds from non-university sources are encouraged.

Research proposals addressing the following issues will receive priority consideration for FY 2006:

- 1) Economic analyses identifying opportunities/alternatives which achieve one or both of the following: Increased revenue to Trust Beneficiaries of State Trust Lands (DNR); identification of markets which add value to (private and/or publicly owned) timberlands on the Olympic Peninsula.

## **Project Selection Process:**

Pre-proposals will be ranked based upon a consultative review process. Full proposals will be requested of the applications that receive the highest ranking. Selections will be based on evaluation of the project in light of the following questions:

*Does the project have sufficient technical merit and will it produce credible and reliable information (i.e. does it have a testable, explicitly stated hypothesis; do the methods address Type I and Type II errors?)?*

*Does the project produce information that is of practical importance for the Olympic region and its communities (i.e. does it integrate ecological values and commercial timber management pursuant to ONRC's mission?)*

*Does the project build on existing research or capitalize on investments in previous research?*

*Will the project provide high quality deliverables within the stated budget?*

## **Timeline & Notifications:**

All pre-proposals must be received by ONRC on or before 10 March, 2006.

ONRC will request full proposals by 17 March, 2006.

Full proposals are due to ONRC by 31 March, 2006.

Funding decisions for FY 2006 will be made by 21 April, 2006.

*Funding for successful proposals will be available upon completion of University of Washington and PNW processing estimated to be not sooner than 1 July, 2006.*

## **Statement of Tribal Interests:**

The Quileute Indian Tribe is interested in research activities carried out within their "Area of Tribal Interests" as described in Section III.C.6 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olympic Natural Resources Center and the Quileute Indian Tribe, adopted in 1997. The area of tribal interests includes those areas within the boundaries of the Quileute Reservation and those areas within the approximate watersheds of the following rivers: Dickey, Sol Duc, Calawah and Bogachiel. The tribe will be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on both technical and policy considerations relating to the research proposed within the Area of Tribal Interests.

## **Eligibility:**

Proposals may be submitted by teams or individuals from all academic, federal, state and local governments, and private institutions.

## **Application Instructions:**

This RFP is for Pre-Proposals Only. The pre-proposal must be a succinct summary of the proposed research project, **not exceeding one page of single-spaced text of no less than 11-point font presented on letter size paper with one inch margins.** Pre-proposals must include descriptions of: the project rationale and objectives, the methodology to be utilized, and a description of the research team. A simple one year budget is required and can be attached to the single page pre-proposal. Pre-proposals for multiple-year projects will be considered, but funding can not be assured beyond the first year.

Electronic submissions (.doc or .pdf) are preferred:

crossco@u.washington.edu

Submissions may also be mailed to:

Jason Cross  
Research Coordinator  
Olympic Natural Resources Center  
P. O. Box 1628  
Forks, WA 98331

## **Project Deliverables:**

Completed projects are expected to be submitted for peer review; results must be either published in peer reviewed journals or in a separate report. Principal Investigators will be required to provide a poster to ONRC describing their project and must present their results at a review meeting organized by ONRC. Principal Investigators will be asked to make other presentations as available.

## **Additional Information:**

Applicants will find background information describing ONRC (including links to the strategic plan) at our website:

<http://www.onrc.washington.edu>.

Or by telephone: (206) 685-9477; (360) 374-3220