WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.

Originating Department:			
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)			
Contract or Grant Administrator:			
Contractor's / Agency Name:			
		ewal to an Existing Contract? Yes No VCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:	
Does contract require Council Approval? Yes Already approved? Council Approved Date:		If No, include WCC: (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement? Yes No If yes, grantor a	agency contract		
Is this contract grant funded? Yes No If yes, Whatcor	n County grant	Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/ cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds. Contract number(s):	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid proces Yes No If yes, RFP and Bid nu		Contract Cost Center:	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? N	lo Yes	If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.	
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below: Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. Goods and services provided due to an emergency Contract work is for less than \$100,000. Contract work is for less than 120 days. Uniterlocal Agreement (between Governments). Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.			
Contract Amount: (sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): S Council approval required for; all property leases, all Interlocal agreements, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$75,000, and grants exceeding \$40,000 and and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when:			
This Amendment Amount: \$	1. Exercising	g an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. s for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other	
Total Amended Amount:	capital cos 3. Bid or aw 4. Equipmen 5. Contract i	sts approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. and is for supplies. It is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. It is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of	
Summary of Scope:		systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.	
Term of Contract:		Expiration Date:	
Contract Routing: 1. Prepared by:		Date:	
2. Attorney signoff:		Date:	
3. AS Finance reviewed:		Date:	
4. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:	
5. Contractor signed:		Date: Date:	
6. Executive contract review:7. Council approved, if necessary	•	Date:	
8. Executive signed:	•	Date:	
9. Original to Council:		Date:	
			



Grant to

Whatcom County

through

The Local Community Projects Program

For

Nooksack Water Adjudication Facility Needs

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FACE SHEET

Grant Agreement Number: 26-96647-191 Project Name: Nooksack Water Adjudication Facility Needs Washington State Department of Commerce Local Government Division Local Community Projects

1. GRANTEE Whatcom County 3720 Williamson Way Bellingham, Washing		226	2. GRANTEE Doing Business As (optional) Executives Office 311 Grand Avenue Suite 108 Bellingham, Washington 98225			
3. GRANTEE Representative Rosa Reyes		4. COMMERCE Representative Emily Hafford PO Box 42525 Program Manager 1011 Plum Street SE				
(360) 778-5360 rreyes@co.whatcom.	wa.us		(360) 764-0118 emily.hafford@commerce.wa.gov	Olympia, WA 98504-2525		
5. Grant Amount	6. Fur	nding Source	7. Start Date	8. End Date		
\$1,212,500.00	Other	al:	Upon Final Signature	June 30, 2027, if funds are not reappropriated; June 30, 2029, contingent on reappropriation.		
9. Federal Funds (as N/A	s applic	cable)	Federal Agency N/A	CFDA Number N/A		
10. Tax ID #		11. SWV #	12. UBI #	13. UEI #		
91-6001383		SWV0002425-09	371010246			
14. Grant Purpose The purpose of this performance-based Grant Agreement is to provide funding for the No-Facility Needs project, as described in Attachment A – Scope of Work.			oksack Water Adjudication			
COMMERCE, defined acknowledge and acc the date below to star Agreement are gover Agreement Terms and Certification of Availad Prevailing Wages, and funding, applicable Le Projects Program Gu	d as the cept the rt as of ned by d Cond bility of d Attacocal Co	e Washington State Depa terms of this Grant Agre- the date and year referen- this Grant Agreement and litions including Attachme Funds to Complete the F hment E – Certification of	rtment of Commerce, and the GRAN ement and attachments and have exaced above. The rights and obligation of the following other documents income A – Scope of Work, Attachment Project, Attachment D – Certification Intent to Enter LEED Process, application of Notice of Funding Availability, and from time to time).	xecuted this Grant Agreement or ns of both parties to this Grant orporated by reference: Grant B – Budget, Attachment C – of the Payment and Reporting o lication as submitted for grant		
FOR GRANTEE			FOR COMMERCE			
Robert Ney, Facilities Director		Mark K. Barkley, Assistant Director Local Government Division				
Date		Date				
			TEMPLATE APPROVED AS TO FORM			
			Lisa Koperski, Assistant Attorney (General, on 7/22/2024		

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GENERAL GRANT STATE FUNDS

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the Grantee, a Local Government, and WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, as defined on the Face Sheet of this Grant Agreement, WITNESSES THAT:

WHEREAS, COMMERCE has the statutory authority under RCW 43.330.050(5) to cooperate with and provide assistance to local governments, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, COMMERCE is also given the responsibility to administer state funds and programs which are assigned to COMMERCE by the Governor or the Washington State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has, in Laws of 2025, Chapter 414, Section 1027 made an appropriation to support the 2026 Local and Community Projects Program, and directed COMMERCE to administer those funds; and

WHEREAS, the enabling legislation also stipulates that the GRANTEE is eligible to receive funding for acquisition, and rehabilitation activities of the Project.

GRANTEE and COMMERCE are individually a "party" and, collectively, the "parties."

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of covenants, conditions, performances, and promises hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. GRANT MANAGEMENT

The Representative for each of the parties shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Grant Agreement.

2. COMPENSATION

COMMERCE shall pay an amount not to exceed \$1,212,500.00 for the capital costs necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in Attachment A (Scope of Work).

3. CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- **A.** The release of state funds under this Grant Agreement is contingent upon the GRANTEE certifying that it has expended or has access to funds from non-state sources as set forth in ATTACHMENT C (CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT). Such non-state sources may consist of a combination of any of the following:
 - i. Eligible Project expenditures prior to the execution of this Grant Agreement.
 - ii. Cash dedicated to the Project.
 - iii. Funds available through a letter of credit or other binding loan commitment(s).
 - iv. Pledges from foundations or corporations.
 - v. Pledges from individual donors.
 - vi. The value of real property when acquired solely for the purposes of this Project, as established and evidenced by a current market value appraisal performed by a licensed, professional real estate appraiser, or a current property tax statement. COMMERCE will not consider appraisals for prospective values of such property for the purposes of calculating the amount of non-state matching fund credit.

- vii. In-kind contributions, subject to COMMERCE'S approval.
- B. The GRANTEE shall maintain records sufficient to evidence that it has access to or has expended funds from such non-state sources and shall make such records available for COMMERCE's review upon reasonable request.

4. STATE PUBLIC WORKS

For work done at the cost of the State, GRANTEE must comply with public works statutes RCW 39.04 and RCW 39.10, apprenticeship requirements, and the State and local building codes, as applicable. If GRANTEE has questions about compliance, GRANTEE will need to visit the Works Projects website for more information.

5. SITE CONTROL

GRANTEES who receive grants for construction, purchase or renovation of facilities must provide written evidence of and maintain site control, either through outright ownership of the subject property or a long-term lease, for a minimum of ten (10) years after the later of: (1) final grant payment; or (2) the date when the facility is made usable to the public for the purpose intended by the Washington State Legislature, including GRANTEE having secured all required licenses, certifications, and/or permits. GRANTEES must provide written evidence of continuing site control as may be requested by COMMERCE.

6. DOCUMENTATION AND SECURITY

The provisions of this Section shall apply to capital projects performed by nonprofit organizations and public benefit corporations that involve the expenditure of over \$250,000 in State funds. The provisions may also apply to Tribes, depending on the location of the Project. Additionally, COMMERCE reserves the right to review all state-funded projects and to require that projects performed by other entity types comply with this Section. Projects for which the grant award or legislative intent documents specify that the state funding is to be used for pre-design or design only are exempt from this Section.

- A. <u>Deed of Trust.</u> This Grant Agreement shall be evidenced by a promissory note and secured by a deed of trust or other appropriate security instrument in favor of COMMERCE (the Deed of Trust). The Deed of Trust shall be recorded in the County where the Project is located, and the original returned to COMMERCE after recordation within 90 calendar days of Grant Agreement execution. The Deed of Trust must be recorded before COMMERCE will reimburse the GRANTEE for any Project costs. The amount secured by the Deed of Trust shall be the amount of the Grant Agreement as set forth on the Face Sheet.
- **B.** Term of Deed of Trust; Commitment Period. The Deed of Trust shall remain in full force and effect for a minimum period of ten (10) years following the later of: (1) final payment of state funds to the GRANTEE under this Grant Agreement; or (2) the date when:
 - i. the facility improved or acquired with grant funds; or
 - ii. a distinct phase of the Project

is made useable to the public for the purpose intended by the Washington State Legislature (the Commitment Period). Upon satisfaction of the Commitment Period term requirement and all other Grant Agreement terms and conditions, COMMERCE shall, upon written request of the GRANTEE, take appropriate action to reconvey the Deed of Trust.

- **C.** <u>Title Insurance.</u> The GRANTEE shall purchase an extended coverage lender's policy of title insurance insuring the lien position of the Deed of Trust in an amount not less than the amount of the grant.
- D. <u>Covenant</u>. If the Project will be partially funded by a loan and the term of said loan is less than the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B), COMMERCE may require that GRANTEE record or cause to be recorded a covenant in a superior lien position ahead of the lender's security instrument that restricts use of the facility or property for the purpose(s) stated elsewhere in this Grant Agreement for at least the term of the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).
- **E.** <u>Subordination.</u> COMMERCE may agree to subordinate its Deed of Trust upon request from a private or public lender. Any such request shall be submitted to COMMERCE in writing, and COMMERCE shall respond to the request in writing within 30 calendar days of receiving the request.
- **F.** <u>Deed of Trust on Leased Property</u>. COMMERCE may require, at its sole discretion, a Deed of Trust on the fee interest of the real property where the Project is located, if the Project is on leased property

7. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY VALUES FOR ACQUISITIONS OF REAL PROPERTY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

When all or part of the grant is used to fund the acquisition of real property, before funds are disbursed, the GRANTEE shall procure and provide to COMMERCE evidence establishing the value of the real property eligible for reimbursement under this Grant Agreement as follows:

- **A.** GRANTEE purchases of real property from an independent third-party seller shall be evidenced by a current appraisal prepared by a licensed Washington State commercial real estate appraiser or a current property tax statement.
- **B.** GRANTEE purchases of real property from a subsidiary organization, such as an affiliated LLC, shall be evidenced by a current appraisal prepared by a licensed Washington State commercial real estate appraiser or the prior purchase price of the property plus holding costs, whichever is less.

8. EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Payments to the GRANTEE shall be made on a reimbursement basis only. The GRANTEE may be reimbursed, at the rate set forth elsewhere in this Grant Agreement and as authorized by the Legislature, for work associated with the Project expenditures. Reimbursable costs are determined by the Scope of Work, Attachment A. Generally costs within the following cost categories are considered capital expenditures:

- **A.** Real property, and costs directly associated with such purchase, when purchased or acquired solely for the purposes of the Project;
- B. Design, engineering, architectural, and planning;
- **C.** Construction management and observation (from external sources only);
- D. Construction costs including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Site preparation and improvements;
 - ii. Permits and fees;
 - iii. Labor and materials;
 - iv. Taxes on Project goods and services:
 - v. Capitalized equipment;
 - vi. Information technology infrastructure; and
 - vii. Landscaping.
- **E.** Other costs authorized through the legislation.

9. BILLING PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT

COMMERCE shall reimburse the GRANTEE for up to 100% of each invoice for eligible Project expenditures, up to the maximum payable under this Grant Agreement. When requesting reimbursement for expenditures made, the GRANTEE shall submit to COMMERCE a signed and completed Invoice Voucher (Form A-19), that documents capitalized Project activity performed – by budget line item – for the billing period. The GRANTEE must submit all Invoice Vouchers and any required documentation electronically. Submissions shall be in accordance with directions provided by COMMERCE. Funds are reimbursement based and cannot be advanced under any circumstance. Disbursements of funds for invoices due and payable within 30 days are not considered advanced payments.

The GRANTEE shall evidence the costs claimed on each voucher by including copies of each invoice received from subgrantees/subcontractors providing Project goods or services covered by the Grant Agreement. The GRANTEE shall also provide COMMERCE with a copy of the cancelled check or electronic funds transfer, as applicable, that confirms that they have paid each expenditure being claimed at the time the voucher is submitted or within 30 calendar days of Commerce's disbursement of payment. The cancelled checks or electronic funds transfers may be submitted to COMMERCE at the time the voucher is initially submitted or within 30 calendar days thereafter.

The voucher must be certified (i.e., signed) by an official of the GRANTEE with authority to bind the GRANTEE. The voucher shall be submitted to COMMERCE within 60 calendar days following the completion of work or other termination of this Grant Agreement, or within 15 calendar days following the end of the State biennium unless Grant Agreement funds are re-appropriated by the Washington State Legislature in accordance with Special Terms and Conditions Section 18 (Reappropriation).

If GRANTEE has or will be submitting any of the invoices attached to a request for payment for partial reimbursement under another contract or grant agreement, GRANTEE must clearly identify such contracts or grant agreements in the transmittal letter and request for payment.

Each request for payment must be accompanied by a Project Status Report, which describes, in narrative form, the progress made on the Project since the last invoice was submitted as well as a report of Project status to date. COMMERCE will not release payment for any reimbursement request received unless and until the Project Status Report is received. After approving the Invoice Voucher and Project Status Report, COMMERCE shall promptly remit a warrant to the GRANTEE. In the event that the award amount in Special Terms and Conditions Section 2 (Compensation) is expended before construction completion of the Project, as identified in Attachment A (Scope of Work), the GRANTEE agrees to continue providing complete Project Status Report updates to their COMMERCE Representative annually or upon request.

COMMERCE will pay GRANTEE upon receipt and approval of properly completed invoices and supporting documentation, which shall be submitted to the Representative for COMMERCE not more often than monthly. After approving the Invoice Voucher and Project Status Report, COMMERCE shall promptly remit a warrant to the GRANTEE. Payment shall be considered timely if made by COMMERCE within 30 calendar days after receipt of properly completed invoices. Payment shall be sent to the address designated by the GRANTEE.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, holdback up to the final 10% of grant funds until the Project is complete and the facility has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy from the appropriate local permitting entity, or for projects without occupiable space, when comparable evidence of Project completion is submitted by GRANTEE. The Certificate of Occupancy /evidence of completion should be submitted with GRANTEE's final request for reimbursement.

10. CLOSEOUT CERTIFICATION

The GRANTEE shall complete and submit a Closeout Certification Form when:

- **A.** All activities identified in the Scope of Work shown on Attachment A are complete and the Project is useable to the public for the purpose intended by the Washington State Legislature, or
- **B.** When final payment is made and GRANTEE has certified that the Project will be completed and the public benefit described will be maintained for the term of the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).

Notwithstanding anything in A. or B. above, the right of COMMERCE to recapture funds or seek other remedies for failure to make the Project usable to the public shall survive the closeout or termination of this Grant Agreement.

COMMERCE reserves the right to request additional information related to the Project.

11. INSURANCE

A. Insurance Requirements for Reimbursable Activities

The GRANTEE must have insurance coverage that is substantially similar to the coverage described in Section 11B below for all periods in which GRANTEE performed work for which it will seek reimbursement. The intent of the required insurance is to protect the State of Washington should there be any Claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any loss or negligent or intentional act or omission of the GRANTEE or subgrantee/subcontractor, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this Grant Agreement.

B. Additional Insurance Requirements During the Term of the Grant Agreement

- i. The GRANTEE shall provide proof to COMMERCE of insurance coverage that shall be maintained in full force and effect, as indicated below, and shall submit renewal certificates not less than 30 calendar days prior to expiration of each policy required under this Section:
- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy. Provide a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy, including contractual liability, written on an occurrence basis, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of or related to this Grant Agreement but in no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Additionally, the GRANTEE is responsible for ensuring that any subgrantee/subcontractor provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of or related to subgrants/subcontracts (if any). Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Grant Agreement and throughout the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B). This insurance must be maintained throughout the term of the Grant Agreement and the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).
 - **b. Property Insurance.** The GRANTEE shall keep the property insured in an amount sufficient to permit such insurance to be written at all times on a replacement cost basis. Such insurance shall cover the following hazards, as applicable:
 - 1. Loss or damage by fire and such other risks;
 - 2. Loss or damage from leakage or sprinkler systems now or hereafter installed in any building on the premises;
 - 3. Loss or damage by explosion of steam boilers, pressure vessels, oil or gasoline storage tanks, or similar apparatus now or hereafter installed in a building or building on the premises.

This property insurance coverage must be maintained in full force and effect throughout the term of this Grant Agreement and the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).

- c. Professional Liability, Errors, and Omissions Insurance. If GRANTEE will be providing any professional services to be reimbursed under this Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE shall maintain Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance with minimum limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover all activities by the GRANTEE and licensed staff employed or under contract to the GRANTEE. The State of Washington, the Department of Commerce, its agents, officers, and employees need not be named as additional insureds under this policy. This insurance must be maintained throughout the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B). GRANTEE shall require that any subgrantees/subcontractors providing professional services that are reimbursable under this Grant Agreement maintain Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance at the coverage levels set forth in this subsection.
- **d. Fidelity Insurance.** Every officer, director, employee, or agent who is authorized to act on behalf of the GRANTEE for the purpose of receiving or depositing funds into program accounts or issuing financial documents, checks, or other instruments of payment for program costs shall be insured to provide protection against loss where:
- 1. The amount of fidelity coverage secured pursuant to this Grant Agreement shall be \$2,000,000 or the highest of planned reimbursement for the Grant Agreement period, whichever is lower. Fidelity insurance secured pursuant to this paragraph shall name the State of Washington, the Department of Commerce, its agents, officers, and employees as beneficiary.
- 2. Subgrantees/subcontractors that receive \$10,000 or more per year in funding through this Grant Agreement shall secure fidelity insurance as noted above. Fidelity insurance secured by subgrantees/subcontractors pursuant to this paragraph shall name the GRANTEE and the GRANTEE's fiscal agent (if any) as beneficiary.
- 3. Fidelity Insurance coverage shall be maintained in full force and effect from the start date of this Grant Agreement until GRANTEE has submitted a Closeout Certification Form, subject to the following: Fidelity Insurance must be issued on either (a) a "loss sustained" basis; or (b) if issued on a "loss-discovered" basis, provide coverage for at least 6 months following the date of COMMERCE's receipt of the Closeout Certification Form.
- ii. The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business within the State of Washington. Except as otherwise set forth in this Section, each insurance policy shall name "the State of Washington the Department of Commerce, its agents, officers, and employees" as additional insureds on all policies. All policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectable insurance. The GRANTEE shall instruct the insurers to give COMMERCE 30 calendar days' advance notice of any insurance cancellation or modification.
- iii. The GRANTEE shall submit to COMMERCE within 15 calendar days of the Grant Agreement start date, a certificate of insurance which outlines the coverage and limits defined in this insurance section including, without limitation, the type of insurance coverage under the policy, the designated beneficiary, who is covered, the amounts, the period of coverage, and that COMMERCE will be provided 30 days' advance written notice of cancellation. During the term of the Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE shall submit renewal certificates not less than 30 calendar days prior to expiration of each policy required under this Section. Additionally, GRANTEE shall provide copies of insurance instruments or certifications at COMMERCE's request and until six month after COMMERCE has received a Closeout Certification Form from GRANTEE. Copies of such insurance instruments and certifications will be provided within 15 calendar days of COMMERCE's request unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

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iv. GRANTEES and Local Governments that Participate in a Self-Insurance Program.

Self-Insured/Liability Pool or Self-Insured Risk Management Program – With prior approval from COMMERCE, the GRANTEE may provide the coverage above under a self-insured/liability pool or self-insured risk management program. In order to obtain permission from COMMERCE, the GRANTEE shall provide: (1) a description of its self-insurance program, and (2) a certificate and/or letter of coverage that outlines coverage limits and deductibles. All self-insured risk management programs or self-insured/liability pool financial reports must comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and adhere to accounting standards promulgated by: 1) Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), 2) Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), and 3) the Washington State Auditor's annual instructions for financial reporting. GRANTEE's participating in joint risk pools shall maintain sufficient documentation to support the aggregate Claim liability information reported on the balance sheet. The State of Washington, the Department of Commerce, its agents, and employees need not be named as additional insured under a self-insured property/liability pool, if the pool is prohibited from naming third parties as additional insured.

GRANTEE shall provide annually to COMMERCE a summary of coverages and a letter of self-insurance, evidencing continued coverage under GRANTEE's self-insured/liability pool or self-insured risk management program. Such annual summary of coverage and letter of self-insurance will be provided on the anniversary of the start date of this Grant Agreement.

12. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of an inconsistency in this Grant Agreement, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- 1) Applicable federal and State of Washington statutes and regulations
- 2) Special Terms and Conditions
- 3) General Terms and Conditions
- 4) Attachment A Scope of Work
- 5) Attachment B Project Budget
- 6) Attachment C Certification of the Availability of Funds to Complete the Project
- 7) Attachment D Certification of the Payment and Reporting of Prevailing Wages
- 8) Attachment E Certification of Intent to Enter the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification Process
- 9) Application as submitted by the GRANTEE for funding
- 10) Notice of Funding Availability
- 11) Program Guidelines, as revised. GRANTEE acknowledges that the Program Guidelines may be revised by COMMERCE from time to time and agrees that the most recent version of the Guidelines shall be applicable. COMMERCE will post notice on its website https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/ drawing attention to the sections of the Guidelines that have been revised.

13. REDUCTION IN FUNDS

In the event that funds appropriated for the Project contemplated under this Grant Agreement are withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way by the Governor or the Washington State Legislature, or other funding source, during the Grant Agreement period, the parties understand and agree that COMMERCE may suspend, amend, or terminate the Grant Agreement to abide by the revised funding limitations. The parties understand and agree that GRANTEE shall be bound by any such revised funding limitations as implemented at the discretion of COMMERCE and shall meet and renegotiate the Grant Agreement accordingly.

14. REAPPROPRIATION

- **A.** The parties hereto understand and agree that any State funds not expended by the End Date listed on the Face Sheet will lapse on that date unless specifically reappropriated by the Washington State Legislature. If funds are so reappropriated, the State's obligation under the terms of this Grant Agreement shall be contingent upon the terms of such reappropriation.
- **B.** In the event any funds awarded under this Grant Agreement are reappropriated for use in a future biennium, COMMERCE reserves the right to assign a reasonable share of any such reappropriation for administrative costs.

15. OWNERSHIP OF PROJECT/CAPITAL FACILITIES

COMMERCE makes no claim to any real property improved or constructed with funds awarded under this Grant Agreement and does not assert and will not acquire any ownership interest in or title to the capital facilities and/or equipment constructed or purchased with state funds under this Grant Agreement; **provided**, **however**, **that** COMMERCE may be granted a security interest in real property to secure funds awarded under this Grant Agreement. This provision does not extend to Claims that COMMERCE may bring against the GRANTEE in recapturing funds expended in violation of this Grant Agreement.

16. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR USE FOR GRANTEE-OWNED PROPERTY

- **A.** The GRANTEE understands and agrees that any and all real property or facilities owned by the GRANTEE that are acquired, constructed, or otherwise improved using state funds under this Grant Agreement shall be held and used by the GRANTEE for the purpose or purposes stated elsewhere in this Grant Agreement for the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).
- **B.** This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the GRANTEE from selling any property or properties described in this Section; **provided**, **however**, **that** any such sale shall be subject to prior review and approval by COMMERCE and that all proceeds from such sale shall be applied to the purchase price of a different facility or facilities of equal or greater value than the original facility and that any such new facility or facilities will be used for the purpose or purposes stated elsewhere in this Grant Agreement.
- C. In the event the GRANTEE is found to be out of compliance with this Section, the GRANTEE shall repay to the state general fund pursuant to General Terms and Conditions Section 34, the principal amount of the funds disbursed under the Grant Agreement, along with interest at the rate of the higher of: (i) five percent (5%) per annum, or (ii) the rate of interest of state of Washington general obligation bonds issued on the date most close in time to the effective date in which legislation authorized funding for the subject facility. Repayment shall be made pursuant to General Terms and Conditions Section 27 (Recapture). This repayment is in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

17. CHANGE OF USE FOR LEASED PROPERTY PERFORMANCE MEASURE

- A. The GRANTEE understands and agrees that any and all real property or facilities leased by the GRANTEE that are constructed, renovated, or otherwise improved using state funds under this Grant Agreement shall be used by the GRANTEE for the purpose or purposes stated elsewhere in this Grant Agreement for a period of the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).
- **B.** In the event the GRANTEE is found to be out of compliance with this Section, the GRANTEE shall repay to the state general fund pursuant to General Terms and Conditions Section 34, the principal amount of the funds disbursed under the Grant Agreement, along with interest at the rate of the higher of: (i) five percent (5%) per annum, or (ii) the rate of interest of state of Washington general obligation bonds issued on the date most close in time to the effective date in which legislation authorized funding for the subject facility. Repayment shall be made pursuant

to General Terms and Conditions Section 27 (Recapture). This repayment is in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

18. MODIFICATION TO THE PROJECT BUDGET

- **A.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE may, at its discretion, make modifications to line items in Attachment B (Project Budget) that will not increase the line item by more than 15%.
- **B.** The GRANTEE shall notify COMMERCE in writing (by email or regular mail) when proposing any budget modification or modifications to a line item in Attachment B (Project Budget) that would increase the line item by more than 15%. Conversely, COMMERCE may initiate the budget modification approval process if presented with a request for payment under this Grant Agreement that would cause one or more budget line items to exceed the 15% threshold increase described above.
- **C.** Any such budget modification or modifications as described above shall require the written approval of COMMERCE (by email or regular mail), and such written approval shall amend the Project Budget. Each party to this Grant Agreement will retain and make any and all documents related to such budget modifications a part of their respective Grant Agreement file.
- D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit an increase in the amount of funds available for the Project, as set forth in Special Terms and Conditions Section 2 (Compensation) of this Grant Agreement.

19. SIGNAGE, MARKERS AND PUBLICATIONS

A. Taxpayers of Washington State as participant in funding Project

If, during the period covered by this Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE displays or circulates any communication, publication, or donor recognition identifying the financial participants in the Project, any such communication or publication must identify "The Taxpayers of Washington State" as a participant.

B. Ensure coordinated Climate Commitment Act branding.

- If Climate Commitment Act funding is involved in this Grant Agreement, then the following provisions apply to GRANTEE and its subgrantees/subcontractors including, without limitation, any and all contractors, subgrantees/subcontractors, service providers, and others who assist GRANTEE in implementing the Project in order to strengthen public awareness of how CCA funding is used and to ensure consistent branding and funding acknowledgments:
- i. Funding source acknowledgement. The GRANTEE must display or circulate in any and all communications including, without limitation, on websites and in announcements, press releases, and publications used for media-related activities, publicity, and public outreach that: "The is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov."
- ii. Include the "Climate Commitment Act" logo at climate.wa.gov/brandtoolkit, consistent with the branding guidelines posted at climate.wa.gov/brandtoolkit for:
 - a. any Project website or webpage that includes logos from other funding partners; and/or
 - b. any Project media or public information materials that include logos from other funding partners; and/or
 - c. On-site signage, to the extent possible. By way of example only, this means that for consumer-related projects or programs, a decal may be placed on front of installed heat pump or a logo printed on a delivery tag.
- **iii.** The GRANTEE is responsible for ensuring that its subgrantees/subcontractors comply with Section 19(B).

20. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

Prior to approval and disbursement of any funds awarded under this Grant Agreement, GRANTEE shall cooperate with COMMERCE to complete the requirements of Governor's Executive Order 21-02 or GRANTEE shall complete a review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, if applicable. GRANTEE agrees that the GRANTEE is legally and financially responsible for compliance with all laws, regulations, and agreements related to the preservation of historical or cultural resources and agrees to hold harmless COMMERCE and the State of Washington in relation to any claim related to such historical or cultural resources discovered, disturbed, or damaged as a result of the Project funded by this Grant Agreement.

In addition to the requirements set forth in this Grant Agreement, GRANTEE shall, in accordance with Governor's Executive Order 21-02 as applicable, coordinate with COMMERCE and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), including any recommended consultation with any affected tribe(s), during Project design and prior to construction to determine the existence of any tribal cultural resources affected by Project. GRANTEE agrees to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to the cultural resource as a continuing prerequisite to receipt of funds under this Grant Agreement.

The GRANTEE agrees that, unless the GRANTEE is proceeding under an approved historical and cultural monitoring plan or other memorandum of agreement, if historical or cultural artifacts are discovered during construction, the GRANTEE shall immediately stop construction and notify the local historical preservation officer and the State's historical preservation officer at DAHP, and the COMMERCE Representative identified on the Face Sheet. If human remains are uncovered, the GRANTEE shall report the presence and location of the remains to the coroner and local enforcement immediately, then contact DAHP and the concerned tribe's cultural staff or committee.

The GRANTEE shall require this provision to be contained in all subgrants/subcontracts for work or services related to the Project described in Attachment A (Scope of Work).

In addition to the requirements set forth in this Grant Agreement, GRANTEE agrees to comply with RCW 27.44 regarding Indian Graves and Records, RCW 27.53 regarding Archaeological Sites and Resources, RCW 68.60 regarding Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries and Historic Graves, and WAC 25-48 regarding Archaeological Excavation and Removal Permits.

Completion of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act shall substitute for completion of Governor's Executive Order 21-02.

In the event that the GRANTEE finds it necessary to amend the Project described in Attachment A (Scope of Work), the GRANTEE may be required to re-comply with Governor's Executive Order 21-02 or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

21. TERMINATION FOR FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION

In the event the GRANTEE commits fraud or makes any misrepresentation in connection with the grant application or during the performance of this Grant Agreement, COMMERCE reserves the right to terminate or amend this Grant Agreement accordingly, including the right to recapture all funds disbursed to the GRANTEE under the Grant Agreement.

22. FRAUD AND OTHER LOSS REPORTING

GRANTEE shall report in writing all known or suspected fraud or other loss of any funds or other property furnished under this Grant Agreement immediately or as soon as practicable to the COMMERCE Representative identified on the Face Sheet.

23. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

Notwithstanding General Terms and Conditions Section 13 (Confidentiality/Safeguarding of Information), COMMERCE is a public agency subject to the Public Records Act, RCW 42.56 (PRA). Under the PRA, all materials relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by COMMERCE or its functional equivalents are considered public records. The PRA requires that public records responsive to a public records request be promptly produced unless the PRA or an "other statute" exempts such records from production. This Grant Agreement is not intended to alter COMMERCE's obligations under the PRA. The parties agree that if COMMERCE receives a public records request for files that may include confidential information under General Terms and Conditions Section 13 (Confidentiality/Safeguarding of Information), COMMERCE may notify the other party of the request and of the date that the records will be released to the requester unless GRANTEE obtains a court order enjoining disclosure. If the GRANTEE fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, COMMERCE may release the requested information on the date specified. If the GRANTEE obtains a court order from a court of competent jurisdiction enjoining disclosure pursuant to the PRA, COMMERCE shall maintain the confidentiality of the information per the court order.

24. <u>APPLICABILITY OF COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS TO ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK</u>

General Terms and Conditions Section 16 (Copyright Provisions) are not intended to apply to any architectural and engineering design work funded by this Grant Agreement.

25. TREATMENT OF ASSETS

Title to all property furnished by COMMERCE shall remain in COMMERCE. General Terms and Conditions Section 47 (Treatment of Assets) is superseded by this provision.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GENERAL GRANT STATE FUNDS

1. **DEFINITIONS**

As used throughout this Grant Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- **A.** "Authorized Representative" shall mean the Director and/or the designee authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- **B.** "Claim" shall mean any and all claims, losses, costs, damage, expenses, liabilities, liens, actions, causes of action (whether in tort or contract, law or equity, or otherwise), and attorneys' fees and costs.
- **C.** "COMMERCE" shall mean the Washington State Department of Commerce.
- **D.** "Grant Agreement" shall mean the entire written agreement between COMMERCE and the GRANTEE, including any attachments, exhibits, documents, or materials incorporated by reference, and any amendments executed by the parties.
- **E.** "GRANTEE" shall mean the entity identified on the Face Sheet performing service(s) under this Grant Agreement and shall include all employees and agents of the GRANTEE.
- **F.** "Personal Information" shall mean information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person's name, health, finances, education, business, use, or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, driver license numbers, other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.
- G. "State" shall mean the State of Washington.
- **H.** "Subgrantee/subcontractor" shall mean one not in the employment of the GRANTEE, who is performing all or part of those services under this Grant Agreement under a separate subcontract or subgrant with the GRANTEE. The term "subgrantee/subcontractor" refers to any tier.

2. ACCESS TO DATA

In compliance with RCW 39.26.180, the GRANTEE shall provide access to data generated under this Grant Agreement to COMMERCE, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the Office of the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the GRANTEE's reports, including computer models and the methodology for those models.

3. ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this Grant Agreement shall be made by COMMERCE.

4. ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN

This Grant Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Grant Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

5. ALLOWABLE COSTS

Costs allowable under this Grant Agreement are actual expenditures according to an approved budget up to the maximum amount stated on the Grant Agreement Award or Amendment Face Sheet.

6. AMENDMENTS

This Grant Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Grant Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

7. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE "ADA" 28 CFR PART 35

The GRANTEE must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

8. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Grant Agreement nor any Claim arising under this Grant Agreement, shall be transferred or assigned by the GRANTEE without prior written consent of COMMERCE.

9. ATTORNEYS' FEES

Unless expressly permitted under another provision of the Grant Agreement, in the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce Grant Agreement terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

10. **AUDIT**

A. General Requirements

COMMERCE reserves the right to require an audit. If required, GRANTEEs are to procure audit services and provide documentation of the audit to COMMERCE based on the following quidelines.

The GRANTEE shall maintain its records and accounts so as to facilitate audits and shall ensure that subgrantees/subcontractors also maintain auditable records.

The GRANTEE is responsible for any audit exceptions incurred by its own organization or that of its subgrantees/subcontractors.

COMMERCE reserves the right to recover from the GRANTEE all disallowed costs resulting from the audit.

Responses to any unresolved management findings and disallowed or questioned costs shall be included with the audit report. The GRANTEE must respond to COMMERCE requests for information or corrective action concerning audit issues within 30 calendar days of the date of request.

B. State Funds Requirements

In the event an audit is required, if the GRANTEE is a state or local government entity, the Office of the State Auditor shall conduct the audit. Audits of non-profit organizations are to be conducted by a qualified certified public accountant.

The GRANTEE shall include the above audit requirements in any and all subgrants or subcontracts.

In any case, the GRANTEE's records must be available for review by COMMERCE at any time during the Commitment Period as defined in Special Terms and Conditions Section 6(B).

C. Documentation Requirements

The GRANTEE must send a copy of the audit report described above no later than 9 months after the end of the GRANTEE's fiscal year(s) by sending a scanned copy to comacctoffice@commerce.wa.gov or a hard copy to:

Washington State Department of Commerce ATTN: Audit Review and Resolution Office 1011 Plum Street SE PO Box 42525 Olympia. WA 98504-2525

In addition to sending a copy of the audit, when applicable, the GRANTEE must include:

- i. Corrective action plan for audit findings within three (3) months of the audit being received by COMMERCE; and
- ii. Copy of the Management Letter.

If the GRANTEE is required to obtain a single audit consistent with Circular A-133 requirements, a copy must be provided to COMMERCE; no other report is required.

11. BREACHES OF OTHER STATE CONTRACTS

GRANTEE is expected to comply with all other contracts and grant agreements executed between GRANTEE and the State of Washington. A breach of any other contract or grant agreement entered into between GRANTEE and the State of Washington may, in COMMERCE's sole discretion, be deemed a breach of this Grant Agreement.

12. CODE REQUIREMENTS

All construction and rehabilitation projects must satisfy the requirements of applicable local, state, and federal building, mechanical, plumbing, fire, energy and barrier-free codes. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 28 C.F.R. Part 35 will be required, as specified by the local building Department.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY/SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION

- A. "Confidential Information" as used in this Section includes:
 - All material provided to the GRANTEE by COMMERCE that is designated as "confidential" by COMMERCE; and
 - ii. All material produced by the GRANTEE that is designated as "confidential" by COMMERCE; and
 - **iii.** All Personal Information in the possession of the GRANTEE that may not be disclosed under state or federal law.
- B. The GRANTEE shall comply with all state and federal laws related to the use, sharing, transfer, sale, or disclosure of Confidential Information. The GRANTEE shall use Confidential Information solely for the purposes of this Grant Agreement and shall not use, share, transfer, sell, or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party except with the prior written consent of COMMERCE or as may be required by law. The GRANTEE shall take all necessary steps to assure that Confidential Information is safeguarded to prevent unauthorized use, sharing, transfer, sale, or disclosure of Confidential Information or violation of any related state or federal laws. Upon request, the GRANTEE shall provide COMMERCE with its policies and procedures on confidentiality. COMMERCE may require changes to such

policies and procedures as they apply to this Grant Agreement whenever COMMERCE reasonably determines that changes are necessary to prevent unauthorized disclosures. The GRANTEE shall make the changes within the time period specified by COMMERCE. Upon request, the GRANTEE shall immediately return to COMMERCE any Confidential Information that COMMERCE reasonably determines has not been adequately protected by the GRANTEE against unauthorized disclosure.

C. Unauthorized Use or Disclosure. The GRANTEE shall notify COMMERCE within 5 working days of GRANTEE's discovery of any unauthorized use or disclosure of any confidential information and shall take necessary steps to mitigate the harmful effects of such use or disclosure.

14. CONFORMANCE

If any provision of this Grant Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the State of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the GRANTEE terminate this Grant Agreement if it is found after due notice and examination by COMMERCE that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, RCW 42.52 and RCW 42.23, or any similar statute involving the GRANTEE in the procurement of, or performance under, this Grant Agreement.

Specific restrictions apply to contracting with current or former state employees pursuant to RCW 42.52. The GRANTEE and all subgrantees/subcontractors (if any) must identify any person employed in any capacity by the State of Washington that worked on this Grant Agreement, or any matter related to the Project funded under this Grant Agreement or any other state funded project, including, but not limited to, formulating or drafting legislation, participating in grant procurement, planning and execution, awarding grants, or monitoring grants, during the 24 month period preceding the start date of this Grant Agreement. Any person identified by the GRANTEE and their subgrantees/subcontractors (if any) must be identified individually by name, the agency previously or currently employed by, job title or position held, and separation date. If it is determined by COMMERCE that a conflict of interest exists, the GRANTEE may be disqualified from further consideration for the award of a grant.

In the event this Grant Agreement is terminated as provided above, COMMERCE shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the GRANTEE as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the Grant Agreement by the GRANTEE. The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which COMMERCE makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in Section 18 General Terms and Conditions (Disputes) of this Grant Agreement.

16. COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise provided, all Materials produced under this Grant Agreement shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by COMMERCE. COMMERCE shall be considered the author of such Materials. In the event that the Materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws, the GRANTEE hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in all Materials, including all intellectual property rights, moral rights, and rights of publicity to COMMERCE effective from the moment of creation of such Materials.

"Materials" means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. "Ownership" includes the right to copyright, patent, and register as well as the ability to transfer these rights.

For Materials that are delivered under the Grant Agreement, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE grants to COMMERCE a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense to others) in such Materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The GRANTEE warrants and represents that the GRANTEE has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights, and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to COMMERCE.

The GRANTEE shall exert all reasonable effort to advise COMMERCE, at the time of delivery of Materials furnished under this Grant Agreement, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document which was not produced in the performance of this Grant Agreement. The GRANTEE shall provide COMMERCE with prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the GRANTEE with respect to any Materials delivered under this Grant Agreement. COMMERCE shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the Materials by the GRANTEE.

17. DISALLOWED COSTS

The GRANTEE is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its subgrantees/subcontractors.

18. DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this Grant Agreement, when a dispute arises between the parties and it cannot be resolved by direct negotiation, either party may request a dispute hearing with the Director of COMMERCE, who may designate a neutral person to decide the dispute.

The request for a dispute hearing must:

- i. be in writing;
- ii. state the disputed issues;
- iii. state the relative positions of the parties;
- iv. state the GRANTEE's name, address, and Grant Agreement number; and
- v. be mailed to the Director and the other party's (respondent's) Grant Agreement Representative within 3 working days after the parties agree that they cannot resolve the dispute.

The respondent shall send a written answer to the requestor's statement to both the Director or the Director's designee and the requestor within 5 working days.

The Director or designee shall review the written statements and reply in writing to both parties within 10 working days. The Director or designee may extend this period if necessary by notifying the parties.

The decision shall not be admissible in any succeeding judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.

The parties agree that this dispute process shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Nothing in this Grant Agreement shall be construed to limit the parties' choice of a mutually acceptable alternate dispute resolution (ADR) method in addition to the dispute hearing procedure outlined above.

19. DUPLICATE PAYMENT

COMMERCE shall not pay the GRANTEE, if the GRANTEE has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other grant, subgrant/subcontract, contract, or

agreement, for the same services or expenses. The GRANTEE certifies that work to be performed under this Grant Agreement does not duplicate any work to be charged against any other grant, subgrant/subcontract, contract, or agreement.

20. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Grant Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

21. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the GRANTEE shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Washington, COMMERCE, agencies of the State, and all officials, agents, employees, and representatives of the State, from and against all Claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Grant Agreement.

The GRANTEE'S obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless includes any Claim by any and all of GRANTEE'S agents, employees, representatives, and/or subgrantee(s)/subcontractor(s) (and their agents, employees, and representatives, to the extent that GRANTEE is using any subgrantee/subcontractor for the Project).

The GRANTEE'S obligations shall not include such Claims that may be caused by the sole negligence of the State and its agencies, officials, agents, and/or employees. If the Claims or damages are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the State, its agents, and/or employees and (b) the GRANTEE, its subgrantees/subcontractors, agents, and/or employees, this indemnity provision shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the GRANTEE (and/or its subgrantees/subcontractors) and their agents, officers, representatives, and/or employees.

The GRANTEE waives its immunity under RCW 51 to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and its agencies, officers, agents, and/or employees.

22. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE GRANTEE

The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this Grant Agreement. The GRANTEE and its employees, officers, representatives, and/or agents performing under this Grant Agreement are not employees or agents of the State of Washington or COMMERCE. The GRANTEE will not hold itself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of COMMERCE or of the State of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the GRANTEE make any claim of right, privilege, or benefit which would accrue to such officer or employee under law. Conduct and control of the work associated with the Project will be solely with the GRANTEE.

23. INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable provisions of RCW 51 (Industrial Insurance). If the GRANTEE fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees as may be required by law, COMMERCE may collect from the GRANTEE the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance Accident Fund. COMMERCE may deduct the amount owed by the GRANTEE to the accident fund from the amount payable to the GRANTEE by COMMERCE under this Grant Agreement and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the GRANTEE.

24. **LAWS**

The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, and policies of local and state and federal governments, as now or hereafter amended.

25. LICENSING, ACCREDITATION, AND REGISTRATION

The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation, and registration requirements or standards necessary for the performance of this Grant Agreement.

26. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

Only the Authorized Representative or Authorized Representative's delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to enter, alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this Grant Agreement. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver of any clause or condition of this Grant Agreement is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the Authorized Representative.

27. LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION

Where applicable, GRANTEE shall participate in local public transportation forums and implement strategies designed to ensure access to services.

28. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

- A. During the performance of this Grant Agreement, the GRANTEE, including any subgrantee/subcontractor, shall comply with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws, regulations, and policies including, but not be limited to, not discriminate on the bases enumerated at RCW 49.60.530(3). In addition, GRANTEE, including any subcontractor, shall give written notice of this nondiscrimination requirement to any labor organizations with which GRANTEE, or subgrantee/subcontractor, has a collective bargaining or other agreement. The funds provided under this Grant Agreement shall not be used to fund religious worship, exercise, or instruction. No person shall be required to participate in any religious worship, exercise, or instruction in order to have access to the facilities funded by this Grant Agreement.
- **B.** Obligation to Cooperate. GRANTEE, including any subcontractor, shall cooperate and comply with any Washington state agency investigation regarding any allegation that GRANTEE, including any subgrantee/subcontractor, has engaged in discrimination prohibited by this Agreement pursuant to RCW 49.60.530(3).
- C. <u>Default</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, COMMERCE may suspend GRANTEE, including any subgrantee/subcontractor, upon notice of a failure to participate and cooperate with any state agency investigation into alleged discrimination prohibited by this Contract, pursuant to RCW 49.60.530(3). Any such suspension will remain in place until COMMERCE receives notification that GRANTEE, including any subgrantee/subcontractor, is cooperating with the investigating state agency. In the event GRANTEE, or subgrantee/subcontractor, is determined to have engaged in discrimination identified at RCW 49.60.530(3), COMMERCE may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, and GRANTEE, subgrantee/subcontractor, or both, may be referred for debarment as provided in RCW 39.26.200. GRANTEE or subgrantee/subcontractor may be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance, including implementing conditions consistent with any court-ordered injunctive relief or settlement agreement.

29. PAY EQUITY

The GRANTEE agrees to ensure that "similarly employed" individuals in its workforce are compensated as equals, consistent with the following:

A. Employees are "similarly employed" if the individuals work for the same employer, the performance of the job requires comparable skill, effort, and responsibility, and the jobs are performed under similar working conditions. Job titles alone are not determinative of whether employees are similarly employed;

- **B.** GRANTEE may allow differentials in compensation for its workers if the differentials are based in good faith and on any of the following:
 - i. A seniority system; a merit system; a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; a bona fide job-related factor or factors; or a bona fide regional difference in compensation levels; and/or
 - **ii.** A bona fide job-related factor or factors may include, but not be limited to, education, training, or experience that is: Consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived from a gender-based differential; and accounts for the entire differential; and/or
 - iii. A bona fide regional difference in compensation level must be: Consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived from a gender-based differential; and account for the entire differential.

This Grant Agreement may be terminated by COMMERCE, if COMMERCE or the Department of Enterprise Services determines that the GRANTEE is not in compliance with this Section.

30. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Political activity of GRANTEE employees and officers are limited by the Campaign Disclosure and Contribution provisions of RCW 42.17a and the Federal Hatch Act, 5 USC 1501 - 1508.

No funds may be used for working for or against ballot measures or for or against the candidacy of any person for public office.

31. PREVAILING WAGE LAW

The GRANTEE certifies that all subgrantees/subcontractors performing work on the Project shall comply with State Prevailing Wages on Public Works, RCW 39.12, as applicable to the Project funded by this Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, the filing of the "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" and "Affidavit of Wages Paid" as required by RCW 39.12.040. The GRANTEE shall maintain records sufficient to evidence compliance with RCW 39.12 and shall make such records available for COMMERCE's review upon request. The GRANTEE is advised to consult the Industrial Statistician at the Washington Department of Labor and Industries to determine whether prevailing wages must be paid. COMMERCE is not responsible for determining whether prevailing wage applies to this Project or for any prevailing wage payments that may be required by law.

32. PROHIBITION AGAINST PAYMENT OF BONUS OR COMMISSION

The funds provided under this Grant Agreement shall not be used in payment of any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining approval of the application for such funds or any other approval or concurrence under this Grant Agreement **provided**, **however**, **that** reasonable fees or bona fide technical consultant, managerial, or other such services, other than actual solicitation, are not hereby prohibited if otherwise eligible as Project costs.

33. PUBLICITY

The GRANTEE agrees not to publish or use any advertising or publicity materials in which the State of Washington or COMMERCE's name is mentioned, or language used from which the connection with the State of Washington's or COMMERCE's name may reasonably be inferred or implied, without the prior written consent of COMMERCE.

34. RECAPTURE

In the event that the GRANTEE fails to perform this Grant Agreement in accordance with state or federal laws, and/or the provisions of this Grant Agreement, COMMERCE reserves the right to recapture funds in an amount to compensate COMMERCE for the noncompliance (which may include all funds disbursed under the Grant Agreement, along with interest at the rate of the higher of: (i) five percent (5%) per annum, or (ii) the rate of interest of state of Washington general obligation bonds issued on the date most close in time to the effective date in which legislation authorized funding for the subject facility) in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

COMMERCE's ability to recapture or seek remedies shall survive any receipt of a Closeout Certification Form or termination of this Grant Agreement.

Repayment by the GRANTEE of funds under this Section shall occur within the time period specified by COMMERCE. In the alternative, COMMERCE may recapture such funds from payments due under this Grant Agreement.

35. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The GRANTEE shall maintain books, records, documents, data, and other evidence relating to this Grant Agreement and performance of the services described herein, including, but not limited to, accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Grant Agreement.

GRANTEE shall retain such records for a period of 6 years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the Grant Agreement, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by COMMERCE, personnel duly authorized by COMMERCE, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation, or agreement.

If any litigation, Claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 6 year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, Claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

36. REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND SECRETARY OF STATE

If required by law, the GRANTEE shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue and current with all required filings. Nonprofit and for-profit businesses must also be registered with the Washington Secretary of State.

37. RIGHT OF INSPECTION

At no additional cost, the GRANTEE shall provide right of access to its facilities to COMMERCE, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the State of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Grant Agreement. At no additional cost, the GRANTEE shall also provide any documents related to this Grant Agreement to COMMERCE upon request to assist COMMERCE in the periodic monitoring of this Grant Agreement.

38. SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Grant Agreement and prior to normal completion, COMMERCE may terminate the Grant Agreement under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the 10 calendar day notice requirement. In lieu of termination, the Grant Agreement may be amended to reflect the new funding limitations and conditions.

39. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Grant Agreement are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Grant Agreement.

40. SITE SECURITY

While on COMMERCE premises, GRANTEE, its agents, employees, and/or subgrantees/subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire, and other security policies or regulations.

41. SUBGRANTING/SUBCONTRACTING

- **A.** GRANTEE must execute binding agreements with all subgrantees/subcontractors that will perform work under this Grant Agreement.
- **B.** GRANTEE must ensure that any and all subgrantees/subcontractors that perform work related to this Project are duly authorized and licensed in Washington State to perform the work contemplated by this Grant Agreement.
- C. Neither the GRANTEE nor any subgrantee/subcontractor shall enter into subgrants/subcontracts for any of the work associated with the Project contemplated under this Grant Agreement without obtaining prior written approval of COMMERCE. In no event shall the existence of the subgrant/subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the GRANTEE to COMMERCE for any breach in the performance of the GRANTEE's duties. This clause does not include grants of employment between the GRANTEE and personnel assigned to perform work associated with the Project under this Grant Agreement.
- D. Additionally, the GRANTEE is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances, and certifications set forth in this Grant Agreement are carried forward to any subgrants/subcontracts. Every subgrant/subcontract shall include a term that COMMERCE and the State of Washington are not liable for Claims or damages arising from a subgrantee's/subcontractor's performance of the subgrant/subcontract. GRANTEE and its subgrantees/subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of COMMERCE or as provided by law.
- E. Data Collection GRANTEE will submit reports, in a form and format to be provided by COMMERCE and at intervals as agreed by the parties, regarding work under this Grant Agreement performed by subgrantees/subcontractors and the portion of grant funds expended for work performed by subgrantees/subcontractors, including, but not necessarily limited to, minority-owned, woman-owned, and veteran-owned business subcontractors. "Subgrantees/subcontractors" shall mean subgrantees/subcontractors of any tier.

42. SURVIVAL

The terms, conditions, and warranties contained in this Grant Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to survive the completion of the performance, cancellation, or termination of this Grant Agreement shall so survive including, without limitation, any Recapture provision in this Grant Agreement.

43. TAXES

All payments accrued on account of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, the GRANTEE's income or gross receipts, and/or any other taxes, insurance, or expenses for the GRANTEE or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the GRANTEE.

44. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event COMMERCE determines the GRANTEE has failed to comply with the conditions of this Grant Agreement in a timely manner, COMMERCE has the right to suspend or terminate this Grant Agreement. Before suspending or terminating the Grant Agreement, COMMERCE shall notify the GRANTEE in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 30 calendar days, the Grant Agreement may be terminated or suspended.

In the event of termination or suspension, the GRANTEE shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original Grant Agreement and the replacement or cover Grant Agreement and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement Grant Agreement (e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time).

COMMERCE reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Grant Agreement, withhold further payments, or prohibit the GRANTEE from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the GRANTEE or a decision by COMMERCE to terminate the Grant Agreement. A termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience" under General Terms and Conditions Section 45 (Termination for Convenience) if it is determined that the GRANTEE: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence.

The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided in this Grant Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

45. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Except as otherwise provided in this Grant Agreement, COMMERCE may, by 10 business days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this Grant Agreement, in whole or in part. If this Grant Agreement is so terminated, COMMERCE shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this Grant Agreement for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

46. TERMINATION PROCEDURES

Upon termination of this Grant Agreement, COMMERCE, in addition to any other rights provided in this Grant Agreement, may require the GRANTEE to deliver to COMMERCE any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this Grant Agreement as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

COMMERCE shall pay to the GRANTEE the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by COMMERCE, and the amount agreed upon by the GRANTEE and COMMERCE for (i) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed work and services, (iii) other property or services that are accepted by COMMERCE, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the Authorized Representative shall determine the extent of the liability of COMMERCE. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this Grant Agreement. COMMERCE may withhold from any amounts due the GRANTEE such sum as the Authorized Representative determines to be necessary to protect COMMERCE against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided in this Section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Grant Agreement.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the Authorized Representative, the GRANTEE shall:

- 1) Stop work under the Grant Agreement on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
- 2) Place no further orders or subgrants/subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the Grant Agreement that is not terminated:
- 3) Assign to COMMERCE, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Authorized Representative, all of the rights, title, and interest of the GRANTEE under the orders and subgrants/subcontracts so terminated, in which case COMMERCE has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all Claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subgrants/subcontracts;
- 4) Settle all outstanding liabilities and all Claims arising out of such termination of orders and subgrants/subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Authorized Representative to the extent the Authorized Representative may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
- 5) Transfer title to COMMERCE and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Authorized Representative any property which, if the Grant Agreement had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to COMMERCE;
- 6) Complete performance of such part of the work associated with the Project as shall not have been terminated by the Authorized Representative; and
- 7) Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Authorized Representative may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Grant Agreement, which is in the possession of the GRANTEE and in which COMMERCE has or may acquire an interest.

47. TREATMENT OF ASSETS

Title to all property furnished by COMMERCE shall remain in COMMERCE. Title to all property furnished by the GRANTEE, for the cost of which the GRANTEE is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this Grant Agreement, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon delivery of such property by the GRANTEE. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the GRANTEE under this Grant Agreement, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this Grant Agreement, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this Grant Agreement, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by COMMERCE in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.

- **A.** Any property of COMMERCE furnished to the GRANTEE shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by COMMERCE, be used only for the performance of this Grant Agreement.
- **B.** The GRANTEE shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of COMMERCE that results from the negligence of the GRANTEE or which results from the failure on the part of the GRANTEE to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- C. If any COMMERCE property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the GRANTEE shall immediately notify COMMERCE and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
- **D.** The GRANTEE shall surrender to COMMERCE all property of COMMERCE prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Grant Agreement

All reference to the GRANTEE under this clause shall also include GRANTEE'S employees, agents or subgrantees/subcontractors.

48. WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Grant Agreement unless stated to be such in writing and signed by Authorized Representative of COMMERCE.

ATTACHMENT A - SCOPE OF WORK

Funds awarded under this grant shall be used by Whatcom County for the Nooksack Water Adjudication Facility Needs project, located in Bellingham, Washington, 98225 (Project).

This will include, but not be limited to, the acquisition and adaptation of office space, the reconstruction of conference rooms, and reconstruction of former technology space. The work to be completed along with the corresponding addresses include the following:

- 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington, 98225: The reconstruction of conference rooms on fifth floor of courthouse, and reconstruction of former Information Technology Division space on third floor of courthouse.
- 400 North Commercial Street, Bellingham, Washington, 98225: The acquisition and adaptation of
 office space to move Whatcom County's Information Technology Division from the third floor of
 the courthouse to a separate building.

Once complete, the newly acquired building will provide office space for the displaced IT staff and the Courthouse renovations will provide new courtrooms and office space to accommodate the water commissioner, judge, and staff. The outcome/public benefit will result in a designated Superior Courtroom to hear the water rights adjudication cases.

The project is expected to be completed in March, 2026.

Costs related to the work associated with the Project will only be reimbursed to the extent the work is determined by Commerce to be within the scope of the legislative appropriation.

CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE

The GRANTEE, by its signature, certifies that the Scope of Work set forth above has been reviewed and approved by the GRANTEE's governing body as of the date and year written below.

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ATTACHMENT B - PROJECT BUDGET

<u>Line Item</u>	Funding Amount
Acquisition	\$1,475,000.00
Construction	\$1,797,075.00
Total Project Budget	\$3,272,075.00

CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE

The GRANTEE, by its signature, certifies that the Project Budget set forth above has been reviewed and approved by the GRANTEE's governing body or board of directors, as applicable, as of the date and year written below.

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ATTACHMENT C - CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

Non-State Fund Sources	Amo	ount
Whatcom County Funds	\$1,384,575.00	
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$675,0	00.00
Total Non-State Funds	\$2,059,575.00	
State Funds	Amount	
State Capital Budget	\$1,212,500.00	
Total Non-State and State Sources	\$3,272,075.00	
Holdback:	5% \$60,625.00	

CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE

The GRANTEE, by its signature, certifies that Project funding from sources other than those provided by this Grant Agreement and identified above has been reviewed and approved by the GRANTEE's governing body or board of directors, as applicable, and has either been expended for eligible Project expenses, or is committed in writing and available and will remain committed and available solely and specifically for carrying out the purposes of this Project as described in elsewhere in this Grant Agreement, as of the date and year written below. The GRANTEE shall maintain records sufficient to evidence that it has expended or has access to the funds needed to complete the Project and shall make such records available for COMMERCE's review upon reasonable request.

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ATTACHMENT D - CERTIFICATION OF THE PAYMENT AND REPORTING OF PREVAILING WAGES

CERTIFICATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE

The GRANTEE, by its signature, certifies that all contractors and subgrantees/subcontractors performing work on the Project shall comply with prevailing wage laws set forth in RCW 39.12, as applicable on the date the Project appropriation becomes effective, including but not limited to the filing of the "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" and "Affidavit of Wages Paid" as required by RCW 39.12.040. The GRANTEE shall maintain records sufficient to evidence compliance with RCW 39.12 and shall make such records available for COMMERCE's review upon request.

If any state funds are used by the GRANTEE for the purpose of construction, applicable State Prevailing Wages must be paid.

The GRANTEE, by its signature, certifies that the declaration set forth above has been reviewed and approved by the GRANTEE's governing body as of the date and year written below.

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