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Washington State PTA Announces Request for Proposals for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Audit

Tacoma, WA (October 25, 2021):

In response to all we have learned over the past two years, Washington State PTA is taking its first big step in examining itself, as directed by our membership, by seeking a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion audit.

In seeking to change how we operate; we acknowledge that the work to diversify our association and provide means for increased engagement among all groups is long-term work. The changes we seek must begin by turning inward to examine our policies, practices, and programs. It is our hope that this audit provides the launch and trajectory we will need to improve our service to children in Washington state.

We recognize that the work WSPTA does to serve the communities and families of Washington state must be rooted in the building of relationships. When we seek authentic connections with the families we serve, we are better able to provide services, programs, and advocacy that provide meaningful community connections and authentically meet their needs. We seek a partner in this important work of examining our traditions and practices and inviting more voices and perspectives into our service.

Those interested parties can find the [RFP document here](#) and must submit their proposal via email to WSPTA Executive Director Andrew Estep, execdir@wastatepta.org, by 5:00 PM PST, November 15, 2021. Partner selection will be made no later than November 22, 2021.

About Washington State PTA: Washington State PTA is the state's oldest and largest child advocacy organization founded in 1905 by Abby Williams Hill of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington's children. Thanks to her leadership and vision—and current members who continue to carry her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 110 years. To learn more about the Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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