

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**  
**Between Whatcom County and Cascadia Consulting Group**

**Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc.**, hereinafter called **Contractor** (*"Contractor" is the party contracting with the County and may also be referenced as "consultant"*) and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

General Conditions, pp. 3 to 12,  
 Exhibit A (Scope of Work), pp. 13 to 20,  
 Exhibit B (Compensation), p. 21,  
 Exhibit C (Schedule), p. 22,  
 Exhibit D (Certificates of Insurance), pp. 23 to 39.

Copies of these items are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025. The Contractor shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by contractors practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Contractor shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the project.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to: provide professional services associated with development of the Climate Change and Resiliency Element of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, as more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto. The language of Exhibit A controls in case of any conflict between it and that provided here.

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term shall not exceed \$ 180,295. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

Contractor acknowledges and by signing this contract agrees that the Indemnification provisions set forth in Paragraphs 11.1, 21.1, 30.1, 31.2, 32.1, 34.2, and 34.3, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

The Contractor shall follow all applicable terms of Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement with Whatcom County through Growth Management Services Contract Number 24-63610-179 2023-2025 Climate Planning Grant.

The Washington State Department of Commerce and the State of Washington are not liable for claims or damages arising from the Contractor's performance of this contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Each signatory below to this Contract warrants that he/she is the authorized agent of the respective party; and that he/she has the authority to enter into the contract and to bind the party thereto.

**CONTRACTOR:**

Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc.

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 Andrea Martin, Climate Action Director

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:**

Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc.  
 Andrea Martin, Climate Action Director  
 1109 First Avenue  
 Suite 400  
 Seattle, WA 90101  
 Contract for Services  
*Climate Element Work for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update*  
 V. 2023-1 (DocuSign)

**WHATCOM COUNTY:**  
**Recommended for Approval:**

/ S / Mark Personius 4/8/2024

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Department Director Date

**Approved as to form:**

/ S / Kellen Kooistra 4/9/2024

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Prosecuting Attorney Date

**Approved:**

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

## 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. In such event, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed prior to such notice of termination, including all non-cancelable costs incurred by Contractor prior to termination.

#### 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, excluding loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work, including all non-cancelable costs incurred by Contractor prior to termination. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made.

### *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:

In providing services under this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither it nor its officers, agents, or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Contractor shall be responsible for all federal and/or state tax, industrial insurance, and Social Security liability that may result from the performance of and compensation for these services and shall make no claim of career service or civil service rights which may accrue to a County employee under state or local law.

The County assumes no responsibility for the payment of any compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, by, or on behalf of the Contractor, its employees, and/or others by reason of this Contract.

The Contractor shall protect, indemnify, defend, and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting from (1) the Contractor's failure to pay any such compensation,

wages, benefits, or taxes, and/or (2) the supplying to the Contractor of work, services, materials, or supplies by Contractor employees or other suppliers in connection with or support of the performance of this Contract.

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. Any reuse of "work made for hire" by the County for another project shall be without liability to the Contractor.

Subject to the County's rights in the work product, any pre-existing work product, trade secrets, know-how, methodologies, and processes related to Contractor's services shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Contractor, and Contractor shall own all proprietary and intellectual property rights inherent therein and appurtenant thereto (collectively "Contractor Materials"). If, in the course of Contractor's engagement with the County, Contractor uses, provides, or incorporates into any work any Contractor Materials, Contractor will grant the County a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, fully-paid-up right: (a) to make, use, copy, modify, and create derivative works of such intellectual property, (b) to publicly perform or display, import, broadcast, transmit, distribute, license, offer to sell, and sell, rent, lease or lend copies of such intellectual property (and derivative works thereof) and (c) to sublicense to third parties the foregoing rights, including the right to sublicense to further third parties.

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. Professional Liability**

Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence

- a. Obtain professional liability insurance covering the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the professional in connection with the performance of services to the County. If any insurance policy or the professional liability insurance is written on a claims made form, its retroactive date, and that of all subsequent renewals, shall be no later than the effective date of this Contract. The policy shall state that coverage is claims made, and state the retroactive date. Claims-made form coverage shall be maintained by the Contractor for a minimum of 36 months following the Completion Date or earlier termination of this Contract, and the

Contractor shall annually provide the Contracting Agency with proof of renewal. If renewal of the claims made form of coverage becomes unavailable, or economically prohibitive, the Contractor shall purchase an extended reporting period ("tail") or execute another form of guarantee acceptable to the Contracting Agency to assure financial responsibility for liability for services performed.

### **3. Business Automobile Liability**

\$1,000,000.00 Minimum, per occurrence

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.

### **4. 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, excluding Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation.
- 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 "D". If Exhibit D 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) sustained by any third person or persons, 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.

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:

Mark Personius, Director  
Whatcom County Planning and Development Services  
5280 Northwest Dr.  
Bellingham, WA 98226

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 Planning and Development Services  
Attn: Mark Personius, Director  
5280 Northwest Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
(360) 778-5950  
[MPersoni@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:MPersoni@co.whatcom.wa.us)

Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc  
Attn: Andrea Martin, Climate Action Director  
1109 First Avenue  
Suite 400  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(704)604-5727  
[andream@cascadiaconsulting.com](mailto:andream@cascadiaconsulting.com)

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](http://www.uscis.gov)

#### ***Series 40-49: Provisions Related to Interpretation of Agreement and Resolution of Disputes***

- 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.
- 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)

## Task 1: Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Report

### 1.1: Data identification & review

The consultant, Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. ("Cascadia"), will assess and identify datasets that can be used for a quantitative analysis of relative vulnerability to climate change across Whatcom County communities. The consultant will examine datasets that consider social and economic vulnerabilities to climate change impacts, such as air pollution, health disparities, and environmental justice outcomes. Specifically, the consultant will prioritize data that can help identify climate-related health outcomes in Whatcom and relative health risks – including physical and mental health – across the County.

Cascadia's consideration of data sources will include the following:

- Whatcom County Wildfire Smoke and Heat Vulnerability Assessment
- WA Dept. of Commerce Climate Element Planning Guidance
- WA Dept. of Health Environmental Health Disparities Map
- Headwater Economics' Neighborhoods at Risk Tool
- White House's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
- In addition to the above listed sources, the consultant will also consider other data sources that provide recent, high-quality data on health impacts from climate change, as relevant.

Working closely with the County, Cascadia will vet and confirm datasets to be included in the analysis by answering the following questions:

- What is the **relevance** of this indicator?
- What is the data **availability** and **quality**?
- What is the **spatial resolution** of the data?

### 1.2: Data analysis and evaluation

Once the best available data are identified, Cascadia will spatially map the distribution of climate vulnerability across census tracts within the County to support the development and implementation of Comprehensive Plan policies. Having several datasets will allow us to triangulate information to identify areas and communities that face intersecting levels of vulnerability.

Cascadia will also pair the quantitative assessment with qualitative research, recognizing that not all impacts and vulnerabilities to overburdened communities will be identified on the census tract level. Cascadia will coordinate with the consultant working to identify overburdened communities to ensure that impacts to those communities are accurately depicted and characterized.

This analysis will support Task 5 (Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment). Task 5 will further build on the identified social and economic vulnerabilities and will incorporate the consideration of infrastructure assets and natural systems climate vulnerabilities.

### **1.3: Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Report**

Cascadia will develop an Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Report that characterizes relative climate change vulnerability and implications, such as air quality and health outcomes, across Whatcom County.

The final report will include both a narrative and spatial description of climate change environmental justice and health disparities. The report will include an introduction, approach and methodology overview, social and economic climate change assessment overview, and a conclusion section that identifies policies for integration into the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. The report will be up to 30 pages in length, with one round of revision based on County staff feedback. The report will also be integrated into Task 5 deliverables and accompany the physical climate vulnerability assessment.

#### **Task 1 Deliverables**

- Draft and final Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Report (electronic)
- GIS data package

### **Task 2: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report**

#### **2.1: Communitywide GHG emissions inventory**

Cascadia will augment the WA Commerce 11-County communitywide GHG emissions inventory to incorporate additional scope 3 emissions, where data are available, such as the inclusion of upstream, consumption-based emissions. As relevant, this task will also involve updating the Commerce-funded Whatcom County communitywide GHG inventory to ensure apples-to-apples comparability to Whatcom County's past inventories. Cascadia has budgeted up to 40 hours of staff time to update the Commerce-based communitywide GHG inventory, as needed.

All GHG inventories in Task 2 will comply with the U.S. Community Protocol for Accounting and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, The Global Protocol for Community Scale GHG Emission Inventories (including Supplemental Guidance for Forests and Trees), and the Local Government Operations Protocol for Greenhouse Gas Assessment.

County staff will assist in coordinating data requests that are not publicly accessible or available through state or other data sets.

Note that this task does not include retroactive updates of past County GHG inventories to reflect current methodologies (e.g., to align with the 11-County GHG inventory methodology). Completion of retroactive updates can be completed on an as-needed, per-hour basis (see staff rates below).

#### **2.2: Government operations GHG emissions inventory**

As needed, Cascadia will augment the Commerce 11-County government operations GHG emissions inventory to incorporate additional emissions sources, where data are available.

As relevant, this task will also involve updating the Commerce-funded Whatcom County government operations GHG inventory to ensure apples-to-apples comparability to Whatcom County's past inventories. Cascadia has budgeted up to 35 hours of staff time to update the Commerce-based government operations inventory, as needed.

County staff will assist in coordinating data requests that are not publicly accessible or available through state or other data sets.

Note that this task does not include retroactive updates of past County GHG inventories to reflect current methodologies (e.g., to align with the 11-County GHG inventory methodology). Completion of retroactive updates can be completed on an as-needed, per-hour basis (see staff rates below).

### **2.3: ClearPath Entry**

Cascadia will translate its 2022 communitywide and government operations GHG inventory into the ICLEI ClearPath tool.

### **2.4: GHG emissions inventory reporting**

Cascadia will summarize the GHG inventory approach and findings into a summary report chapter for the GHG Emissions Inventory, Trends, and Projections Report, (described in Task 3 below).

This chapter will include an introduction to Whatcom County's GHG emissions context and history, an overview of the GHG inventory approach/methodology, and a summary of results from the government operations and communitywide inventories, including descriptions major emissions sources and trends. This section will include summary graphics/tables and provide documentation of data sources and assumptions, where available.

### **Task 2 Deliverables**

- Updated government operations and communitywide GHG inventories (in ClearPath)
- Draft and final GHG emissions inventory chapter; for inclusion in the Task 3 GHG Emissions Inventory, Trends, and Projections Report (electronic)

## **Task 3: Local Emissions Trends and Projections Report**

### **3.1: GHG projections & wedge analysis**

Cascadia will leverage and customize the Commerce-funded wedge analysis tool to project future communitywide GHG emissions for Whatcom County. Specifically, Cascadia will include the following County-specific customizations:

- Integration of the latest County growth projections (population, employment).
- Projection to key County target years (2045, 2050, 2065, 2125).
- Integration of County VMT/multimodal modeling, as required under HB 1181.
- Inclusion of County-specific climate strategies/actions.

This tool will depict interim targets that align with Washington State Legislature 2050 emissions targets, 2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan, and future comprehensive plan update dates to allow for reporting toward progress achievement. The tool will show how population growth and development impacts may affect achievement of climate targets.

In addition to GHG projections, the tool will also include a “wedge” model of the projected impact of implementation of priority actions included in the 2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan (CAP) and state climate legislation on emission reductions, including the following state policies:

- WA Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)
- WA Climate Commitment Act (CCA)

This task budget assumes modeling of up to 3 priority actions from the 2021 Whatcom County CAP.

All assumptions related to the forecast and wedge modeling will be clearly documented.

### **3.2: GHG Emissions Inventory, Trends, and Projections Report**

As stated in Task 2, findings from the GHG emissions inventories, projections, and wedge analysis will be summarized in a GHG Emissions Inventory, Trends, and Projections Report.

The final report will include the following sections:

- Executive summary
- Introduction
- Methodology/approach overview
- GHG inventory findings and trends (both government operations and communitywide)
- GHG projections, targets, and emission reduction scenarios
- Detailed technical methodology appendix

The report will be up to 30 pages, with one round of revision based on County staff feedback.

Following the final report, as needed, we will work with SCJ Alliance and the County to refine mitigation policy recommendations identified for the final Climate Element.

#### **Task 3 Deliverables**

- Customized forecasting and wedge analysis tool (in Excel)
- Draft and final GHG Emissions Inventory, Trends, and Projections Report (electronic)

### **Task 4: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) Audit**

#### **Task 4.1: Existing HMP review**

The contractor will facilitate an initial virtual review meeting with the County Hazard Mitigation Project Manager and other key staff to 1) discuss themes of the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) that should be maintained and 2) confirm a methodology for identifying climate adaptation and resilience opportunities to be incorporated. Additionally, the contractor will identify resources and background data with Whatcom County to facilitate the HMP review. Applicable resource documents anticipated include the current Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and any other climate-related assessment/plans prepared since the HMP was approved.

The contractor will review the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and identify existing language, goals, and mitigation actions related to climate change. The consultant will evaluate relevant climate change information identified in the HMP against applicable state and federal guidance. Findings from this review and evaluation will be included and summarized under Task 4.3, below.



#### Task 4.2: Local/State/federal guidance comparison

The contractor will review the existing Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify climate gaps or opportunities for improvement. contractor will note climate change impacts not addressed by current goals, policies, or mitigation actions, along with any policies/practices that exacerbate vulnerability or risk. The contractor will identify areas where climate or resilience focused goals/policies can be integrated into the HMP during the next update cycle.

The contractor will audit the HMP against relevant local planning documents, state requirements and federal guidance to identify opportunities for climate adaptation and resilience strategies to be integrated. This audit will consider the following policies to ensure consistency with local planning processes, relevant state requirements and federal guidance:

- **Whatcom Compound Flood Vulnerability & Risk Assessment:** Assessment of sea level rise and compound flood impacts
- **Building Resilience Against Smoke & Heat: Climate Vulnerability Assessment:** Assessment of wildfire smoke and extreme heat vulnerabilities.
- **2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan:** Plan identifying recommended actions identified by the Climate Impact Advisory Committee and County Council to mitigate climate exacerbated natural hazards.
- **Washington House Bill 1181 (July 2023):** An amendment to the Growth Management Act, now requires local comprehensive plans to have sub-elements with climate resilience and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Washington State Department of Commerce Intermediate Climate Element Planning Guidance (Jan 2024):** Outlines implementation of Washington House Bill 1181 for local governments planning under the Growth Management Act. To support environmental justice and equity, this planning guidance begins with recommendations for how cities and counties can develop a climate policy advisory team and ensure that historically overburdened and underrepresented communities are included in early and ongoing efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan climate element. This guidance includes best practices for integrating a Hazard Mitigation Plan into a Comprehensive Plan.
- **FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide (March 2023):** Outlines the current standards to which FEMA and the state reviews each LHMP and should be read before starting the LHMP planning process to understand what must be included, tracked, and completed during the process. Appendix A is the Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, used to demonstrate where every element is met throughout the LHMP document.
- **FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Handbook (effective April 2023):** Has been one of the best tools for local governments to use in developing or updating an LHMP for over a decade. Updated in 2023, this document breaks the planning process out into specific tasks, and uses those tasks to outline key ideas, requirements, and steps to follow chronologically. The handbook provides examples, process worksheets, and best practices throughout each step in the process.
- **Washington State Department of Natural Resources Guidance on Community Wildfire Protection Plans.**

The recent FEMA policy guidance update involves additional requirements beyond incorporating climate change considerations into local hazard mitigation plans. The contractor will review the Whatcom County NHMP holistically to identify opportunities to comply with the updated policy guidance, such as planning process and/or outreach considerations. Findings will be included and summarized under Task 4.3, below.

### **Task 4.3: Audit report**

Based on the findings from Tasks 4.1 and 4.2, the contractor will prepare a technical memorandum outlining our recommendations for incorporating climate adaptation and resilience in the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The technical memorandum will include documentation of existing goals, policies and mitigation relating to climate change along with recommended revisions for consistency with recent state and federal guidance. Where applicable, the contractor will recommend revisions to the existing HMP, outlining climate change risks and vulnerabilities and additional goals, policies, and/or mitigation actions to mitigate those risks.

The contractor will also provide recommendations in this deliverable to assist Whatcom County in complying with updated FEMA hazard mitigation requirements outside of climate change considerations. For example, FEMA now requires stakeholder representatives from nonprofits/NGOs, local businesses, and academia to participate in the HMP planning process. FEMA requires increased focus on natural hazard impacts to socially vulnerable populations in both the planning process and HMP outcomes. The contractor will make recommendations for how to integrate these components into the Whatcom County HMP update for a streamlined and straightforward planning process.

The contractor will prepare one electronic draft of the technical memorandum for review. This technical memorandum will outline how Whatcom County must update the HMP to meet updated policy, organized by the FEMA statutory requirements. Clear recommendations and instructions for compliance will be included on a section-by-section basis. This task assumes one round of review/comment from Whatcom County. Comments, questions and/or requested revisions will be provided to the contractor in written format. The contractor will incorporate edits into a final technical memorandum.

This scope of work excludes updates or edits to the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, community outreach, or stakeholder coordination.

The County will be responsible for providing the latest Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to the consultant, including all relevant annexes and GIS data.

#### **Task 4 Deliverables:**

- Draft and final HMP Climate Change Technical Memorandum (electronic)

### **Task 5: Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment Report**

#### **5.1: Climate hazard characterization**

In Task 5, the consultant team will conduct a climate hazard and impact assessment. We will begin this task by identifying the type, location and projected future extent of climate hazards that affect the County and cities, as well as information regarding previous occurrences of hazard events and probability and spatial extent of future hazard events. Potential climate hazards include wildfire, sea level rise, coastal bluff retreat, landslides, water availability, water quality, flooding, drought, heat, and smoke.

The consultant team will review existing resources, such as the Whatcom County Compound Flood Vulnerability Assessment, previous vulnerability assessments related to freshwater, transportation, ecosystem and natural systems, land use and agriculture, and the current HMP. Additionally, we will consider existing County/city critical area mapping and regulations in our assessment. The consultant will

also utilize tools and models to develop an overview of the type, location, and extent of climate impacts over time – such as using the UW’s Climate Mapping for a Resilient Washington webtool.

Recognizing that not all data and information are available through models or existing data, the consultant team will work with the County during the development of the summary report (Task 5.3) to identify opportunities to incorporate local and traditional knowledge. This step will allow for a more complete picture of the specific climate hazards that are impacting Whatcom County.

Furthermore, the consultant team will incorporate best practices from Commerce’s Climate Element Planning Guidance to identify community assets within specific sectors, pairing them with the climate hazards identified.

Outcomes from this climate hazard characterization will be included in a summary report (Task 5.3).

## **5.2: Sector-based risk assessment**

During and immediately following the project kickoff meeting, the consultant team will discuss and identify opportunities and approaches to optimize integration of the climate hazard and impact assessment into the Climate Element and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This would include consultation on defining focus areas that would be representative of the 11 priority sectors considered in the assessment (i.e., agriculture and food systems, building and energy infrastructure, cultural resources, including tribal resources, economic development, emergency management, health and well-being, ecosystems, transportation, waste management, water resources, and zoning & development).

The consultant team will utilize two sector-based assessment approaches: a 1) social and economic vulnerability assessment (VA) and a 2) physical vulnerability assessment. The social and economic VA would provide an understanding of the relative vulnerability to climate change that communities experience across Whatcom County (this work will incorporate Task 1 outcomes). The physical VA would assess how various infrastructure assets and natural systems are vulnerable to climate change and implications for Whatcom County and its communities. These two approaches will allow for identification of climate resilience areas adversely impacted by climate change across sectors.

As part of the assessment, the consultant team will utilize external and internal data to produce vulnerability mapping/tables in ArcGIS Pro for use in the final report. The consultant team will work with the County to confirm relevant GIS data, such as any data from the existing HMP, including the location of critical facilities along with any updated mapped hazard data.

## **5.3: Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment Report**

The consultant team will develop a Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment Report that assesses both the social, economic, *and* physical vulnerability of Whatcom County communities and infrastructure to climate change.

The final report will include an executive summary, introduction, approach and methodology, social and economic climate change assessment, physical vulnerability assessment, and a conclusion section that will identify policies for integration into the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. The report will be up to 50 pages (including figures and tables), with one round of revision based on County staff feedback.

Following the final report, as needed, we will work with SCJ Alliance and the County to refine resilience policy recommendations identified for the final Climate Element.

#### **5.4: GIS handoff**

The consultant team will produce all GIS data in the above task (Task 5.2) in Esri's ArcGIS Pro and package data for electronic transmittal to Whatcom County.

##### **Task 5 Deliverables:**

- Draft and final Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment Report (electronic)
- GIS data package

#### **Task 6: Project Management**

Cascadia will participate in and prepare for a project kick-off meeting to confirm key project elements, roles, and build a shared understanding of the project's process and milestones. During the kick-off meeting with County staff, Cascadia will also collaboratively:

- Identify key project stakeholders, contacts, and decision-makers.
- Discuss the County's historic and ongoing climate initiatives and goals.
- Review climate impacts specific to Whatcom County.
- Confirm the VA approach and review relevant datasets.
- Confirm the GHG inventory and projections approach and review relevant datasets.

Once the project is underway, Cascadia will continue to coordinate with the County's project manager, including biweekly check-in calls (frequency may vary and as budget allows). Using Deltek Vision project management software, Cascadia will provide monthly invoices and progress reports that cover budget, timeline, and deliverables.

##### **Task 6 Deliverables:**

- Kick-off meeting agenda, facilitation, and summary notes
- Biweekly coordination calls, monthly invoices with activity reports

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
(COMPENSATION)

As consideration for services provided in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, the County agrees to compensate the Contractor according to the hourly rates provided below, up to the maximum consideration for each task.

KEY STAFF	2024 HOURLY RATE
Principal-in-Charge	\$275
Project Manager	\$175
Deputy Project Manager	\$160
Equity Assessment Lead	\$235
GHG Inventory Lead	\$155
Technical Analyst & Writer	\$165
Hazard Mitigation Planning Lead	\$170
Hazard Mitigation Planning Support	\$120
GIS Lead & Quality Control	\$110
Hazard Mitigation Planner 1	\$90
GIS Analyst	\$135
Equity Assessment Analyst	\$160

These rates are current as of January of 2024 and will be subject to change on a yearly basis, subject to approval of a contract amendment by Whatcom County.

MAXIMUM CONSIDERATION PER TASK, amounts for individual tasks shown below may exceed the amount by a maximum of 15% with written approval of the County, as long as the total consideration is not exceeded.

Task	Cost
<b>Task 1: Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Report</b>	<b>\$30,210</b>
<b>Task 2: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report</b>	<b>\$26,570</b>
<b>Task 3: Local Emissions Trends and Projections Report</b>	<b>\$12,635</b>
<b>Task 4: Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Audit</b>	<b>\$28,355</b>
<b>Task 5: Climate Hazard and Impact Assessment Report</b>	<b>\$70,950</b>
<b>Task 6: Project Management</b>	<b>\$11,575</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,295</b>

The Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis in a format approved by the County, including the consultant expenditures on each contract task # (for the month and the cumulative total), hourly rates, and hours worked on the task for the month.

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
(Schedule)

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Deliverables Due on or Before</b>
<b>Task 1</b>	Environmental Justice & Health Disparities Report	12/1/2024
<b>Task 2</b>	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	10/1/2024
<b>Task 3</b>	Local Emissions Trends and Projections Report	10/1/2024
<b>Task 4</b>	Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Audit	8/1/2024
<b>Task 5</b>	Draft Climate Hazard & Impact Assessment Report	2/1/2025

The Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Director may, in writing, administratively approve modifications to the Schedule above.

EXHIBIT "D"  
(Insurance)



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

OP ID: SR

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

04/04/2024

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**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b> Sprague Israel Giles 1501 Fourth Avenue, Suite 730 Seattle, WA 98101-3225 Robert Karl		<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> <b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b> <b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> CA License #0192858 <b>PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #:</b> CASCA-1		
<b>INSURED</b> Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc 1109 1st Ave., Ste. 400 Seattle, WA 98101		<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>		<b>NAIC #</b>
		INSURER A : Ohio Casualty Ins Company		24074
		INSURER B : West American Insurance Co		44393
		INSURER C : Allied World Suplus Lines		
		INSURER D :		
		INSURER E :		
INSURER F :				

**COVERAGES****CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GENERAL LIABILITY	X	X	BKO57696405	03/19/2024	03/19/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 15,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000
							GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
							PRODUCTS - COM/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC							
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	X	X	BAW57696405	03/19/2024	03/19/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (PER ACCIDENT) \$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS						Comp Ded \$ 250
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS						Coll Ded \$ 500
	<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE						\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$						\$
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY		N/A	BKO57696405 WA STOP GAP	03/19/2024	03/19/2025	WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> Y / N						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 2,000,000
C	PROFESSIONAL LIAB			0304-2934	03/19/2024	03/19/2025	Ea Claim 2,000,000 Aggregate 2,000,000
\$25,000 DEDUCTIBLE				RETRO DATE: 12/18/08			

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

Whatcom County, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers are additional insured. Insurance is Primary & Non Contributory. Waiver of Subrogation applies.  
30 days notice of cancellation  
PROJECT: Whatcom County Climate Element 2024

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER****CANCELLATION**

<b>WHA-226</b>  Whatcom County Attn: Mark Personius 5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham, WA 98226	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 

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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

## COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY EXTENSION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

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With respect to coverage afforded by this endorsement, the provisions of the policy apply unless modified by the endorsement.

#### A. NON-OWNED AIRCRAFT

Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft does not apply to an aircraft provided:

1. It is not owned by any insured;
2. It is hired, chartered or loaned with a trained paid crew;
3. The pilot in command holds a currently effective certificate, issued by the duly constituted authority of the United States of America or Canada, designating her or him a commercial or airline pilot; and
4. It is not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

However, the insurance afforded by this provision does not apply if there is available to the insured other valid and collectible insurance, whether primary, excess (other than insurance written to apply specifically in excess of this policy), contingent or on any other basis, that would also apply to the loss covered under this provision.

#### B. NON-OWNED WATERCRAFT

Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, Subparagraph (2) of exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft is replaced by the following:

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (2) A watercraft you do not own that is:
  - (a) Less than 52 feet long; and
  - (b) Not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

#### C. PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY - ELEVATORS

1. Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, Subparagraphs (3), (4) and (6) of exclusion j. Damage To Property do not apply if such "property damage" results from the use of elevators. For the purpose of this provision, elevators do not include vehicle lifts. Vehicle lifts are lifts or hoists used in automobile service or repair operations.
2. The following is added to Section IV - Commercial General Liability Conditions, Condition 4. Other Insurance, Paragraph b. Excess Insurance:

The insurance afforded by this provision of this endorsement is excess over any property insurance, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis.

#### D. EXTENDED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RENTED TO YOU (Tenant's Property Damage)

If Damage To Premises Rented To You is not otherwise excluded from this Coverage Part:

1. Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability:

- a. The fourth from the last paragraph of exclusion j. Damage To Property is replaced by the following:

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" (other than damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke, or leakage from an automatic fire protection system) to:

- (i) Premises rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days; or
- (ii) Contents that you rent or lease as part of a premises rental or lease agreement for a period of more than 7 days.

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" to contents of premises rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days.

A separate limit of insurance applies to this coverage as described in Section III - Limits of Insurance.

- b. The last paragraph of subsection **2. Exclusions** is replaced by the following:

Exclusions **c.** through **n.** do not apply to damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke or leakage from automatic fire protection systems to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner. A separate limit of insurance applies to Damage To Premises Rented To You as described in **Section III - Limits Of Insurance**.

2. Paragraph **6.** under **Section III - Limits Of Insurance** is replaced by the following:

6. Subject to Paragraph **5.** above, the Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit is the most we will pay under Coverage **A** for damages because of "property damage" to:

- a. Any one premise:

(1) While rented to you; or

(2) While rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner for damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke or leakage from automatic protection systems; or

- b. Contents that you rent or lease as part of a premises rental or lease agreement.

3. As regards coverage provided by this provision **D. EXTENDED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RENTED TO YOU (Tenant's Property Damage)** - Paragraph **9.a.** of **Definitions** is replaced with the following:

- 9.a.** A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke, or leakage from automatic fire protection systems to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner, or for damage to contents of such premises that are included in your premises rental or lease agreement, is not an "insured contract".

#### **E. MEDICAL PAYMENTS EXTENSION**

If **Coverage C Medical Payments** is not otherwise excluded, the Medical Payments provided by this policy are amended as follows:

Under Paragraph **1. Insuring Agreement** of **Section I - Coverage C - Medical Payments**, Subparagraph **(b)** of Paragraph **a.** is replaced by the following:

- (b)** The expenses are incurred and reported within three years of the date of the accident; and

#### **F. EXTENSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS - COVERAGES A AND B**

1. Under **Supplementary Payments - Coverages A and B**, Paragraph **1.b.** is replaced by the following:

- b. Up to **\$3,000** for cost of bail bonds required because of accidents or traffic law violations arising out of the use of any vehicle to which the Bodily Injury Liability Coverage applies. We do not have to furnish these bonds.

2. Paragraph **1.d.** is replaced by the following:

- d. All reasonable expenses incurred by the insured at our request to assist us in the investigation or defense of the claim or "suit", including actual loss of earnings up to **\$500** a day because of time off from work.

#### **G. ADDITIONAL INSURED - BY CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR PERMIT**

1. Paragraph **2.** under **Section II - Who Is An Insured** is amended to include as an insured any person or organization whom you have agreed to add as an additional insured in a written contract, written agreement or permit. Such person or organization is an additional insured but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused in whole or in part by:

- a. Your acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf, in the performance of your on going operations for the additional insured that are the subject of the written contract or written agreement provided that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs, or the "personal and advertising injury" is committed, subsequent to the signing of such written contract or written agreement; or

- b. Premises or facilities rented by you or used by you; or
- c. The maintenance, operation or use by you of equipment rented or leased to you by such person or organization; or
- d. Operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or political subdivision has issued a permit subject to the following additional provisions:
- (1) This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage", or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the operations performed for the state or political subdivision;
  - (2) This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "completed operations hazard".
  - (3) Insurance applies to premises you own, rent, or control but only with respect to the following hazards:
    - (a) The existence, maintenance, repair, construction, erection, or removal of advertising signs, awnings, canopies, cellar entrances, coal holes, driveways, manholes, marquees, hoist away openings, sidewalk vaults, street banners, or decorations and similar exposures; or
    - (b) The construction, erection, or removal of elevators; or
    - (c) The ownership, maintenance, or use of any elevators covered by this insurance.

However:

1. The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
2. If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.

With respect to Paragraph 1.a. above, a person's or organization's status as an additional insured under this endorsement ends when:

- (1) All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
- (2) That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.

With respect to Paragraph 1.b. above, a person's or organization's status as an additional insured under this endorsement ends when their written contract or written agreement with you for such premises or facilities ends.

With respects to Paragraph 1.c. above, this insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after the equipment rental or lease agreement has expired or you have returned such equipment to the lessor.

The insurance provided by this endorsement applies only if the written contract or written agreement is signed prior to the "bodily injury" or "property damage".

We have no duty to defend an additional insured under this endorsement until we receive written notice of a "suit" by the additional insured as required in Paragraph b. of Condition 2. **Duties In the Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit** under **Section IV - Commercial General Liability Conditions**.

2. With respect to the insurance provided by this endorsement, the following are added to Paragraph 2. **Exclusions under Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability:**

This insurance does not apply to:

- a. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising from the sole negligence of the additional insured.
- b. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurs prior to you commencing operations at the location where such "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs.
- c. "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services, including:
  - (1) The preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
  - (2) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

This exclusion applies even if the claims against any insured allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the supervision, hiring, employment, training or monitoring of others by that insured, if the "occurrence" which caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage", or the offense which caused the "personal and advertising injury", involved the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services.

- d. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" occurring after:
  - (1) All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
  - (2) That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.
- e. Any person or organization specifically designated as an additional insured for ongoing operations by a separate **ADDITIONAL INSURED -OWNERS, LESSEES OR CONTRACTORS** endorsement issued by us and made a part of this policy.

3. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following is added to **Section III - Limits Of Insurance:**

If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

- a. Required by the contract or agreement; or
  - b. Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations;
- whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

#### **H. PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY ADDITIONAL INSURED EXTENSION**

This provision applies to any person or organization who qualifies as an additional insured under any form or endorsement under this policy.

Condition 4. **Other Insurance of SECTION IV - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS** is amended as follows:

- a. The following is added to Paragraph a. **Primary Insurance:**

If an additional insured's policy has an Other Insurance provision making its policy excess, and you have agreed in a written contract or written agreement to provide the additional insured coverage on a primary and noncontributory basis, this policy shall be primary and we will not seek contribution from the additional insured's policy for damages we cover.

**b. The following is added to Paragraph b. Excess Insurance:**

When a written contract or written agreement, other than a premises lease, facilities rental contract or agreement, an equipment rental or lease contract or agreement, or permit issued by a state or political subdivision between you and an additional insured does not require this insurance to be primary or primary and non-contributory, this insurance is excess over any other insurance for which the additional insured is designated as a Named Insured.

Regardless of the written agreement between you and an additional insured, this insurance is excess over any other insurance whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis for which the additional insured has been added as an additional insured on other policies.

**I. ADDITIONAL INSURED - EXTENDED PROTECTION OF YOUR "LIMITS OF INSURANCE"**

This provision applies to any person or organization who qualifies as an additional insured under any form or endorsement under this policy.

**1. The following is added to Condition 2. Duties In The Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit:**

An additional insured under this endorsement will as soon as practicable:

- a. Give written notice of an "occurrence" or an offense that may result in a claim or "suit" under this insurance to us;
- b. Tender the defense and indemnity of any claim or "suit" to all insurers whom also have insurance available to the additional insured; and
- c. Agree to make available any other insurance which the additional insured has for a loss we cover under this Coverage Part.
- d. We have no duty to defend or indemnify an additional insured under this endorsement until we receive written notice of a "suit" by the additional insured.

**2. The limits of insurance applicable to the additional insured are those specified in a written contract or written agreement or the limits of insurance as stated in the Declarations of this policy and defined in Section III - Limits of Insurance of this policy, whichever are less. These limits are inclusive of and not in addition to the limits of insurance available under this policy.**

**J. WHO IS AN INSURED - INCIDENTAL MEDICAL ERRORS / MALPRACTICE  
WHO IS AN INSURED - FELLOW EMPLOYEE EXTENSION - MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

Paragraph 2.a.(1) of Section II - Who Is An Insured is replaced with the following:

**(1) "Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury":**

- (a) To you, to your partners or members (if you are a partnership or joint venture), to your members (if you are a limited liability company), to a co-"employee" while in the course of his or her employment or performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or to your other "volunteer workers" while performing duties related to the conduct of your business;
- (b) To the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that co-"employee" or "volunteer worker" as a consequence of Paragraph (1) (a) above;
- (c) For which there is any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury described in Paragraphs (1) (a) or (b) above; or
- (d) Arising out of his or her providing or failing to provide professional health care services. However, if you are not in the business of providing professional health care services or providing professional health care personnel to others, or if coverage for providing professional health care services is not otherwise excluded by separate endorsement, this provision (Paragraph (d)) does not apply.

Paragraphs (a) and (b) above do not apply to "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" caused by an "employee" who is acting in a supervisory capacity for you. Supervisory capacity as used herein means the "employee's" job responsibilities assigned by you, includes the direct supervision of other "employees" of yours. However, none of these "employees" are insureds for "bodily injury" or "personal and



advertising injury" arising out of their willful conduct, which is defined as the purposeful or willful intent to cause "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury", or caused in whole or in part by their intoxication by liquor or controlled substances.

The coverage provided by provision J. is excess over any other valid and collectable insurance available to your "employee".

#### **K. NEWLY FORMED OR ADDITIONALLY ACQUIRED ENTITIES**

Paragraph 3. of **Section II - Who Is An Insured** is replaced by the following:

3. Any organization you newly acquire or form and over which you maintain ownership or majority interest, will qualify as a Named Insured if there is no other similar insurance available to that organization. However:
  - a. Coverage under this provision is afforded only until the expiration of the policy period in which the entity was acquired or formed by you;
  - b. Coverage A does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you acquired or formed the organization; and
  - c. Coverage B does not apply to "personal and advertising injury" arising out of an offense committed before you acquired or formed the organization.
  - d. Records and descriptions of operations must be maintained by the first Named Insured.

No person or organization is an insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations or qualifies as an insured under this provision.

#### **L. FAILURE TO DISCLOSE HAZARDS AND PRIOR OCCURRENCES**

Under **Section IV - Commercial General Liability Conditions**, the following is added to Condition 6. **Representations**:

Your failure to disclose all hazards or prior "occurrences" existing as of the inception date of the policy shall not prejudice the coverage afforded by this policy provided such failure to disclose all hazards or prior "occurrences" is not intentional.

#### **M. KNOWLEDGE OF OCCURRENCE, OFFENSE, CLAIM OR SUIT**

Under **Section IV - Commercial General Liability Conditions**, the following is added to Condition 2. **Duties In The Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit**:

Knowledge of an "occurrence", offense, claim or "suit" by an agent, servant or "employee" of any insured shall not in itself constitute knowledge of the insured unless an insured listed under Paragraph 1. of **Section II - Who Is An Insured** or a person who has been designated by them to receive reports of "occurrences", offenses, claims or "suits" shall have received such notice from the agent, servant or "employee".

#### **N. LIBERALIZATION CLAUSE**

If we revise this Commercial General Liability Extension Endorsement to provide more coverage without additional premium charge, your policy will automatically provide the coverage as of the day the revision is effective in your state.

#### **O. BODILY INJURY REDEFINED**

Under **Section V - Definitions**, Definition 3. is replaced by the following:

3. "Bodily Injury" means physical injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person. This includes mental anguish, mental injury, shock, fright or death that results from such physical injury, sickness or disease.

**P. EXTENDED PROPERTY DAMAGE**

**Exclusion a. of COVERAGE A. BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY** is replaced by the following:

**a. Expected Or Intended Injury**

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" expected or intended from the standpoint of the insured. This exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property.

**Q. WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US - WHEN REQUIRED IN A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH YOU**

Under **Section IV - Commercial General Liability Conditions**, the following is added to Condition **8. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us**:

We waive any right of recovery we may have against a person or organization because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "products-completed operations hazard" provided:

1. You and that person or organization have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that you waive such rights against that person or organization; and
2. The injury or damage occurs subsequent to the execution of the written contract or written agreement.



**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE ENHANCEMENT ENDORSEMENT**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

**BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM**

With respect to coverage afforded by this endorsement, the provisions of the policy apply unless modified by the endorsement.

If the policy to which this endorsement is attached also contains a Business Auto Coverage Enhancement Endorsement with a specific state named in the title, this endorsement does not apply to vehicles garaged in that specified state.

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**SECTION I - COVERED AUTOS** is amended as follows:

**1. TRAILERS - INCREASED LOAD CAPACITY**

The following replaces Paragraph **C.1. Certain Trailers, Mobile Equipment And Temporary Substitute Autos** of **SECTION I - COVERED AUTOS**:

"Trailers" with a load capacity of 3,000 pounds or less designed primarily for travel on public roads.

**SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE** is amended as follows:

**2. NEWLY FORMED OR ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARIES**

**SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE, Paragraph A.1. - Who Is An Insured** is amended to include the following as an "insured":

- d. Any legally incorporated subsidiary of which you own more than 50 percent interest during the policy period. Coverage is afforded only for 90 days from the date of acquisition or formation. However, "insured" does not include any organization that:

- (1) Is a partnership or joint venture; or
- (2) Is an "insured" under any other automobile policy except a policy written specifically to apply in excess of this policy; or
- (3) Has exhausted its Limit of Insurance or had its policy terminated under any other automobile policy.

Coverage under this provision d. does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you acquired or formed the organization.

**3. EMPLOYEES AS INSURED**

**SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE, Paragraph A.1. Who Is An Insured** is amended to include the following as an "insured":

- e. Any "employee" of yours while using a covered "auto" you do not own, hire or borrow but only for acts within the scope of their employment by you. Insurance provided by this endorsement is excess over any other insurance available to any "employee".
- f. Any "employee" of yours while operating an "auto" hired or borrowed under a written contract or agreement in that "employee's" name, with your permission, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business and within the scope of their employment. Insurance provided by this endorsement is excess over any other insurance available to the "employee".

**4. ADDITIONAL INSURED BY CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR PERMIT**

**SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE, Paragraph A.1. Who Is An Insured** is amended to include the following as an "insured":

- g. Any person or organization with respect to the operation, maintenance or use of a covered "auto", provided that you and such person or organization have agreed in a written contract, written agreement, or permit issued to you by governmental or public authority, to add such person, or organization, or governmental or public authority to this policy as an "insured".

However, such person or organization is an "insured":

- (1) Only with respect to the operation, maintenance or use of a covered "auto";
- (2) Only for "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused by an "accident" which takes place after you executed the written contract or written agreement, or the permit has been issued to you; and
- (3) Only for the duration of that contract, agreement or permit.

The "insured" is required to submit a claim to any other insurer to which coverage could apply for defense and indemnity. Unless the "insured" has agreed in writing to primary noncontributory wording per enhancement number 24, this policy is excess over any other collectible insurance.

**5. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS**

**SECTION II - LIABILITY COVERAGE, Coverage Extensions, 2.a. Supplementary Payments, Paragraphs (2) and (4)** are replaced by the following:

- (2) Up to \$3,000 for cost of bail bonds (including bonds for related traffic violations ) required because of an "accident" we cover. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
- (4) All reasonable expenses incurred by the "insured" at our request, including actual loss of earnings up to \$500 a day because of time off from work.

## 6. AMENDED FELLOW EMPLOYEE EXCLUSION

In those jurisdictions where, by law, fellow "employees" are not entitled to the protection afforded to the employer by the workers compensation exclusivity rule, or similar protection, the following provision is added:

**SECTION II - LIABILITY, Exclusion B.5. Fellow Employee** does not apply if the "bodily injury" results from the use of a covered "auto" you own or hire if you have workers compensation insurance in force for all of your "employees" at the time of "loss".

This coverage is excess over any other collectible insurance.

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE** is amended as follows:

## 7. HIRED AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE

Paragraph **A.4. Coverage Extensions** of **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE**, is amended by adding the following:

If hired "autos" are covered "autos" for Liability Coverage, and if Comprehensive, Specified Causes of Loss or Collision coverage are provided under the Business Auto Coverage Form for any "auto" you own, then the Physical Damage coverages provided are extended to "autos":

- a. You hire, rent or borrow; or
- b. Your "employee" hires or rents under a written contract or agreement in that "employee's" name, but only if the damage occurs while the vehicle is being used in the conduct of your business, subject to the following limit and deductible:
  - a. The most we will pay for "loss" in any one "accident" or "loss" is the smallest of:
    - (1) \$50,000; or
    - (2) The actual cash value of the damaged or stolen property as of the time of the "loss"; or
    - (3) The cost of repairing or replacing the damaged or stolen property with other property of like kind and quality, minus a deductible.
  - b. The deductible will be equal to the largest deductible applicable to any owned "auto" for that coverage.
  - c. Subject to the limit, deductible and excess provisions described in this provision, we will provide coverage equal to the broadest coverage applicable to any covered "auto" you own.
  - d. Subject to a maximum of \$1,000 per "accident", we will also cover the actual loss of use of the hired "auto" if it results from an "accident", you are legally liable and the lessor incurs an actual financial loss.
  - e. This coverage extension does not apply to:
    - (1) Any "auto" that is hired, rented or borrowed with a driver; or
    - (2) Any "auto" that is hired, rented or borrowed from your "employee" or any member of your "employee's" household.

Coverage provided under this extension is excess over any other collectible insurance available at the time of "loss".

## 8. TOWING AND LABOR

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE**, Paragraph **A.2. Towing**, is amended by the addition of the following:

We will pay towing and labor costs incurred, up to the limits shown below, each time a covered "auto" classified and rated as a private passenger type, "light truck" or "medium truck" is disabled:

- a. For private passenger type vehicles, we will pay up to \$75 per disablement.
- b. For "light trucks", we will pay up to \$75 per disablement. "Light trucks" are trucks that have a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 10,000 pounds or less.
- c. For "medium trucks", we will pay up to \$150 per disablement. "Medium trucks" are trucks that have a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 10,001 - 20,000 pounds.

However, the labor must be performed at the place of disablement.

## 9. PHYSICAL DAMAGE - ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE COVERAGE

Paragraph **A.4.a. Coverage Extensions, Transportation Expenses** of **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE**, is amended to provide a limit of \$50 per day and a maximum limit of \$1,500.

## 10. RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, A. Coverage**, is amended by adding the following:

- a. We will pay up to \$75 per day for rental reimbursement expenses incurred by you for the rental of an "auto" because of "accident" or "loss", to an "auto" for which we also pay a "loss" under Comprehensive, Specified Causes of Loss or Collision Coverages. We will pay only for those expenses incurred after the first 24 hours following the "accident" or "loss" to the covered "auto."
- b. Rental Reimbursement requires the rental of a comparable or lesser vehicle, which in many cases may be substantially less than \$75 per day, and will only be allowed for the period of time it should take to repair or replace the vehicle with reasonable speed and similar quality, up to a maximum of 30 days.
- c. We will also pay up to \$500 for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by you to remove and replace your tools and equipment from the covered "auto". This limit is excess over any other collectible insurance.
- d. This coverage does not apply unless you have a business necessity that other "autos" available for your use and operation cannot fill.
- e. If "loss" results from the total theft of a covered "auto" of the private passenger type, we will pay under this coverage only that amount of your rental reimbursement expenses which is not already provided under Paragraph **4. Coverage Extension**.
- f. No deductible applies to this coverage.
- g. The insurance provided under this extension is excess over any other collectible insurance.

If this policy also provides Rental Reimbursement Coverage you purchased, the coverage provided by this Enhancement Endorsement is in addition to the coverage you purchased.

For the purposes of this endorsement provision, materials and equipment do not include "personal effects" as defined in provision **12.B**.

## 11. EXTRA EXPENSE - BROADENED COVERAGE

Under **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, A. Coverage**, we will pay for the expense of returning a stolen covered "auto" to you. The maximum amount we will pay is \$1,000.

## 12. PERSONAL EFFECTS COVERAGE

**A. SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, A. Coverage**, is amended by adding the following:

If you have purchased Comprehensive Coverage on this policy for an "auto" you own and that "auto" is stolen, we will pay, without application of a deductible, up to \$600 for "personal effects" stolen with the "auto."

The insurance provided under this provision is excess over any other collectible insurance.

**B. SECTION V - DEFINITIONS** is amended by adding the following:

For the purposes of this provision, "personal effects" mean tangible property that is worn or carried by an "insured." "Personal effects" does not include tools, equipment, jewelry, money or securities.

## 13. ACCIDENTAL AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, B. Exclusions** is amended by adding the following:

If you have purchased Comprehensive or Collision Coverage under this policy, the exclusion for "loss" relating to mechanical breakdown does not apply to the accidental discharge of an airbag.

Any insurance we provide shall be excess over any other collectible insurance or reimbursement by manufacturer's warranty. However, we agree to pay any deductible applicable to the other coverage or warranty.

#### 14. PHYSICAL DAMAGE DEDUCTIBLE - VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEM

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, D. Deductible**, is amended by adding the following:

Any Comprehensive Deductible shown in the Declarations will be reduced by 50% for any "loss" caused by theft if the vehicle is equipped with a vehicle tracking device such as a radio tracking device or a global position device and that device was the method of recovery of the vehicle.

#### 15. AUDIO, VISUAL AND DATA ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT COVERAGE

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE, B. Exclusions**, Paragraph **a.** of the exception to exclusions **4.c.** and **4.d.** is deleted and replaced with the following:

Exclusions **4.c.** and **4.d.** do not apply to:

- a. Electronic equipment that receives or transmits audio, visual or data signals, whether or not designed solely for the reproduction of sound, if the equipment is:
  - (1) Permanently installed in the covered "auto" at the time of the "loss" or removable from a housing unit that is permanently installed in the covered "auto"; and
  - (2) Designed to be solely operated by use from the power from the "auto's" electrical system; and
  - (3) Physical damage coverages are provided for the covered "auto".

If the "loss" occurs solely to audio, visual or data electronic equipment or accessories used with this equipment, then our obligation to pay for, repair, return or replace damaged or stolen property will be reduced by a \$100 deductible.

#### 16. LOAN / LEASE GAP COVERAGE (Not Applicable In New York)

- A. Paragraph **C. Limit Of Insurance** of **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE** is amended by adding the following:

The most we will pay for a "total loss" to a covered "auto" owned by or leased to you in any one "accident" is the greater of the:

- 1. Balance due under the terms of the loan or lease to which the damaged covered "auto" is subject at the time of the "loss" less the amount of:
  - a. Overdue payments and financial penalties associated with those payments as of the date of the "loss";
  - b. Financial penalties imposed under a lease due to high mileage, excessive use or abnormal wear and tear;
  - c. Costs for extended warranties, Credit Life Insurance, Health, Accident or Disability Insurance purchased with the loan or lease;
  - d. Transfer or rollover balances from previous loans or leases;
  - e. Final payment due under a "Balloon Loan";
  - f. The dollar amount of any unrepaired damage which occurred prior to the "total loss" of a covered "auto";
  - g. Security deposits not refunded by a lessor;
  - h. All refunds payable or paid to you as a result of the early termination of a lease agreement or as a result of the early termination of any warranty or extended service agreement on a covered "auto";
  - i. Any amount representing taxes;
  - j. Loan or lease termination fees; or
- 2. The actual cash value of the damage or stolen property as of the time of the "loss".

An adjustment for depreciation and physical condition will be made in determining the actual cash value at the time of the "loss". This adjustment is not applicable in Texas.

#### B. Additional Conditions

This coverage applies only to the original loan for which the covered "auto" that incurred the "loss" serves as collateral, or lease written on the covered "auto" that incurred the "loss".

**C. SECTION V - DEFINITIONS** is changed by adding the following:

As used in this endorsement provision, the following definitions apply:

"Total loss" means a "loss" in which the cost of repairs plus the salvage value exceeds the actual cash value.

A "balloon loan" is one with periodic payments that are insufficient to repay the balance over the term of the loan, thereby requiring a large final payment.

**17. GLASS REPAIR - WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE**

Paragraph **D. Deductible** of **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE** is amended by the addition of the following:

No deductible applies to glass damage if the glass is repaired rather than replaced.

**18. PARKED AUTO COLLISION COVERAGE (WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE)**

Paragraph **D. Deductible** of **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE** is amended by the addition of the following:

The deductible does not apply to "loss" caused by collision to such covered "auto" of the private passenger type or light weight truck with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 lbs. or less as defined by the manufacturer as maximum loaded weight the "auto" is designed to carry while it is:

- a. In the charge of an "insured";
- b. Legally parked; and
- c. Unoccupied.

The "loss" must be reported to the police authorities within 24 hours of known damage.

The total amount of the damage to the covered "auto" must exceed the deductible shown in the Declarations.

This provision does not apply to any "loss" if the covered "auto" is in the charge of any person or organization engaged in the automobile business.

**19. TWO OR MORE DEDUCTIBLES**

Under **SECTION III - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE**, if two or more company policies or coverage forms apply to the same "accident", the following applies to Paragraph **D. Deductible**:

- a. If the applicable Business Auto deductible is the smaller (or smallest) deductible, it will be waived; or
- b. If the applicable Business Auto deductible is not the smaller (or smallest) deductible, it will be reduced by the amount of the smaller (or smallest) deductible; or
- c. If the "loss" involves two or more Business Auto coverage forms or policies, the smaller (or smallest) deductible will be waived.

For the purpose of this endorsement, company means any company that is part of the Liberty Mutual Group.

**SECTION IV - BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS** is amended as follows:

**20. UNINTENTIONAL FAILURE TO DISCLOSE HAZARDS**

**SECTION IV- BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS**, Paragraph **B.2.** is amended by adding the following:

If you unintentionally fail to disclose any hazards, exposures or material facts existing as of the inception date or renewal date of the Business Auto Coverage Form, the coverage afforded by this policy will not be prejudiced.

However, you must report the undisclosed hazard of exposure as soon as practicable after its discovery, and we have the right to collect additional premium for any such hazard or exposure.



## 21. AMENDED DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENT, CLAIM, SUIT, OR LOSS

**SECTION IV - BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS**, Paragraph **A.2.a.** is replaced in its entirety by the following:

- a. In the event of "accident", claim, "suit" or "loss", you must promptly notify us when it is known to:
- (1) You, if you are an individual;
  - (2) A partner, if you are a partnership;
  - (3) Member, if you are a limited liability company;
  - (4) An executive officer or the "employee" designated by the Named Insured to give such notice, if you are a corporation.

To the extent possible, notice to us should include:

- (a) How, when and where the "accident" or "loss" took place;
- (b) The "insureds" name and address; and
- (c) The names and addresses of any injured persons and witnesses.

## 22. WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US

**SECTION IV - BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS**, Paragraph **A.5. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us**, is amended by the addition of the following:

If the person or organization has in a written agreement waived those rights before an "accident" or "loss", our rights are waived also.

## 23. HIRED AUTO COVERAGE TERRITORY

**SECTION IV - BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS**, Paragraph **B.7. Policy Period, Coverage Territory**, is amended by the addition of the following:

- f. For "autos" hired 30 days or less, the coverage territory is anywhere in the world, provided that the "insured's" responsibility to pay for damages is determined in a "suit", on the merits, in the United States, the territories and possessions of the United States of America, Puerto Rico or Canada or in a settlement we agree to.

This extension of coverage does not apply to an "auto" hired, leased, rented or borrowed with a driver.

## 24. PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTING IF REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT

The following is added to **SECTION IV - BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS, General Conditions, B.5. Other Insurance** and supersedes any provision to the contrary:

This Coverage Form's Covered Autos Liability Coverage is primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to an "insured" under your policy provided that:

1. Such "insured" is a Named Insured under such other insurance; and
2. You have agreed in a written contract or written agreement that this insurance would be primary and would not seek contribution from any other insurance available to such "insured".

**SECTION V - DEFINITIONS** is amended as follows:

## 25. BODILY INJURY REDEFINED

Under **SECTION V - DEFINITIONS**, Definition **C.** is replaced by the following:

"Bodily injury" means physical injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including mental anguish, mental injury, shock, fright or death resulting from any of these at any time.