

# CAPABILITY STATEMENT



# WALLOWA STRATEGIES, LLC.

**DUNS:** 11-7801256

**SAM UEID:** RPTJBQN76K28

**CAGE:** 8WET5

**PRIMARY NAICS:** 541990

All Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; \$16.5m

**SECONDARY NAICS:** 541511, 541519, 541611, 541618, 541690, 541720, 541820, 541910, 561410

## CERTIFICATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- SBA Tribal 8(a)
- SBA HUBZone
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

## CORE CAPABILITY AREAS:

- Program and Policy Assessment/Analysis
- Evaluation Design, Data Collection & Analysis
- Performance Measurement, Technical Assistance
- Communications and Outreach Support
- Graphic Design, Web Development and Support
- Document Management (Handling, Scanning, Processing, Storage, Destruction)
- Application Development & Maintenance – Waterfall, Agile, DevOps, Microservices
- Centers of Excellence – Testing, Data Migration/Conversion, Program Management
- Service Desk/Help Desk – Level I, II, III
- Desktop Support – Level II, III
- SAFe 5 Agile Training & Coaching Services
- Meeting and Event Planning

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## COMPANY OVERVIEW

Wallowa Strategies, LLC, is an SBA 8(a) Joint Venture comprised of Cayuse Technologies, LLC, and Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI). Using best practices in project management, stakeholder engagement, and quality controls, our team delivers culturally appropriate management and technology support to federal agencies.

Cayuse Technologies, LLC is a (SBA) Tribal 8(a) certified technology and government solutions provider. Founded in 2006, our past performance spans both private and public sectors, providing innovative solutions and delivery excellence across a range of information technology and government client missions, focused on minimizing risk through the delivery of quality outcomes. Cayuse Technologies current/active prime customers include the US Department of State, DHS CISA, US Army, US Marine Corps, and Defense Health Agency in both the US and OCONUS. Cayuse has offices in Pendleton, OR, Honolulu, HI, and Washington, DC.

Kauffman and Associates, Inc., (KAI) is an American Indian owned small business established in 1990, to bring innovative, people-centered solutions to complex challenges. Supporting government agencies, tribes, and nonprofits, KAI offers a range of service lines including: communications; research and evaluation; meeting and event planning; organizational transformation; and training and technical assistance. KAI has been on the cutting edge of public health, community wellness, and educational improvement initiatives serving vulnerable populations for decades. Our offices in Washington, D.C., Spokane, Seattle and Missoula support teams of professionals dedicated to our mission of doing work that matters.

We believe in the inherent resilience of our indigenous people and the people-powered success of our companies. We work to improve lives, families, communities, and the organizations and systems that serve them. Our work is founded upon ancient wisdom and teachings, combined with the latest technology and strategies to find solutions for our clients and communities.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

### Grow the Company, Grow the People

Cayuse's core values mirror the traditions of the three tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: the Walla Walla, Umatilla, and Cayuse Tribes. We do this while also embracing the world we now live in, including high technology, competition, and a knowledge worker-based economy. As a tribal and corporate entity, our mission is to "Grow the People, Grow the Company." Under "Grow the People," Cayuse focuses efforts to grow sustainable, marketable technology and business operations skill sets to expand our employment and economic capability. Under "Grow the Company," Cayuse has been successful in significantly growing top-line revenue to support our employees and continue our growth. We have done so by increasing the focus, scale and depth of our marketable capabilities and offerings.

### SAMSHA's Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center

KAI supports SAMSHA's Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTTAC) to provide comprehensive Broad, Focused, and Intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) to federally recognized tribes and other AI/AN communities, seeking to address and prevent mental and substance use disorders and suicide and to promote mental health. We designed a culturally relevant, evidence-based, holistic approach to support Native communities in their self-determination efforts through infrastructure development, capacity building, and program planning and implementation.

### SAMHSA TTA to Native Connections Grantees

KAI provides virtual and on-site TTA support for tribal grantees across the United States. Our subcontract supports tribal communities in preventing and reducing substance abuse and suicidal behavior among AI/AN youth up to age 24. The TTA is designed to allow AI/AN communities to support youth and young adults as they transition into adulthood by facilitating collaboration among agencies and equipping them with culturally appropriate resources.



## CONTINUED PAST PERFORMANCE

### **Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) Curriculum Development**

Under a SAMHSA subcontract through Macro International, KAI convened AI/AN trainers and facilitators from across the United States to develop a collaborative culture-based prevention curriculum called GONA in 1992. This has been one of the most widely used, broadly adapted, and efficient gathering formats for conducting local TTA and prevention planning. KAI was the principal author of the curriculum, working in close collaboration with myriad trainers.

### **SAMSHA Native Aspirations**

Under a contract with SAMHSA, KAI designed and implemented a national strategy for the prevention of substance abuse, violence, bullying, and suicide. This emergency contract was initiated after the tragic school shooting on the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota, specifically to identify tribal communities most at risk and to recruit them into an intensive engagement to plan and implement prevention strategies. More than 65 tribal communities were engaged in this Intensive TTA program.

### **SAMSHA Native American Center of Excellence (NACE) on Substance Abuse Prevention**

Under a contract with SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), KAI designed and implemented this national TTA resource center for AI/AN communities. The Center provided on-site and virtual TTA to tribes and to regional and national organizations serving Indian Country.

### **SAMSHA Circles of Care**

Under contract with SAMHSA, KAI developed and provided TTA for AI/AN CoC grantees locally and through national convenings. Our team worked closely with SAMHSA to bring subject matter expertise to grantees to address the systems of care across communities, partnership building, family support, and advocacy.

### **Montana Native Youth Suicide Reduction Strategy Plan**

KAI has provided support for Department of Public Health and Human Services' (DPHHS') project from 2016 to the present, forming a coalition of Montana tribes and urban Indian representatives for American Indian youth suicide reduction in Montana and facilitating the development of a strategic plan to reduce Native youth suicide across the state. The efforts under this contract resulted in a statewide effort to implement the Zero Suicide model.

### **Montana Crisis Recovery Project**

The Montana DPHHS, Addictive and Mental Disorder Division (AMDD) was awarded grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and from SAMHSA to respond to the disaster declared by the U.S. president arising from the COVID-19 pandemic by responding to the crisis counseling needs of tribal communities across the state. KAI is working alongside partners Mental Health America of Montana, Montana Hospital Association, and Montana Public Health Institute.

### **US Department of State (DOS)**

NEA SCA OCONUS/CONUS SME and Professional Services IDIQ contract. Providing multiple DoS bureaus with mission-critical internal operations and unique SMEs across a number of key functional areas in both CONUS and OCONUS locations.

### **Department of Homeland Security (OHS)**

#### **CISA Central Watch Center**

Operations of 24/7 /365 Watch to maintain situational, operational awareness, and crisis monitoring of the US critical infrastructure. Provide business process expertise provide incident management, surge support, and enhance CISA operational capabilities.

### **US Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

On-site Tier 2.0 and 3.0 IT Support Services to over 25 BIA CONUS locations. Desk-side services include desktop moves and replacements, printer support, Audio/Visual and conference center support, and other related services not covered by the Tier 1 provider.

### **California Opioid Tribal Medication Assisted Treatment (TMAT) Learning Community Implementation**

The California TMAT project is designed to meet the specific OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery needs of California's tribal and urban Indian communities. KAI provides technical assistance for implementing TMAT, facilitates peer-to-peer learning, delivers provider and clinician training, and integrates culturally validated traditional healing and recovery practices for OUD.

### **WA State Tailored Youth Marijuana Prevention Marketing**

Under a contract with the Washington State Department of Health, KAI provides culturally appropriate communication messages, products, and strategies to prevent or reduce the use of marijuana among AI/AN youth ages 12–17 across the state. KAI partnered with Native influencers, including Rosalie Fish, Ajuawak Kapashesit, and Steven Paul Judd, to share the stories of how they choose to celebrate their culture rather than use marijuana, resulting in extensive campaign engagement on various social media platforms.

### **Department of Education Region 16 Comprehensive Center**

KAI partners with the Southeast Alaska Education Resource Center (SERRC) in a ground-up establishment and evaluation of the new Region 16 Comprehensive Center (R16CC) for the U.S. Department of Education. R16CC serves Washington, Oregon, and Alaska, with the goal of supporting equitable educational outcomes in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. R16CC's work in Washington State is tribally focused.

### **CMS Programs AI/AN Outreach and LTSS Technical Assistance**

KAI continues our work of successfully developing campaigns that reach deep into Indian Country—whose residents are under-enrolled in CMS programs—and developing creative multimedia and print materials, research-based online resources, and engaging virtual events to enhance CMS' connections with tribal communities.

### **State of WA Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Study**

KAI recently worked with The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations (HL7N) and the Squaxin Island Tribe's Northwest Indian Treatment Center (NWITC) to assist in the development of the state of Washington's enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Justification application package for submission to the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) that satisfied the HCA requirements for submission to CMS.