



Chilkoot Indian Association

Federally Recognized Tribe

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## CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING

### PURPOSE OF PROJECT

The Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA) is the tribal government of the Lkoot Kwáan (Chilkoot Tlingit) people of Deishú (Haines), Alaska at the northern end of the Inside Passage. The Chilkoot Tlingit people have relied on abundant local resources for thousands of years including all five species of Pacific Salmon, halibut, marine mammals, wild game, berries, and forest products. The changing climate is altering the timing, abundance, and dependability of many of these traditional resources. Additionally, landscape changes such as altered and more intense precipitation, snowpack, and geohazards such as landslides have posed impacts to CIA's infrastructure and tribal members security. The Lkoot Kwáan are resilient by nature, but in the face of climate change it will be necessary to be proactive about how these changes will impact traditional ways of life and infrastructure and identify strategic measures to mitigate these impacts to ensure Chilkoot traditions can continue for generations to come. Through the development of a Climate Adaptation Plan, CIA will identify those areas that are most vulnerable to climate change and develop adaptation strategies to foster climate resilience for the Chilkoot people.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of this project is intended to take place using both in-person and virtual tools. The CIA is requesting Contractor assistance in: compiling the latest climate change projections and climate model data applicable to Southeast Alaska and the Lkoot and Deishú areas, climate vulnerability outreach material development, and assistance in identification of relevant climate adaptation strategies.

The scope of work being requested of the **Contractor** will consist of the following:

- Compile the latest climate change projections and climate data applicable to Northern Southeast Alaska and the Lkoot and Deishú areas
- Produce up to five (5) double-sided (2-page) graphically enriched outreach documents on the CIA-identified priority climate vulnerabilities
- Research and Development of relevant adaptation strategies for the prioritized climate vulnerability list provided by CIA

The scope of work to be completed by CIA will consist of the following:

- Present climate change data to the CIA community, gather feedback, and identify climate vulnerabilities
  - Present Contractor with up to five (5) key climate vulnerabilities
- Prioritize climate vulnerabilities with CIA community
  - Present Contractor with prioritized climate vulnerabilities

- Present relevant adaptation strategies to the CIA community for consideration, modification, and prioritization.
- Develop draft and final climate adaptation plan

### **TIMELINE**

All deliverables must be complete by September 2026. Below is a tentative timeline of activities:

- January – March 2025: Climate data gathering (Contractor)
- April – June 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> CIA community meeting to present data, gather feedback, identify and prioritize climate vulnerabilities. (CIA)
- April – September 2025: Conduct interviews with Tribal Members. (CIA)
- June – September 2025: Development of five (5) graphically enriched, 2-page (double-sided) outreach documents (Contractor)
- June – December 2025: Research and Development of relevant adaptation strategies (Contractor)
- October - December 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting to present adaptation strategies, gather feedback, and prioritize (CIA)
- January 2026 – May 2026: Develop draft climate adaptation plan (CIA)
- January 2026 – May 2026: Update and finalize climate vulnerabilities outreach materials and present to CIA for review (Contractor)
- May – August 2026: Finalize climate adaptation plan (CIA)
- September 2026: Final climate adaptation plan and Outreach Materials presented to CIA Tribal Council (CIA)

### **QUOTE SUBMITTAL**

Please submit a quote in writing detailing the cost for each scope of work element and total project cost by **February 15, 2025** to:

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