

**WHATCOM COUNTY
CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract Number:

Originating Department:	85 Health and Community Services
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	8550 Human Services / 855050 Developmental Disabilities
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Jessica Lee
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Whatcom Center for Early Learning

Is this a New Contract?	If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:	

Does contract require Council Approval?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If No, include WCC:
Already approved? Council Approved Date:	(Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)		

Is this a grant agreement?	If yes, grantor agency contract number(s):	CFDA#:
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Is this contract grant funded?	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):	202107014
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?	Contract Cost Center:	673800
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, RFP and Bid number(s):

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.	<input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000 , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when:
Varies depending on County authorization.	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.
Estimated service level is \$106,960	2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.
	3. Bid or award is for supplies.
	4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance
	5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.

Summary of Scope: This contract funds child development services to eligible children ages birth to three with developmental disabilities.

Term of Contract:	1 Year	Expiration Date:	06/30/2024
Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	JT	Date: 03/22/2023
	2. Health Budget Approval	JS	Date: 07/18/2023
	3. Attorney signoff:	RB	Date: 07/17/2023
	4. AS Finance reviewed:	A Martin	Date: 7/20/2023
	5. Contractor Program Manager Review:		Date:
	6. Executive Contract Review:		Date:
	7. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2023-487	Date:
	8. Executive signed:		Date:
	9. Original to Council:		Date:

WHATCOM COUNTY:
Recommended for Approval:

Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager Date

Erika Lautenbach, Health and Community Services Director Date

Approved as to form:

Royce Buckingham, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor Date

Approved:
Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: _____
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive Date

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

Series 00-09: Provisions Related to Scope and Nature of Services

0.1 Scope of Services:

The Contractor agrees to provide to the County services and any materials as set forth in the project narrative identified as Exhibit "A", during the agreement period. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County, unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.

Series 10-19: Provisions Related to Term and Termination

10.1 Term:

Services provided by Contractor prior to or after the term of this contract shall be performed at the expense of Contractor and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that the Agreement is in writing and signed by both parties.

10.2 Extension:

The duration of this Agreement may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties, for a period of up to one year, and for a total of no longer than three years.

11.1 Termination for Default:

If the Contractor defaults by failing to perform any of the obligations of the contract or becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the County may, by depositing written notice to the Contractor in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, terminate the contract, and at the County's option, obtain performance of the work elsewhere. Termination shall be effective upon Contractor's receipt of the written notice, or within three (3) days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first. If the contract is terminated for default, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the contract until all work called for has been fully performed. Any extra cost or damage to the County resulting from such default(s) shall be deducted from any money due or coming due to the Contractor. The Contractor shall bear any extra expenses incurred by the County in completing the work, including all increased costs for completing the work, and all damage sustained, or which may be sustained by the County by reason of such default.

11.2 Termination for Reduction in Funding:

In the event that funding from State, Federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement, and prior to its normal completion, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement as to the funds withdrawn, reduced, or limited, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. If the level of funding withdrawn, reduced or limited is so great that the County deems that the continuation of the programs covered by this Agreement is no longer in the best interest of the County, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement in whole, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. Termination under this section shall be effective upon receipt of written notice as specified herein, or within three days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first.

11.3 Termination for Public Convenience:

The County may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the interests of the County. Whenever the Agreement is terminated in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed at unit contract prices for completed items of work. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work. Termination of this Agreement by the County at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County.

Series 20-29: Provisions Related to Consideration and Payments

20.1 Accounting and Payment for Contractor Services:

Payment to the Contractor for services rendered under this Agreement shall be as set forth in Exhibit "B." Where Exhibit "B" requires payments by the County, payment shall be based upon written claims supported, unless otherwise provided in Exhibit "B," by documentation of units of work actually performed and amounts earned, including, where appropriate,

the actual number of days worked each month, total number of hours for the month, and the total dollar payment requested, so as to comply with municipal auditing requirements.

Unless specifically stated in Exhibit "B" or approved in writing in advance by the official executing this Agreement for the County or his designee (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Officer") the County will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this contract. Where required, the County shall, upon receipt of appropriate documentation, compensate the Contractor, no more often than monthly, in accordance with the County's customary procedures, pursuant to the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "B."

21.1 Taxes:

The Contractor understands and acknowledges that the County will not withhold Federal or State income taxes. Where required by State or Federal law, the Contractor authorizes the County to withhold for any taxes other than income taxes (i.e., Medicare). All compensation received by the Contractor will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service at the end of the calendar year in accordance with the applicable IRS regulations. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the Contractor is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the Contractor's performance of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the County against any demand to pay taxes arising from the Contractor's failure to pay taxes on compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement.

The County will pay sales and use taxes imposed on goods or services acquired hereunder as required by law. The Contractor must pay all other taxes, including, but not limited to, Business and Occupation Tax, taxes based on the Contractor's gross or net income, or personal property to which the County does not hold title. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax.

22.1 Withholding Payment:

In the event the County's Administrative Officer determines that the Contractor has failed to perform any obligation under this Agreement within the times set forth in this Agreement, then the County may withhold from amounts otherwise due and payable to Contractor the amount determined by the County as necessary to cure the default, until the Administrative Officer determines that such failure to perform has been cured. Withholding under this clause shall not be deemed a breach entitling Contractor to termination or damages, provided that the County promptly gives notice in writing to the Contractor of the nature of the default or failure to perform, and in no case more than 10 days after it determines to withhold amounts otherwise due. A determination of the Administrative Officer set forth in a notice to the Contractor of the action required and/or the amount required to cure any alleged failure to perform shall be deemed conclusive, except to the extent that the Contractor acts within the times and in strict accord with the provisions of the Disputes clause of this Agreement. The County may act in accordance with any determination of the Administrative Officer which has become conclusive under this clause, without prejudice to any other remedy under the Agreement, to take all or any of the following actions: (1) cure any failure or default, (2) to pay any amount so required to be paid and to charge the same to the account of the Contractor, (3) to set off any amount so paid or incurred from amounts due or to become due the Contractor. In the event the Contractor obtains relief upon a claim under the Disputes clause, no penalty or damages shall accrue to Contractor by reason of good faith withholding by the County under this clause.

23.1 Labor Standards:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal requirements, including but not limited to those pertaining to payment of wages and working conditions, in accordance with RCW 39.12.040, the Prevailing Wage Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Davis-Bacon Act; and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act providing for weekly payment of prevailing wages, minimum overtime pay, and providing that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to health and safety as determined by regulations promulgated by the Federal Secretary of Labor and the State of Washington.

Series 30-39: Provisions Related to Administration of Agreement

30.1 Independent Contractor:

The Contractor's services shall be furnished by the Contractor as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a relationship of employer-employee or master-servant, but all payments made hereunder and all services performed shall be made and performed pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor as an independent contractor.

The Contractor acknowledges that the entire compensation for this Agreement is specified in Exhibit "B" and the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits including, but not limited to: vacation pay, holiday pay, sick leave pay, medical, dental, or

other insurance benefits, or any other rights or privileges afforded to employees of the County. The Contractor represents that he/she/it maintains a separate place of business, serves clients other than the County, will report all income and expense accrued under this contract to the Internal Revenue Service, and has a tax account with the State of Washington Department of Revenue for payment of all sales and use and Business and Occupation taxes collected by the State of Washington.

Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents or employees from any loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees or costs incurred by reason of claims or demands because of breach of the provisions of this paragraph

30.2 Assignment and Subcontracting:

The performance of all activities contemplated by this agreement shall be accomplished by the Contractor. No portion of this contract may be assigned or subcontracted to any other individual, firm or entity without the express and prior written approval of the County.

30.3 No Guarantee of Employment:

The performance of all or part of this contract by the Contractor shall not operate to vest any employment rights whatsoever and shall not be deemed to guarantee any employment of the Contractor or any employee of the Contractor or any subcontractor or any employee of any subcontractor by the County at the present time or in the future.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced and Public Records Act:

All writings, programs, data, public records or other materials prepared by the Contractor and/or its consultants or subcontractors, in connection with performance of this Agreement, shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. If the Contractor creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property, the Contractor may copyright or patent the same, but the County retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the materials or property and to authorize other governments to use the same for state or local governmental purposes. Contractor further agrees to make research, notes, and other work products produced in the performance of this Agreement available to the County upon request.

Ownership. Any and all data, writings, programs, public records, reports, analyses, documents, photographs, pamphlets, plans, specifications, surveys, films or any other materials created, prepared, produced, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors or consultants for delivery to the County under this Contract shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. Such property shall constitute "work made for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the ownership of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights in such property shall vest in the County at the time of its creation. Ownership of the intellectual property includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights. Material which the Contractor uses to perform this Contract but is not created, prepared, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced for or paid for by the County is owned by the Contractor and is not "work made for hire" within the terms of this Agreement.

Public Records Act. This Contract and all records associated with this Contract shall be available for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County at no cost to the County. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Contractor shall be liable to the requester for any and all fees, costs, penalties or damages imposed or alleged as a

result of the Contractor's failure to provide adequate or timely records.

This provision and the obligations it establishes shall remain in effect after the expiration of this contract.

31.2 Patent/Copyright Infringement:

Contractor will defend and indemnify the County from any claimed action, cause or demand brought against the County, to the extent such action is based on the claim that information supplied by the Contractor infringes any patent or copyright. The Contractor will pay those costs and damages attributable to any such claims that are finally awarded against the County in any action. Such defense and payments are conditioned upon the following:

A. The Contractor shall be notified promptly in writing by the County of any notice of such claim.

B. Contractor shall have the right, hereunder, at its option and expense, to obtain for the County the right to continue using the information, in the event such claim of infringement, is made, provided no reduction in performance or loss results to the County.

32.1 Confidentiality:

The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and their employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement, except upon the prior written consent of the County or an order entered by a court after having acquired jurisdiction over the County. Contractor shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents or employees from all loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees and costs resulting from Contractor's breach of this provision.

33.1 Right to Review:

This contract is subject to review by any Federal, State or County auditor. The County or its designee shall have the right to review and monitor the financial and service components of this program by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Administrative Officer or by the County Auditor's Office. Such review may occur with or without notice and may include, but is not limited to, on-site inspection by County agents or employees, inspection of all records or other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Agreement and its performance, and any and all communications with or evaluations by service recipients under this Agreement. The Contractor shall preserve and maintain all financial records and records relating to the performance of work under this Agreement for three (3) years after contract termination, and shall make them available for such review, within Whatcom County, State of Washington, upon request. Contractor also agrees to notify the Administrative Officer in advance of any inspections, audits, or program review by any individual, agency, or governmental unit whose purpose is to review the services provided within the terms of this Agreement. If no advance notice is given to the Contractor, then the Contractor agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

34.1 Insurance

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and continuously maintain the following insurance coverage for the duration of this contract, which shall include insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, subcontractors or employees. All insurers providing such insurance shall have an A.M. Best Rating of not less than A- (or otherwise be acceptable to the County) and be licensed to do business in the State of Washington and admitted by the Washington State Insurance Commissioner. Coverage limits shall be the minimum limits identified in this Contract or the coverage limits provided or available under the policies maintained by the Contractor without regard to this Contract, whichever are greater.

1. Commercial General Liability

Property Damage	\$500,000.00, per occurrence
General Liability & bodily injury	\$1,000,000.00, per occurrence
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00

At least as broad as ISO form CG 00 01 or the equivalent, which coverage shall include personal injury, bodily injury and property damage for Premises Operations, Products and Completed Operations, Personal/Advertising Injury, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractor Liability, medical payments and Stop Gap/Employer's Liability. Coverage shall not exclude or contain sub-limits less than the minimum limits required, unless approved in writing by the County.

2. Business Automobile Liability

\$1,000,000.00 Minimum, per occurrence

\$2,000,000.00 Minimum, Annual Aggregate

Contractor shall provide auto liability coverage for owned, non-owned and hired autos using ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 or the exact equivalent with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident. If Contractor owns no vehicles this requirement may be met through a non-owned auto Endorsement to the CGL policy.

3. Additional Insurance Requirements and Provisions

- a. All insurance policies shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis.
- b. Additional Insureds. Whatcom County, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be included as additional insureds on Contractor's and Contractor's subcontractors' insurance policies by way of endorsement for the full available limits of insurance required in this contract or maintained by the Contractor and subcontractor, whichever is greater.
- c. Primary and Non-contributory Insurance. Contractor shall provide primary insurance coverage and the County's insurance shall be non-contributory. Any insurance, self-insured retention, deductible, risk retention or insurance pooling maintained or participated in by the County shall be excess and non-contributory to Contractor's insurance.
- d. Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance policy shall provide a waiver of subrogation with respect to each insurance policy maintained under this Contract. When required by an insurer, or if a policy condition does not permit Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Contractor agrees to notify the insurer and obtain such endorsement. This requirement shall not apply to any policy which includes a condition expressly prohibiting waiver of subrogation by the insured or which voids coverage should the Contractor enter into such a waiver of subrogation on a pre-loss basis.
- e. Review of and Revision of Policy Provisions. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide a full and complete certified copy of all requested insurance policies to the County. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement, including but not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or to reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the requirements of this Contract. Additionally, the County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any proposed insurer providing coverage based upon the insurer's financial condition or licensing status in Washington.
- f. Verification of Coverage/Certificates and Endorsements. The Contractor shall furnish the County with a certificate of insurance and endorsements required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each policy shall be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificate and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be on forms approved by the County prior to commencement of activities associated with the contract. The certificate and endorsements, and renewals thereof, shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "C". If Exhibit C is not attached, the Contractor must submit the certificate and endorsements required in this contract to the County prior to the commencement of any work on the contracted project. A certificate alone is insufficient proof of the required insurance; endorsements must be included with the certificate. The certificate of insurance must reflect the insurance required in this contract, including appropriate limits, insurance coverage dates, per occurrence, and in the description of operations, include the County project, Whatcom County, its departments, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds, primary, non-contributory, and waiver of subrogation.
- g. The County must be notified immediately in writing of any cancellation of the policy, exhaustion of aggregate limits, notice of intent not to renew insurance coverage, expiration of policy or change in insurer carrier. Contractor shall always provide the County with a current copy of the certificate and endorsements throughout the duration of the contract.
- h. No Limitation on Liability. The insurance maintained under this Contract shall not in any manner limit the liability or qualify the liabilities or obligations of the Contractor to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the County's recourse to any remedy available at law or equity.
- i. Payment Conditioned on Insurance and Failure to Maintain Insurance. Compensation and/or payments due to the Contractor under this Contract are expressly conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance with all insurance requirements. Failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain the insurance as required shall

constitute a material breach of contract. Payment to the Contractor may be suspended in the event of non-compliance, upon which the County may, after giving five business days' notice to the Contractor to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the County on demand or offset against funds due the Contractor. Upon receipt of evidence of Contractor's compliance, payments not otherwise subject to withholding or set-off will be released to the Contractor.

- j. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, for all Contractors' employees, agents and volunteers eligible for such coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act.
 - k. Failure of the Contractor to take out and/or maintain required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor or subcontractors from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the obligations concerning indemnification. The County does not waive any insurance requirements even in the event the certificate or endorsements provided by the Contractor were insufficient or inadequate proof of coverage but not objected to by the County. The County's failure to confirm adequate proof of insurance requirements does not constitute a waiver of the Contractor's insurance requirements under this Contract.
 - l. Availability of Contractor Limits. If the Contractor maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, the County shall be insured for the full available limits, including Excess or Umbrella liability maintained by the Contractor, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Contractor are greater than those required by this contract or whether any certificate furnished to the County evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by the Contractor.
 - m. Insurance for Subcontractors. If the Contractor subcontracts (if permitted in the contract) any portion of this Contract, the Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall require separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements from each subcontractor. Insurance coverages by subcontractors must comply with the insurance requirements of the Contractor in this contract and shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein, including naming the County as additional insured.
 - n. The Contractor agrees Contractor's insurance obligation shall survive the completion or termination of this Contract for a minimum period of three years.
- 34.3 Defense & Indemnity Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County and its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees, and alternative dispute resolution costs, for any personal injury, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death and for any damage to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) which: 1) are caused in whole or in part by any error, act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the Contractor, its employees, agents or volunteers or Contractor's subcontractors and their employees, agents or volunteers; or 2) directly or indirectly arise out of or occur in connection with performance of this Contract or 3) are based upon the Contractor's or its subcontractors' use of, presence upon, or proximity to the property of the County. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not apply in the limited circumstance where the claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused by the sole negligence of the County.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this contract is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then in the event of concurrent negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees or agents, and the County, its employees or agents, this indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees, and agents. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not be limited in any way by the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, or by application of any other workmen's compensation act, disability benefit act or other employee benefit act, and the Contractor hereby expressly waives any immunity afforded by such acts.

It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein. The parties specifically agree that this Contract is for the benefit of the parties only and this Contract shall create no rights in any third party. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the defense of any claim, damages, losses, or expenses, and such participation shall not constitute a waiver of Contractor's indemnity obligations under this Agreement.

In the event the Contractor enters into subcontracts to the extent allowed under this Contract, the Contractor's subcontractors shall indemnify the County on a basis equal to or exceeding Contractor's indemnity obligations to the County. The Contractor shall pay all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the County in establishing and enforcing the County's rights under this indemnification provision, whether or not suit was instituted.

The Contractor agrees all Contractor's indemnity obligations shall survive the completion, expiration or termination of this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification obligations of the Contractor are a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement and are reflected in the Contractor's compensation.

By signing this contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it has freely negotiated and agreed to the indemnification requirements to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all claims and suits including those brought against the County by the Contractor's own employees, arising from this contract.

35.1 Non-Discrimination in Employment:

The County's policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, political affiliation, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees.

35.2 Non-Discrimination in Client Services:

The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status; or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her/its receipt any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law.

36.1 Waiver of Noncompetition:

Contractor irrevocably waives any existing rights which it may have, by contract or otherwise, to require another person or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal to or performing work or providing supplies to the County, and contractor further promises that it will not in the future, directly or indirectly, induce or solicit any person or corporation to refrain from submitting a bid or proposal to or from performing work or providing supplies to the County.

36.2 Conflict of Interest:

If at any time prior to commencement of, or during the term of this Agreement, Contractor or any of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement shall have or develop an interest in the subject matter of this Agreement that is

potentially in conflict with the County's interest, then Contractor shall immediately notify the County of the same. The notification of the County shall be made with sufficient specificity to enable the County to make an informed judgment as to whether or not the County's interest may be compromised in any manner by the existence of the conflict, actual or potential. Thereafter, the County may require the Contractor to take reasonable steps to remove the conflict of interest. The County may also terminate this contract according to the provisions herein for termination.

37.1 Administration of Contract:

This Agreement shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Washington, and political subdivisions of the State of Washington. The Contractor also agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals.

The County hereby appoints, and the Contractor hereby accepts, the Whatcom County Executive, and his or her designee, as the County's representative, hereinafter referred to as the Administrative Officer, for the purposes of administering the provisions of this Agreement, including the County's right to receive and act on all reports and documents, and any auditing performed by the County related to this Agreement. The Administrative Officer for purposes of this agreement is:

Jessica Lee, Program Specialist
Whatcom County Health and Community Services

37.2 Notice:

Any notices or communications required or permitted to be given by this Contract must be (i) given in writing and (ii) personally delivered or mailed, by prepaid, certified mail or overnight courier, or transmitted by electronic mail transmission (including PDF), to the party to whom such notice or communication is directed, to the mailing address or regularly-monitored electronic mail address of such party as follows:

Whatcom County Health and Community Services
Jessica Lee, Program Specialist
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
JLLee@co.whatcom.wa.us

Whatcom Center for Early Learning
2001 H Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
sierra@wcel.net

Any such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given on (i) the day such notice or communication is personally delivered, (ii) three (3) days after such notice or communication is mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail, (iii) one (1) working day after such notice or communication is sent by overnight courier, or (iv) the day such notice or communication is sent electronically, provided that the sender has received a confirmation of such electronic transmission. A party may, for purposes of this Agreement, change his, her or its address, email address or the person to whom a notice or other communication is marked to the attention of, by giving notice of such change to the other party pursuant to this Section.

37.3 If agreed by the parties, this Contract may be executed by Email transmission and PDF signature and Email transmission and PDF signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

38.1 Certification of Public Works Contractor's Status under State Law:

If applicable, Contractor certifies that it has fully met the responsibility criteria required of public works contractors under RCW 39.04.350 (1), which include: (a) having a certificate of registration in compliance with RCW 18.27; (b) having a current state unified business identifier number; (c) if applicable, having industrial insurance coverage for its employees working in Washington as required in Title 51 RCW, an employment security department number as required in Title 50 RCW, and a state excise tax registration number as required in Title 82 RCW; and (d) not being disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065 (3).

38.2 Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

If applicable, the Contractor further certifies, by executing this contract, that neither it nor its principles is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or Agency.

The Contractor also agrees that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions (a transaction between the Contractor and any other person) with a person who is proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, and the Contractor agrees to include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier transactions.

The "Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM) website is available to research this information at WWW.SAM.GOV. Contractor shall immediately notify Whatcom County if, during the term of this Contract, Contractor becomes debarred.

38.3 E-Verify:

The E-Verify contractor program for Whatcom County applies to contracts of \$100,000 or more and sub contracts for \$25,000 or more if the primary contract is for \$100,000 or more. If applicable, Contractor represents and warrants that it will, for at least the duration of this contract, register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work for Whatcom County. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Contractor/Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the County, to provide a copy of each such verification to the County. Contractor/Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Washington. Contractor/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Contractor/Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any Whatcom County contract for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Contractor/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit." Contractor will review and enroll in the E-Verify program through this website: www.uscis.gov

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40.1 Modifications:

Either party may request changes in the Agreement. Any and all agreed modifications, to be valid and binding upon either party, shall be in writing and signed by both of the parties.

40.2 Contractor Commitments, Warranties and Representations:

Any written commitment received from the Contractor concerning this Agreement shall be binding upon the Contractor, unless otherwise specifically provided herein with reference to this paragraph. Failure of the Contractor to fulfill such a commitment shall render the Contractor liable for damages to the County. A commitment includes, but is not limited to, any representation made prior to execution of this Agreement, whether or not incorporated elsewhere herein by reference, as to performance of services or equipment, prices or options for future acquisition to remain in effect for a fixed period, or warranties.

41.1 Severability:

If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

41.2 Waiver:

Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein conferred in any one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any such, or any other covenants or agreements, but the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

42.1 Disputes:

a. General:

Differences between the Contractor and the County, arising under and by virtue of the Contract Documents, shall be brought to the attention of the County at the earliest possible time in order that such matters may be settled or other appropriate action promptly taken. Except for such objections as are made of record in the manner hereinafter specified and within the time limits stated, the records, orders, rulings, instructions, and decisions of the Administrative Officer shall be final and conclusive.

b. Notice of Potential Claims:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation which otherwise may be payable, or to extension of time for (1) any act or failure to act by the Administrative Officer or the County, or (2) the happening of any event or occurrence, unless the Contractor has given the County a written Notice of Potential Claim within ten (10) days of the commencement of the act, failure, or event giving rise to the claim, and before final payment by the County. The written Notice of Potential Claim shall set forth the reasons for which the Contractor believes additional compensation or extension of time is due, the nature of the cost involved, and insofar as possible, the amount of the potential claim. Contractor shall keep full and complete daily records of the work performed, labor and material used, and all costs and additional time claimed to be additional.

c. Detailed Claim:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any such additional compensation, or extension of time, unless within thirty (30) days of the accomplishment of the portion of the work from which the claim arose, and before final payment by the County, the Contractor has given the County a detailed written statement of each element of cost or other compensation requested and of all elements of additional time required, and copies of any supporting documents evidencing the amount or the extension of time claimed to be due.

d. Arbitration:

Other than claims for injunctive relief, temporary restraining order, or other provisional remedy to preserve the status quo or prevent irreparable harm, brought by a party hereto (which may be brought either in court or pursuant to this arbitration provision), and consistent with the provisions hereinabove, any claim, dispute or controversy between the parties under, arising out of, or related to this Contract or otherwise, including issues of specific performance, shall be determined by arbitration in Bellingham, Washington, under the applicable American Arbitration Association (AAA) rules in effect on the date hereof, as modified by this Agreement. There shall be one arbitrator selected by the parties within ten (10) days of the arbitration demand, or if not, by the AAA or any other group having similar credentials. Any issue about whether a claim is covered by this Contract shall be determined by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall apply substantive law and may award injunctive relief, equitable relief (including specific performance), or any other remedy available from a judge but shall not have the power to award punitive damages. Each Party shall pay all their own costs, attorney fees and expenses of arbitration and the parties shall share equally in the Arbitrator's fees and costs. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and an order confirming the award or judgment upon the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The parties agree that the decision of the arbitrator shall be the sole and exclusive remedy between them regarding any dispute presented or pled before the arbitrator. At the request of either party made not later than forty-five (45) days after the arbitration demand, the parties agree to submit the dispute to nonbinding mediation, which shall not delay the arbitration hearing date; provided, that either party may decline to mediate and proceed with arbitration.

Any arbitration proceeding commenced to enforce or interpret this Contract shall be brought within six years after the initial occurrence giving rise to the claim, dispute, or issue for which arbitration is commenced, regardless of the date of discovery or whether the claim, dispute, or issue was continuing in nature. Claims, disputes, or issues arising more than six years prior to a written request or demand for arbitration issued under this Contract are not subject to arbitration.

- e. The parties may agree in writing signed by both parties that a claim or dispute may be brought in Whatcom County Superior Court rather than mediation or arbitration.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this Contract shall be governed by the laws of Whatcom County and the State of Washington.

43.1 Venue and Choice of Law:

In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Whatcom. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

44.1 Survival:

The provisions of paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 21.1, 22.1, 30.1, 31.1, 31.2, 32.1, 33.1, 34.2, 34.3, 36.1, 40.2, 41.2, 42.1, and 43.1, if utilized, shall survive, notwithstanding the termination or invalidity of this Agreement for any reason.

45.1 Entire Agreement:

This written Agreement, comprised of the writings signed or otherwise identified and attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

EXHIBIT "A"
(SCOPE OF WORK)

I. Definitions

- a. Early Intervention Services (EIS): EIS are those services designed to meet the developmental needs of eligible children birth to three and the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development. Such services shall be planned, administered and delivered in accordance with the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C and Washington State's approved plan for Early Intervention Services.
- b. Early Services for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT): A program of the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) – responsible for the coordination of Early Intervention Services for infants and toddlers ages birth to three with developmental disabilities and delays in Washington State
- c. Child Development Services (CDS): CDS are those EIS provided to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) eligible children ages birth to three and their families through a contract with the County. Services may include specialized instruction, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and physical therapy and to the maximum extent appropriate are provided in natural environments.
- d. Family Resource Coordinator (FRC): An individual who has met ESIT training criteria and has been authorized by ESIT to coordinate early intervention services for eligible families.
- e. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C: The Federal law that governs services for children ages birth to three with developmental disabilities and delays.
- f. Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP): A document that identifies needs, goals and action steps and is developed with each family based on the assessed developmental need(s) of the child and family concerns and priorities.
- g. Natural Environments: Those settings that are natural or typical of the child's age peers who have no disabilities. These include home, neighborhood or community settings in which children without disabilities participate.
- h. Occupational Therapy (OT): Services that address the functional needs of a child related to adaptive development, adaptive behavior and play, and sensory, motor and postural development.
- i. Physical Therapy (PT): Services that address the promotion of sensory-motor function through enhancement of musculoskeletal status, neurobehavioral organization, perceptual and motor development, cardiopulmonary status, and effective environmental adaptation.
- j. Speech/Language Pathology (SLP): Services to enhance communication skills.
- k. Specialized Instruction (SI): Services that include the design of learning environments and activities that promote the acquisition of skills (e.g., cognitive, social), curriculum planning, the provision of information, skill-building services and supports to families in order to enhance the child development and other work with the child that enhances the child's development.

II. Background and Purpose

Washington State's Early Services for Infant and Toddlers (ESIT) Program ensures the provision of Early Intervention Services (EIS) to meet the developmental needs of all ESIT-eligible infants and toddlers and the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development. Such services must be planned, administered and delivered in accordance with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C and Washington State's Federal Plan for Early Intervention Services.

Through its contract with DSHS/DDA, the County, a partner in the EIS system, allocates funding for Child Development Services (CDS). CDS include those early intervention services provided for under the County contract to DSHS/DDA-eligible children. The County contracts with ESIT qualified early intervention providers who have also met qualification for County services. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this agreement and the contractor's agreement with ESIT, the ESIT agreement is given precedence.

III. Statement of Work

The Contractor will provide a minimum level of CDS per month, per child (defined in Exhibit B), as authorized by the County.

The Contractor shall provide each child and family access to a multi-disciplinary team consisting of, at minimum, a Speech Language Pathologist, a Special Educator, and either an Occupational Therapist or Physical Therapist, with a preference for both. One member of the multi-disciplinary team will be designated as the child/family's primary contact and will be responsible for addressing the child and family outcomes established within the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

The frequency and type of services provided will be driven by the IFSP and priorities and needs of the family.

IV. Service Requirements

The Contractor must deliver CDS within state and local service guidelines, including Washington State's Federal Plan for Early Intervention Services. Service requirements include the following:

A. Referral Process:

The Contractor will provide CDS to children who have been referred by the Whatcom County Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) line, established as eligible for DDA and authorized by the County.

B. Service Delivery Requirements – The Contractor will:

1. Ensure that services are delivered by qualified personnel meeting the standards established in the state's Federal Plan and the highest entry-level academic degree needed for the state-approved or recognized certification, licensing, or registration that apply to the profession or discipline.
2. Deliver services to each child and family based on the child's IFSP. The IFSP will be developed collaboratively by the family, the ESIT-designated FRC, and a multidisciplinary team of service providers. The IFSP will be based on the individualized, functional needs of the child and the concerns of the priorities of the family.
3. Identify a primary contact within the multidisciplinary team to work with the family to make progress toward and track the child and family outcomes. All children and their families will have access to consultation from all disciplines within the multidisciplinary team as needed to make progress toward identified goals.
4. Ensure, in collaboration with ESIT, that all children referred for services shall have a developmental and behavioral assessment completed within 45 days of referral, as defined by ESIT. Each child will be re-assessed at a minimum, annually and within 90 days prior to exit from the program. Assessment is designed to appraise the child's present level of development in relationship to same-aged peers and to document child and family need.
5. Not duplicate existing local services, including special education services for children birth to 36 months through public schools. Children are no longer eligible for services on or after their third birthday.
6. Provide services in natural environments, to the maximum extent appropriate. Natural environments are home and community locations in which children would naturally be if they did not have a disability/delay. Services may be offered in settings other than natural environments only when services cannot be achieved satisfactorily in a natural environment. Written justification for services provided in other than natural environments must be documented in the child's file in line with ESIT requirements.
7. Develop instructional techniques and strategies that assist the family/caregivers to enhance the child's development within the daily routing of the child and family.
8. Provide services in culturally-competent ways, which honor the cultural diversity of families.
9. Provide eligible families with sign and language interpreter services when needed to effectively participate in CDS.

C. Service Coordination:

Service coordination under this contract refers to time spent by specialized educational and therapeutic professionals responsible for implementing child and family outcomes with the IFSP. The role and services of the FRC, as defined by ESIT, is not included within the definition of service coordination or reimbursable under this contract.

1. The Contractor is responsible for consulting and coordinating with parents, caregivers, medical and other service providers to ensure effective coordination and provision of services.
2. The Contractor will ensure that timelines and requirements for service evaluation and on-going assessment have been completed, as needed for eligible children.
3. The Contractor will develop the IFSP, six-month review, and annual IFSP update within the timelines and requirements established by ESIT.
4. The Contractor will develop a written transition plan at least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday and at the discretion of the family, FRC and multidisciplinary team, up to six months prior to the child's birthday.

D. Service Reporting and Documentation:

The Contractor will submit monthly service reports in a format established by the County in line with DSHS/DDA requirements.

All home visits reported to the County must have corresponding documentation with a case note, home visit or other record which can be tied to a specific child.

V. Other Consumer Supports

Other allowable activities not tied to a specific client may be approved by the County. Approval for costs in the categories below will follow authorization procedures, as outlined in Exhibit A of the Program Implementation Guide and within funds available and approved by the County. County funds approved under this section are short term investments authorized on a case by case basis and are not part of the state maintenance of effort for early intervention services.

- A. Professional Development – Costs incurred by the program for planned, structured activities for the purpose of providing, improving, or enhancing job-related knowledge and skills of staff, providers, volunteers, or interning students in the provision of developmental disabilities services.
- B. Community Information and Education – Activities to inform and/or educate the general public about developmental disabilities and related services. These may include information and referral services, activities aimed at promoting public awareness and involvement; and community consultation, capacity building and organization activities.

VI. Program Implementation Requirements

The Developmental Disabilities Program Implementation Guide for Child Development Services is incorporated by reference in to the Scope of Work as presently adopted or subsequently amended and can be located at: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/713/Public-Health-Contractor->

Resources included by reference in the implementation guide are the following DSHS requirements which may also be found on the County Contractor's resource page.

- [DSHS Data Security Agreement](#)
- [DSHS General Terms and Conditions](#)
- [DSHS/DDA Program Agreement for the current biennium](#)

The Contractor will comply with the administrative and programmatic criteria outlined in the Implementation Guide in providing all services. The Implementation Guide may be amended or updated with prior notification by the County without a contract amendment.

EXHIBIT "B"
(COMPENSATION)

Funding for this contract period (07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024) is estimated at \$106,960. The source of funding for this contract is Washington State General Fund through the County's contract with DSHS/DDA.

I. Assumptions Related to County Child Development Services Funding

The County monthly service rate for Child Development Services assumes reimbursement for only a portion of the child's service costs. The County rate assumes additional funding sources are available including Medicaid and state education funds.

The Contractor is an [Early Intervention Provider Agency \(EIPA\)](#) qualified with the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF). DCYF requires financial reporting on public revenues and expenditures. The Contractor will make documentation of all Early Intervention Services revenue and expenses available to the County for monitoring purposes to ensure appropriate use and tracking of County funds. Fundraising is not considered a funding source under this contract.

II. Rates

1. The billing unit for these services is one month. A unit of service may be billed when minimum service levels are met for each child. Billing may only occur for those children deemed eligible by DDA and authorized by the County through a County Service Authorization (CSA).
2. The following documented activities may contribute toward the child and family's Minimum Monthly Service Level:
 - a. Direct service to the child and family in natural environments related to the outcomes identified in the child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Direct service in this setting may be provided by an OT, PT, SLP, Special Educator, or other qualified personnel when approved in writing by the County. Natural environments are those home and community settings in which the child and their family typically participate. The Contractor is responsible for defining with the family the typical routines and activity settings in which services will occur.
 - b. Minimum service level is met when at least one hour of direct services in home or community settings is provided, otherwise referred to as a "home visit." A typical home visit is comprised of 50 minutes of direct service to the child and family and 10 minutes of documentation related to services provided. Preparation, travel and data entry related to service provision are not included in direct service calculations.
 - c. When more than one child is served during a home visit (twins, siblings etc.) staff time is divided by the number of children served. The County will only reimburse for children who receive at least 50 minutes of individual service during the service month. For example: During one 60-minute home visit, one direct service staff served 2 children resulting in 30 minutes of service per child. In this example children served do not meet the 50-minute minimum and cannot be billed.
 - d. Additional funding is available for home visits which require an additional service provider to provide interpretation in the family's native language spoken, or other means of communication used in the family's home including sign language. The add on rate for interpreter services may only be billed when reimbursement through other funding sources is unavailable and at least one home visit requiring interpreter services occurred during the month. Interpreters may not be family members of the child and family authorized for early intervention services.

III. Authorization

1. Individual Client Authorization: All children must be authorized for services through the established DSHS/DDA County Service Authorization (CSA) process. Billing may not occur for services which occur prior to the date authorized on the CSA.
2. Authorized Units of Service: The County will authorize the Contractor to provide a specified not-to-exceed number of service units for the contract period. The County will reimburse the Contractor for only the number of service units pre-authorized.

Utilization of service units authorized will be monitored during the fiscal year, with corresponding adjustments made based on actual use. The County will notify the Contractor of service unit allocations and adjustments via email.

2. Funding allocation: The contractor’s funding allocation is equal to the # of service units authorized multiplied by the per child rate.
3. Program Implementation Guide: Additional detail on the authorization and adjustment of service units and funding may be found in the County Program Implementation Guide for the current fiscal year.
4. Other Consumer Supports: A request for reimbursement of expenses meeting the definitions detailed in section V, above, may be submitted within the guidelines established in Exhibit A of the program implementation Guide.

IV. Other requirements:

The contractor will:

1. Provide a copy of the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) [budget workbook](#) to the County in line with the DCYF deliverables schedules for the current fiscal year. Reporting includes an initial budget, mid-year revenue & expenditure report and a year-end revenue & expenditure report.
2. Ensure that all expenditures are necessary, reasonable, and allocable to early intervention services defined by DCYF, with the exception of Family Resources Coordination. (FRC) FRC services may not be may not be allocated to County funds in line with DSHS/DDA requirements.
3. Use fiscal and programmatic data to develop, manage and maintain a program operating budget, delineated by fund source(s) specific to the early intervention services provided by the contractor.
4. Follow budget categories and costs established by DCYF for early intervention services detailed within the DCYF budget workbook.
5. Develop a cost allocation plan for allocating direct program costs between funding sources as well as indirect costs shared with other programs. An indirect administrative rate of 10% or a federally approved indirect rate if higher than 10% may be used in lieu of a cost allocation plan for indirect administration expenses. Indirect expenses costed to County funds may not exceed the federally approved indirect rate.

V. Billing and Payment:

The Contractor will bill the Whatcom County Developmental Disabilities program on a fee-for-service basis (shown below) for each month in which the Minimum Monthly Service Level is reached for an authorized child, not to exceed the total number of authorized service units during the contract period.

Description	Unit/Rate	Documentation
A. Child Development Services	\$63/ per child per month	Documentation of at least one home visit, as defined above
B. Interpreter Services	\$63/ per child per month	Documentation of at least one home visit, as defined above, in which interpreter services are also provided.
C. Other Consumer Supports – defined in Exhibit A, Section V. above.	Reimbursement of expenses approved in writing by the County, using Exhibit A “Other supports authorization form” of the Program Implementation Guide.	Receipts, invoices or other documentation of expenses. Lodging, meal and mileage costs are not to exceed domestic per diem rates per www.gsa.gov . Receipts for meals are not required.

1. Invoices and attached service documentation will be submitted monthly to the Whatcom County Health Department in the format provided by the County and as required by the DDA County Billing and Reporting instructions. The most common format and documentation is through the DSHS Client Management Information System (CMIS). A complete CMIS billing includes both an invoice coversheet and attached client service information. The Contractor shall send invoices and service documentation to the following address:

Jessica Lee, Developmental Disabilities Program Specialist
Whatcom County Health Department
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
2. The County must receive all invoices and supporting documentation within ten (10) calendar days following the last day of the month for which reimbursement is claimed. If an invoice or required documentation is incorrect, it will be returned to the Contractor. All invoice corrections or modifications must be submitted no later than **forty-five (45)** days after the last day of the month in which the services were provided.
3. Payment by the County will be considered timely if it is made within thirty (30) days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information from the Contractor. The County may withhold payment of an invoice if the Contractor submits it more than thirty (30) days after the expiration of this contract. Invoices and invoice corrections or modifications related to work done prior to December 31 of the contract year will be accepted no later than January 15 following the end of the County fiscal year (i.e. December 31).
4. The Contractor will not be paid for any billings or invoices for services occurring prior to the execution of the Contract or after its termination.

VI. Reporting

1. Reporting on client services will be made monthly with the invoice for services through the established DSHS/DDA County Billing and Reporting process in the format provided by the County. Data elements and definitions for each category of service are outlined by DSHS/DDA in the CMIS billing instructions at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/county-best-practices>.
2. The Contractor will provide other reports as developed and required by DSHS/DDA and the County during the term of the contract.

EXHIBIT "C"
(CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE)