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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director
John Gargett, Deputy Director
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Western Washington University Contract for Services
2021 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Date: April 2, 2021

Enclosed is a Contract for Services between Whatcom County and Western Washington University for support with project.

- **Background and Purpose**

As guided by 44 CFR 201.6 – Local Mitigation Plans, the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional local plan that summarizes Whatcom County's natural hazards, provides a risk and vulnerability assessment, and includes mitigation strategies, projects, and action plans to help reduce the impacts of natural hazards. An approved plan meets one of the eligibility requirements for these participating jurisdictions to apply for and receive funding from the Stafford Act Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. Approved mitigation plans may be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated and approved by FEMA every five years. The current plan expires December 15, 2021. Western Washington University will provide technical, scientific, spatial, and subject matter expertise, as detailed in Exhibit "A" - Scope of Work, to support the 2021 Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan update project. Participating jurisdictions include the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas, Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, Meridian School District, Port of Bellingham, Whatcom County Flood Control District, and Whatcom County.

The performance period for this Contract runs from February 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

\$49,254 from the US Dept of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency FFY2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant (WCC# 202011017).

If you have questions, please contact John Gargett, 360-676-6681.