



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF
STATE
SOLE SOURCE POSTING**

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The Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to DL Consulting Ltd to provide web portal and a stable Veridian hosting platform

OSOS requires:

- A Website that allows users to perform advanced search techniques for full-text searchable OCR and metadata-rich content created using the Library of Congress' METS/ALTO standards. as listed in the 2023 National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) Technical Guidelines.
- A website provides a similar or improved user experience that allows growth for long-term preservation and access.

DL Consulting provides the Veridian web hosting service tailored to enterprise level historic newspaper collections with full-text search, and filtering capabilities. The search interface allows a greater variety of search methods including an advanced query syntax, interactive maps, calendars, and unique filtering options to narrow results by subject and category. The platform also allows public access through mobile devices using a simple QR code. The Veridian software supports a unique crowd sourced text correction feature, popular with many site visitors, which cannot be moved to other systems.

OSOS will enter into a five (5) year contract with DL Consulting. The contract will be issued on or after June 15, 2023 and will continue for a five (5) year initial term. The cost of this five year contract is \$179,320. OSOS may opt to extend the contract for an additional two (2) times in one (1) year increments. OSOS determines that each optional additional one year extension would result in \$40,000 per year consideration being added to the total contract value.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements within five (5) working days of this announcement.

Capability statements should address the following state requirements:

- A hosting platform with administrative online access for new content uploading.
- Provide collection data for the OSOS to access at any time to support customers

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract. Capability Statements are due May 26, 2023. To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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