



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: RE Sources – Waste Reduction & Recycling Education Services Contract
DATE: JUNE 27, 2023

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and RE Sources for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Since 2011, RE Sources has implemented a waste reduction and recycling education program in local school districts and organizations, as currently recommended in the 2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Participants in the program gain an understanding of the impact of personal choices on the waste stream and our management of natural resources. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP #23-24 of which RE Sources was the only respondent.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 is provided by the Solid Waste Excise Tax. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however funding for these services has been provided to RE Sources through similar contracts since 2011. Differences from the contract ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #201908027) include training and education geared toward school food service and custodial staff rather than teachers and administration alone and outreach and education to local community partner organizations who may be seeking assistance in understanding the waste stream and sorting in Whatcom County and/or collaborating in order to further the mission to reduce waste.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

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