

# WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.

**202408016-1**

Originating Department:	Council Office
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Cathy Halka, Legislative Analyst
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Pacifica Law Group, LLP
Is this a New Contract?    If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?    Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: <u>202408016</u>	
Does contract require Council Approval?    Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____	
Is this contract grant funded? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?    Contract Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Cost Center: <u>1100.6630</u>	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?    No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.	
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 checked="" 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): \$ <u>60,000</u> This Amendment Amount: \$ <u>40,000</u> Total Amended Amount: \$ <u>100,000</u> Summary of Scope:	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when</b> : 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 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.
Contract amendment to extend the contract to December 31, 2025, add \$40,000 for a contract total of \$100,000, and add scope services for the appeals process.	
Term of Contract: Approximately 3 months	Expiration Date: December 31, 2025

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Cathy Halka</u>	Date: <u>10/9/2024</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>George Roche (by email/ch)</u>	Date: <u>10/11/2024</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>bbennett</u>	Date: <u>10/15/2024</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Executive contract review: <u>JLogan</u>	Date: <u>10/23/2025</u>
	7. Council approved, if necessary: <u>AB2024-704</u>	Date: <u>10/22/2024</u>
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: _____
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____

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Amendment No. 1  
Whatcom County Contract No. 202408016  
CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND  
**Pacifica Law Group, LLP**

THIS AMENDMENT is to the Contract between Whatcom County and Pacifica Law Group, LLP, dated August 20, 2024 and designated "Whatcom County Contract No. 202408016". In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the parties agree to the following:

This Amendment extends the term of this Agreement through December 31, 2025, and increases the maximum consideration by \$40,000 to a total consideration of \$100,000.

This Amendment also adds the following to the Scope of Work, Exhibit A:

Contractor will provide legal services related to the appeals process, including but not limited to filing a response to a request for direct review by the Supreme Court and a respondent's brief.

Unless specifically amended by this agreement, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment takes effect: October 22, 2024, regardless of the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whatcom County and Pacifica Law Group, LLP have executed this Amendment on the date and year below written.

10/23/2024

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Each person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract.

**CONTRACTOR:**

PACIFICA LAW GROUP, LLP

DocuSigned by:

*Paul Lawrence*

10/23/2024

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PAUL LAWRENCE, PARTNER

**CONTRACTOR**

PACIFICA LAW GROUP, LLP

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**WHATCOM COUNTY:**

Recommended for Approval:

Signed by: Cathy Halka 10/23/2024  
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Department Supervisor Date

**Approved as to form:**

DocuSigned by: George Roche 10/23/2024  
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Prosecuting Attorney Date

**Approved:**

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: Satpal Sidhu 10/23/2024  
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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

**Approved:**

Presiding Judge of Whatcom County Superior Court:

By: Lee Grochmal 10/28/2024  
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Lee Grochmal, Superior Court Judge Date

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**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**  
Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Council Office Staff

**RE:** Contract Amendment for Legal Services for the Whatcom County Council

**DATE:** October 9, 2024

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Enclosed is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pacifica Law Group, LLP for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

On August 15, 2024, the Whatcom County Council authorized a contract with Pacifica Law Group, LLP for legally appropriate pre-election litigation related to Initiative 2024-01 (see Contract #202408016). In September, 2024, the Superior Court ruled that the substance of the Initiative was invalid. Subsequently, an appeal to the Superior Court ruling was submitted.

This contract amendment adds contactor services related to the appeals process, increases the total compensation to \$100,000, and extends the contract timeframe through December 31, 2025.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The contract amendment increases the total compensation amount by \$40,000 for a total of \$100,000. Funding for this contract amendment is available in the Council Office budget (see BSR#4741)

- **Timeframe**

The timeframe for this contract is through December 31, 2025.

Please contact Cathy Halka at ext. 5019, if you have any questions.

Encl.