



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. – Waste Collection & Storage Facility Contract Amendment #12
DATE: **SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. for your review and signature. This amendment updates pricing as the Contractor has experienced sharp price increases across the board for labor, as well as transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. A feasibility study was recently completed to assess the potential transition of management and operations of the Disposal of Toxics facility, to County management. This amendment also requests a six-month extension of this contract while the County determines how to move forward with management and operations of the Facility in mid-2025.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom County Hazardous Waste Management Plan requires hazardous waste education, the collection of moderate-risk waste at a collection and storage facility and transportation of the collected waste materials to a treatment and/or disposal facility. Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. operates the County's moderate risk waste facility, known as Disposal of Toxics.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment increases funding by \$80,000 for 2024 and by \$325,000 for 2025. The operation of this facility is funded by the Department of Ecology's Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement and the Solid Waste Fund for a total budget of \$1,885,000 for this contract period (01/01/2022 – 06/30/2025). Funding for this contract is included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 01/10/2023.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
Exhibit B – Compensation	Updates pricing and increases 2024 funding by \$80,000 to support unexpected increases in labor and disposal and by \$325,000 for 2025.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.