



Jon Hutchings
Director

Eric L. Schlehuber, Division Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive & Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

From: Eric L. Schlehuber, PW Equipment Services Manager

Date: June 22, 2021

Re: Bid #21-31, Drydocking, Repair & Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief (2021)

- **Requested Action**

Approval requested to award the bid and authorization for the County Executive to enter into a subsequent contract for the 2021 Annual Drydocking, Repair and Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief to the lowest responsive bidder, Foss Maritime in Seattle, Washington in the total amount of \$773,839.00.

- **Background and Purpose**

Bids were duly advertised and submitted for the annual drydocking, repair and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry. This work is contracted out annually by the Public Works Equipment Services Division. Three shipyards (Foss Maritime Co., Lake Union Drydock Co., and Nichols Boat Builders) attended the mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting held onboard the Whatcom Chief ferry Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Three bid responses were received Tuesday, June 22, 2021. This year's drydock is anticipated to take up to three weeks, from Saturday, September 11, 2021 through Friday, October 1, 2021. Listed below is the bid tabulation for the three responsive and responsible bids received. The Engineer's Estimates was \$773,600, with a return to service anticipated to be no later than Monday, October 4, 2021.

DRYDOCKING, REPAIRS, & MAINTENANCE OF THE WHATCOM CHIEF (2021)

VENDOR	TOTAL
Foss Maritime Co	\$773,839*
Lake Union Drydock Company	\$928,968
Nichols Boat Builders	\$797,592

*Total changed from submission of \$773,838 due to rounding up

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Adequate funds exist within the 2021-2022 ER&R fund budget for repairs and maintenance as approved during the 2021-2022 budget process. I am requesting Executive and the Whatcom County Council approval to award this bid and subsequent contract to Foss Maritime (Seattle, Washington) for a total of \$773,839.00.

- **Recommended Action**

Please approve this purchase and forward to the Executive and the Whatcom County Council for approval at the July 13, 2021 Whatcom County Council Meeting. Please contact Eric L. Schlehuber at extension 6405 if you have any questions or concerns.

In Accordance with WCC 3.08.030, I concur with this recommendation.

Sara Winger

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