

WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.
202510007

Originating Department:	Public Works
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Natural Resources/Whatcom LIO 907010
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Gary Stoyka/Austin Rose
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Puget Sound Partnership
<p>Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____</p> <p>Does contract require Council Approval? Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If No, include WCC: _____</p> <p>Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)</p> <p>Is this a grant agreement?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): 2026-30 CFDA#: 66.456</p> <p>Is this contract grant funded?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____</p> <p>Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Cost Center: 19088010</p> <p>Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.</p> <p>If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. <input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.</p>	
<p>Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):</p> <p>\$ 443,750.00</p> <p>This Amendment Amount:</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>Total Amended Amount:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	<p>Council approval required for; all property leases, all Interlocal agreements, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$75,000, and grants exceeding \$40,000 and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.
<p>Summary of Scope:</p>	
<p>This grant agreement provides funds for the coordination of the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028.</p>	
Term of Contract: Three years	Expiration Date: September 30, 2028

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: Austin Rose	Date: 9/3/2025
	2. Attorney signoff: Christopher Quinn	Date: 9/8/2025
	3. AS Finance reviewed: Bbennett	Date: 09/09/2025
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related):	Date:
	5. Contractor signed:	Date:
	6. Executive contract review:	Date:
	7. Council approved, if necessary: AB2025-650	Date: 09.23.2025
	8. Executive signed:	Date:
	9. Original to Council:	Date:

**WHATCOM COUNTY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager
Jon-Paul Shannahan, Environmental Programs Manager *JPS*
Austin Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II

DATE: September 8, 2025

RE: Interagency Agreement #2026-30: Whatcom County LIO – FFY 2026-2028 Funding

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, and the County Council, acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, enter into an interagency agreement between the State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, acting as the fiscal agent for the Whatcom County Local Integrating Organization (LIO), to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO to lead Puget Sound Recovery.

Background and Purpose

The WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board acts as Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for water resources programs in the Whatcom County region. The WRIA 1 Management Team's approval of the FFY 2025-2028 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, as fiscal agent, acting on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership is pending. This agreement provides funds for tasks related to 1) developing and updating Action Plans and other local plans (e.g., Ecosystem Recovery Plans), 2) coordinating local and regional planning, investments, and implementation efforts, 3) engaging partners in the LIO, including Tribes, local and state agencies, and community stakeholders, and 4) tracking progress and communicating results toward ecosystem recovery.

This agreement is a 3-year contract (FFY 2026-2028), providing \$143,750 for Year 1, and \$150,000 for Year 2 and Year 3. Task 1 is required and very similar to the past five LIO coordination grants. Funding in Task 2 provides funding for the LIO to support locally tailored ecosystem recovery plans and implementation activities that advance Puget Sound recovery, adapting annually to better reflect local needs, challenges, priorities, and opportunities.

Funding Amount and Source

This grant agreement with the Puget Sound Partnership provides \$443,750 to complete tasks as outlined in the scope of work. Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 or Austin Rose at 6286 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.



Interagency Agreement

Agreement Number: 2026-30

Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2026-2028

This agreement is made and entered into pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, RCW 39.34, by and between the state of Washington, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), and the below named agency, hereinafter referred to as “**CONTRACTOR**.”

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Whatcom County Flood Control
Zone District
322 N. Commercial St., Suite 110
Bellingham, WA 98225

Project Manager

Gary Stoyka
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EIN: 916001383
UEI: NT6RMN8THN7
Type: County

Fiscal: Austin Rose

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PSP INFORMATION

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP
PO Box 40900
Olympia, WA 98504

Project Manager

Jason Lim
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to provide funding support for the Whatcom County Local Integrating Organization (LIO) to lead Puget Sound recovery.

STATEMENT OF WORK

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material and/or service(s) and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of the work set forth in Exhibit B attached and incorporated herein.

In the event that the CONTRACTOR is a Sub-Recipient (grantee), Exhibit B shall describe the activities of the Sub-Recipient that are eligible for reimbursement under the award or sub-award.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance under this agreement will be from **October 1, 2025**, *regardless of both parties signing date*, through **September 30, 2028**. **No work shall commence under this agreement until it has been fully executed by both parties.**

COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

Compensation for the work provided in accordance with this agreement has been established under the terms of RCW 39.34.130. The parties have estimated that the cost of accomplishing the work herein will not exceed **four hundred forty-three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$443,750)**. Payment for satisfactory performance of the work shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree to a higher amount prior to the commencement of any work which will cause the maximum payment to be exceeded. CONTRACTOR'S compensation for services rendered shall be in accordance with the Budget & Billing Procedures attached as Exhibit C.

In the event that the CONTRACTOR is a Sub-Recipient, the total amount of the award or sub-award for reimbursable activities shall not exceed the above amount, also in accordance with the Budget & Billing Procedures attached as Exhibit C.

FEDERAL FUNDING INFORMATION

This Contract includes federal funding ☒ Yes ☐ No

CONTRACTOR is a Sub-Recipient for purposes of this agreement ☒ Yes ☐ No

CFDA #	CFDA Title	Federal Grant Award Number	Federal Grant Award Name	Federal Agency Name
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66.456	National Estuary Program Base and IS/SCI	CE-02J98701-0	Puget Sound Partnership National Estuary Program	Environmental Protection Agency
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the Terms and Conditions contained in the following exhibits, herein incorporated by reference. The contents of this Agreement include:

1. This contract cover sheet
2. Exhibit A – General Terms and Conditions
3. Exhibit B – Statement of Work
4. Exhibit C – Budget & Billing Procedures
5. Exhibit D - Lobbying Certification
6. Exhibit E – Sub-Recipient Federal Requirements (only if this is a Sub-Recipient contract)
 - Attachment 1- Federal Assurances Form 424B (Rev 4-2012)
 - Attachment 2- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection (FFATA form)

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

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

1. Applicable Federal and State of Washington Statutes and regulations
2. This Agreement/Contract, including Exhibit A, General Terms and Conditions
3. Exhibit B, Statement of Work and Exhibit C, Budget & Billing Procedures
4. Any other Exhibit or provision, term or material incorporated herein by reference or otherwise incorporated

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement, including referenced exhibits and any other provision, term or material expressly incorporated by reference, represents all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other statements or representations, written or oral, shall be deemed a part hereof.

APPROVAL

This agreement shall be subject to the written approval of the AGENCY'S authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved. The agreement may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties.

This agreement is executed by the persons signing below, who warrant they have the authority to execute the agreement.

Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District

See attached

Date

Puget Sound Partnership

Larry Epstein
Larry Epstein (Oct 8, 2025 06:59:21 PDT)

10/07/2025

Larry Epstein
Deputy Director

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s Matt Janz

Assistant Attorney General

February 6, 2025

Date

**EXHIBIT A -
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2026-2028

1. DEFINITIONS

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

- A. "AGENCY" means the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) of the State of Washington, any division, section, office, unit or other entity of the AGENCY, or any of the officers or other officials lawfully representing that AGENCY.
- B. "AGENT" means the Director, and/or the delegate authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- C. "CONTRACTOR" means that firm, provider, organization, individual or other entity performing service(s) under this contract and shall include all employees of the CONTRACTOR.
- D. "DEBARMENT" means an action taken by a Federal agency or official to exclude a person or business entity from participating in transactions involving certain federal funds.
- E. "EPA" means U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- F. "SUBCONTRACTOR" means one not in the employment of the CONTRACTOR, who is performing all or part of those services under this contract under a separate contract with the CONTRACTOR. The terms "SUBCONTRACTOR" and "SUBCONTRACTORS" means SUBCONTRACTOR(s) in any tier.
- G. "SUB-RECIPIENT" means a non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency. Guidance on distinguishing between a subrecipient and a contractor is provided in 2 CFR §200.330. Subrecipient and contractor determinations.

2. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

If the contract includes federal funding, the CONTRACTOR must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities by entities receiving Federal financial assistance. The CONTRACTOR may also be required to 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.

3. ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this contract shall be made by the AGENCY.

4. AMENDMENT

This 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.

5. ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising under this Agreement, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6. ASSURANCES

The parties agree that all activity pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations as they currently exist or as amended.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential information: The CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose any information that is identified as such, for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of this contract, except with prior written consent of the AGENCY, or as may be required by law. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties. However, the parties acknowledge that state and local agencies are subject to chapter [42.56 RCW](#), the Public Records Act.

Personal Information (one form of confidential information): Personal information including, but not limited to, "Protected Health Information," collected, used, or acquired in connection with this contract shall be protected against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or loss. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors or agents use personal information solely for the purposes of accomplishing the services set forth herein. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the agency or as otherwise required by law. Any breach of this provision may result in termination of the contract and the demand for return of all personal information. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AGENCY for any damages related to the CONTRACTOR'S unauthorized use of personal information.

8. CREDIT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Reports, documents, signage, videos, or other media, developed as part of projects funded by EPA funded Agreements shall display both the EPA and Puget Sound Partnership logos and the following credit line: "This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under Assistance Agreement [CE-02J98701-0]. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use."

9. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

CONTRACTOR, by signature to this Contract, certifies that CONTRACTOR is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from participating in transactions (Debarred). CONTRACTOR shall comply with applicable federal agency debarment and suspension rules adopted pursuant to Office of Management and Budget guidance at 2 CFR Part 180, such as 2 CFR Part 1532 for the Environmental Protection Agency, which implement Executive Order 12549. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this contract, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

CONTRACTOR shall not award subcontracts or subawards to persons (individuals or organizations) listed on the Excluded Parties List located at www.sam.gov/. CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above requirements in all subcontracts into which it enters. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify AGENCY if, during the term of this Contract, CONTRACTOR becomes Debarred. AGENCY may immediately terminate this Contract by providing CONTRACTOR written notice if CONTRACTOR becomes Debarred during the term hereof.

10. DISALLOWED COSTS

CONTRACTOR is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its Subcontractors.

11. DISPUTES

In the event that CONTRACTOR is a state agency and a dispute arises under this Agreement, either of the parties may request intervention by the Governor, as provided by chapter [43.17.330 RCW](#), in which event the Governor's process will control.

In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement, and the CONTRACTOR is not a state agency, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: Each party to this Agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board shall evaluate the facts, Agreement terms, applicable

statutes and rules, and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Board shall be final and binding on both parties.

The cost of resolution will be borne as allocated by the Dispute Board or the Governor.

12. DUPLICATION OF BILLED COSTS

The CONTRACTOR shall not bill the Agency for services performed under this contract, and the Agency shall not pay the CONTRACTOR if the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment or has been or will be paid by any other source, including grants, for that service.

13. GEOSPATIAL DATA STANDARDS

All geospatial data created must be consistent with Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) endorsed standards. Information on these standards may be found at <https://www.fgdc.gov/>.

14. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

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

15. HOTEL MOTEL FIRE SAFETY ACT

The Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-391, as amended by PL 105-85 in 1997), establishes a number of fire safety standards which must be met for hotels and motels. Pursuant to the Act, if applicable, and [15 USC 2225a](#) if any portion of this contract will be paid with federal funds, CONTRACTOR agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 105-85, as amended). CONTRACTOR may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/hotel> to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

If necessary, the head of the Federal agency may waive this prohibition in the public interest.

16. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

17. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Unless otherwise provided, all materials produced under this contract shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act 17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq., and shall be owned by the AGENCY. Where federal funding is involved, the awarding federal agency may have a proprietary interest in patent rights to any inventions that are developed by the CONTRACTOR as provided in 35 U.S.C. §§ 200-212 and 37 CFR part 401 and retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that in accordance with 40 CFR 30.36 and 31.34, EPA has the rights to reproduce, publish, use, and authorize others to use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes.

Examples of a Federal purpose include but are not limited to: (1) Use by EPA and other Federal employees for official Government purposes; (2) Use by Federal contractors performing specific tasks for the Government; (3) Publication in EPA documents provided the document does not disclose trade secrets (e.g. software codes) and the work is properly attributed to the recipient through citation or otherwise; (4) Reproduction of documents for inclusion in Federal depositories; (5) Use by State, tribal and local governments that carry out delegated Federal environmental programs as "co-regulators" or act as official partners with EPA to carry out a national environmental program within their jurisdiction and; (6)

Limited use by other grantees to carry out Federal grants provided the use is consistent with the terms of EPA's authorization to the other grantee to use the copyrighted works or other data.

Under Item 6, the grantee acknowledges that EPA may authorize other grantee(s) to use the copyrighted works or other data developed under this grant as a result of:

- the selection of another grantee by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the copyrighted works or other data or:
- termination or expiration of this agreement.

In addition, EPA may authorize another grantee to use copyrighted works or other data developed with Agency funds provided under this grant to perform another grant when such use promotes efficient and effective use of Federal grant funds.

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, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

In the event the materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws CONTRACTOR shall grant AGENCY, and any federal entity which provided federal funds used in this contract, retain a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover or otherwise use the material(s) or property and to authorize others to use the same for federal, state or local government purposes.

Material which CONTRACTOR uses to perform the contract but is not created for or paid for by AGENCY is not "work made for hire"; however, CONTRACTOR grant the AGENCY a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display, provided that such license shall be limited to the extent which CONTRACTOR has a right to grant such a license to use this material for AGENCY internal purposes at no charge to AGENCY.

18. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (including Canada) – FOR FEDERAL FUNDED AGREEMENTS ONLY

All International Travel must be approved by the Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) BEFORE travel occurs. Even a brief trip to a foreign country, for example attending a conference, requires OITA approval. Please contact your EPA Project Officer as soon as possible if travel is planned out of the country, including Canada and/or Mexico, so that they can obtain appropriate approvals from EPA Headquarters. If you have questions, please contact your EPA Project Officer listed on the front page of the Award Document

19. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS and/or MEALS

Unless the event(s) and all of its components are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops, and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- 1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);
- 2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event; and,
- 3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

Cost for light refreshments and meals for recipient staff meetings and similar day-to-day activities are not allowable under EPA assistance agreements.

20. LOBBYING PROHIBITED

- a. By signing this contract, CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, and 40 CFR Part 30 if applicable. CONTRACTOR shall include the language of this provision in subcontracts that exceed \$100,000 of federal funds and require all subcontractors to certify and disclose accordingly.

- b. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- c. No Federal appropriated funds shall be paid by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- d. If this contract includes federal funds exceeding \$100,000, CONTRACTOR shall sign and submit to AGENCY Exhibit D, Attachment 2, PSP Certification Regarding Lobbying (based on EPA Form 6600-06 (Rev. 06/2008)). If CONTRACTOR signed and submitted the PSP Certification Regarding Lobbying form during the procurement process for this contract it is not necessary to resubmit the certification.
- e. If CONTRACTOR expends non-federal funds in any amount to lobby as detailed in a., above, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit to Standard Form LLL (Rev. 4/2012), Disclosure of Lobbying Activity. The form can be found at:
http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/sfillin_sec.pdf.

21. LOBBYING AND LITIGATION

a. All recipients

- i. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the U.S. unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by the Cost Principles available at 2 CFR 200 which generally prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the U.S. or for lobbying or other political activities.
- ii. The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, New Restrictions on Lobbying. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000 and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.
- iii. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.
- iv. Contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.
- v. Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act. Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are ineligible for EPA subawards.

22. NONDISCRIMINATION

- a. Nondiscrimination Requirement. During the term of this Contract, Contractor, including any subcontractor, shall not discriminate on the bases enumerated at RCW 49.60.530(3). In addition, Contractor, including any subcontractor, shall give written notice of this nondiscrimination requirement to any labor organizations with which Contractor, or subcontractor, has a collective bargaining or other agreement.

- b. Obligation to Cooperate. Contractor, including any subcontractor, shall cooperate and comply with any Washington state agency investigation regarding any allegation that Contractor, including any subcontractor, has engaged in discrimination prohibited by this Contract pursuant to RCW 49.60.530(3).
- c. Default. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, Agency may suspend Contractor, including any 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 Agency receives notification that Contractor, including any subcontractor, is cooperating with the investigating state agency. In the event Contractor, or subcontractor, is determined to have engaged in discrimination identified at RCW 49.60.530(3), Agency may terminate this Contract in whole or in part, and Contractor, subcontractor, or both, may be referred for debarment as provided in RCW 39.26.200. Contractor or 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.
- d. Remedies for Breach. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in the event of Contract termination or suspension for engaging in discrimination, Contractor, subcontractor, or both, shall be liable for contract damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original contract and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, which damages are distinct from any penalties imposed under Chapter 49.60, RCW. Agency shall have the right to deduct from any monies due to Contractor or subcontractor, or that thereafter become due, an amount for damages Contractor or subcontractor will owe Agency for default under this provision.

23. NONDISCRIMINATION and DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

In accordance with 40 CFR 33.106 and its Appendix A, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.

24. PAYMENT TO CONSULTANTS

EPA will limit its participation in salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipients' contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually, unless a greater amount is authorized by law. This limitation applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

All contracts between recipients and subrecipients and individual consultants are subject to the procurement standards in subpart D of 2 CFR part 200. Contracts or subcontracts with multi-employee firms for consulting services are not affected by the limitation described above, provided the contractor or subcontractor, rather than the recipient or subrecipient, selects, directs and controls individual employees providing consulting services.

As of January 1, 2025, the limit is \$93.53 per hour or \$748.24 per day.
(Calculations: 2025 Level IV Executive Schedule annual pay = \$195,200 / 2087 = \$93.53 per hour or \$748.24 per day).

25. PROJECT APPROVAL

The quality, extent and character of any and all work, deliverables and/or services to be performed under this agreement by the CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the review and approval of the AGENCY through the Project Manager or other designated official. In the event that the AGENCY determines, that any work, deliverable, and/or service performed by the CONTRACTOR is unsatisfactory, the AGENCY

may withhold reimbursement for the unsatisfactory work performed by the CONTRACTOR or require that the CONTRACTOR remediate their work product to get it to the satisfaction of the AGENCY. Such approval and satisfaction not be unreasonably withheld. The Parties may agree in the Statement of Work to specific approval, acceptance, and/or remediation terms. If the Statement of Work is silent on this topic, the Disputes provision, above, will govern the resolution process.

26. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The parties to this Agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the service(s) described herein. CONTRACTOR shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment.

At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the contract, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by the AGENCY, personnel duly authorized by the AGENCY, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement. If this contract exceeds \$100,000 and any portion of the funding source is federal, the federal funding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any duly authorized representatives shall have access to books documents, papers, and records of CONTRACTOR directly pertinent to this contract for purpose of making audits, examination, excerpts and transcriptions (40 CFR 30.48(d)).

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

27. RECYCLED PAPER

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962) any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds shall comply with the requirements set forth. Regulations issued under RCRA Section 6002 apply to any acquisition of an item where the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. RCRA Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchases of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by EPA. These guidelines are listed in 40 CFR 247.

In accordance with the policies set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007), Sub-Recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double-sided printing for all reports which are prepared as part of this Agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

28. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each party to this Agreement hereby assumes responsibility for claims and/or damages to persons and/or property resulting from any negligent act or omissions on the part of itself, its employees, its officers, and its agents. Neither party assumes any responsibility to the other party for the consequences of any claim, act, or omission of any person, agency, firm, or corporation not a part to this Agreement.

29. SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of this Agreement is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the other terms or conditions of this Agreement.

30. STATE GRANT CYBERSECURITY

- (a) The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State law cybersecurity requirements.
- (b) (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement are secure.

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange.

31. SUBCONTRACTING

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUBCONTRACTOR shall enter into subcontracts for any of the work contemplated under this contract without obtaining prior written approval of the AGENCY. In no event shall the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the contractor to the agency for any breach in the performance of the contractor's duties. This clause does not include contracts of employment between the contractor and personnel assigned to work under this contract.

Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this agreement are carried forward to any subcontracts

32. TERMINATION DUE TO FUNDING

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this contract and prior to normal completion, the AGENCY may terminate the contract under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten-day notice requirement, subject to renegotiation at the AGENCY'S discretion under those new funding limitations and conditions. Agency will reimburse CONTRACTOR for all expenses incurred, including non-cancelable expenses, up until the date of termination.

33. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

If for any cause either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days. If the failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.

34. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 calendar days' prior written notification to the other party. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for the performance rendered or costs incurred, including NON-CANCELABLE expenses, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

35. TREATMENT OF ASSETS

- a. Title to all property furnished by the AGENCY shall remain in the AGENCY. Title to all property furnished by the CONTRACTOR, for the cost of which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon delivery of such property by the CONTRACTOR. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the CONTRACTOR under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by the AGENCY in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.
- b. Any property of the AGENCY furnished to the CONTRACTOR shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by the AGENCY, be used only for the performance of this contract.
- c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of the AGENCY that results from the negligence of the CONTRACTOR or which results from the failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- d. If any AGENCY property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the AGENCY and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.

- e. The CONTRACTOR shall surrender to the AGENCY all property of the AGENCY prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this contract.
- f. All reference to the CONTRACTOR under this clause shall also include CONTRACTOR'S employees, agents or SUBCONTRACTORS.

36. UTILIZATION OF DIVERSE BUSINESSES

The State of Washington works towards providing the maximum practicable opportunity for small and diverse businesses in the performance of all State contracts. Contractor shall use genuine efforts to utilize race- or gender-neutral means to allow opportunities for small and diverse businesses to participate in subcontracts, where participation opportunities are present. Contractor shall make genuine efforts to ensure all available business enterprises, including small and diverse businesses, have equal opportunity for participation which might be presented under this Agreement.

37. 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 Agreement unless stated to be such in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

**EXHIBIT B -
STATEMENT OF WORK**

Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2026-2028

Purpose:

This contract provides core support for Local Integrating Organizations (LIOs) to lead Puget Sound recovery at the watershed scale. LIOs bring together Tribal and local governments, state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and communities to identify priorities, develop recovery plans, and implement priority actions aligned with LIO plans and the Puget Sound Action Agenda. By convening Tribes, local governments, community stakeholders, and regional partners, LIOs develop and implement strategies that reflect local priorities that inform and align with broader Puget Sound recovery goals.

Funding supports the LIO Coordinator's role in linking local efforts to regional strategies and enables essential functions: planning, coordination, partner engagement, and progress tracking. Through September 30, 2028, this contract enables locally driven, flexible work that advances measurable progress toward ecosystem recovery.

his contract supports the LIO's capacity to:

- Develop and update Action Plans and other local plans (e.g., Ecosystem Recovery Plans)
- Coordinate local and regional planning, investments, and implementation efforts
- Engage partners in the LIO, including Tribes, local and state agencies, and community stakeholders
- Track progress and communicate results toward ecosystem recovery

Assumptions:

- Fiscal Agent – Manages invoices, tracks expenditures, ensures contract compliance (sometimes serves as the project manager)
- Project Manager – Administers the contract, monitors progress, supports the LIO team (often the LIO coordinator, can also be the fiscal agent)
- LIO Coordinator – Leads coordination, facilitates meetings, engages partners, and manages reporting. Facilitates coordination between members and with the Partnership. Ensures contract deliverables and program goals (regional and local) are met (sometimes serves as the project manager)
- Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator – Puget Sound Partnership (the Partnership) staff who support the LIOs, manage the contract, and liaise between the Partnership and the LIOs.
- LIO Chair and/or Executive/Leadership Team – locally nominated leadership roles (structure varies by LIO, but each LIO must have some version) to support priorities and efforts of the LIO membership.

Contract Tasks and Deliverables:

Task 1: LIO Administration, Reporting, Fiscal Management

Total Compensation Amount (for 3-year period): \$253,985

Supports core functions that keep the LIO active, transparent, and accountable.

This task supports:

- LIO meeting coordination and facilitation
- Participation in local and regional coordination
- Reporting, documentation, billing, and expenditures
- Hosting LIO Local Forums with the Ecosystem Coordination Board and Leadership Council

Subtask 1.01 - LIO Administration and Coordination

- Schedule and facilitate LIO meetings and subcommittee/technical team meetings
- Maintain an up-to-date LIO public website with meeting materials and engagement opportunities
- Coordinate with appropriate salmon recovery lead entity/entities and Tribal nations

- Recruit and support local membership including project sponsors, elected officials and/or their staff, ECB representative for the LIO's Action Area, nonprofits, city and county natural resources staff, tribal and salmon recovery staff and other partners as locally relevant
- Support executive committee and/or chair with updates, decision making processes, nominations, priority and goal setting, and other LIO business
- Optional coordination and administration tasks could include but are not limited to:
 - Watershed-based coordination and outreach requests
 - LIO project development and coordination support
 - Legislative and policy development and advocacy for LIO
 - Support for local land use planning authorities including coordinating review and comments with LIO teams on planning documents as appropriate
 - Communications to partners/public on LIO activities
 - Support local outreach network- Whatcom Watersheds Information Network including monthly newsletter, planning and implementing training for network members, support speaker series, and planning for annual Whatcom Water Weeks
 - Support and coordinate funding strategies and seek funding opportunities as appropriate

Deliverables:

- LIO website with mission, vision, meeting notices, materials, and engagement opportunities
- Publicly available agendas and summaries of LIO meetings
- Materials developed in support of outreach network.
- Summary of LIO coordination work outlined in Progress Report (see 1.03)

Subtask 1.02 – Participation in LIO Program and Regional Meetings

Participation in Puget Sound Partnership LIO Program:

- Attend bi-monthly LIO Coordinator meetings (virtual) (~24 hours/year)
- Meet regularly with assigned Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator to discuss the issues of the LIO
- Participate in quarterly meetings - (2 virtual – estimate 3 hours each, 2 in-person – ~6 hours each yearly), including summer work planning session
- Join/participate in the LIO caucus briefings before each Ecosystem Coordination Board meeting (~4-6 hours/year)

Regional Recovery Work:

- Represent LIO in ecosystem recovery groups (e.g., SIAT, PSEMP, SILs, Partnership boards, MART, Align group, Shore Friendly, etc.)
- Attend Partnership-requested meetings outside of LIO Program-hosted ones upon request
- Review and provide edits for Puget Sound Info content upon request (e.g. Action Agenda Explorer, PS Info Advisory Group, etc.)

Funding Note:

Participation in meetings may be funded for LIO members if they are unpaid from any other sources, pre-approved by the Partnership, and budgeted for.

Deliverable:

- Document meeting participation in quarterly Progress Reports (see subtask 1.03)

Subtask 1.03 - Reporting and Documentation

Quarterly Progress Reports

- Submit quarterly Progress Reports using Puget Sound Partnership templates
 - Email Progress Reports quarterly to the Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator and upload to the Partnership Box site using provided template or alternative format approved by ERC.
 - Include in Progress Report a quarterly submittal of accomplishments/successes reporting at a frequency and in a format that is to be determined.

Quarterly Progress Report Deadlines:

Year	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
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2026	January 15 (Thurs)	April 15 (Wed)	July 15 (Wed)	Sept 30 (Wed)
2027	January 19 (Tues)	April 15 (Thurs)	July 15 (Thurs)	Sept 30 (Thurs)
2028	January 18 (Tues)	April 17 (Mon)	July 17 (Mon)	Sept 29 (Fri)

Subtask 1.04 - Billing and Expenditures

Invoicing:

- LIO fiscal agent submits **monthly or quarterly** invoices, within 30 days of the deadline (see below)
- Include task-level activity summaries
- Submit to the Partnership Fiscal (pspfiscal@psp.wa.gov) , Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator, and LIO Coordinator
- Final invoice and Progress Report due Sept 30, 2028 using the Partnership contract close out template (provided ahead of close out deadline).

Submission Requirements:

- Fiscal Agent use Partnership-provided “Paypack” with A-19 invoice form, sent to Partnership Fiscal, Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator, and LIO Coordinator
- Fiscal Agent with support of LIO Coordinator upload deliverables to Partnership Box site within one week of invoice submission
 - **Note: For all invoices billed for this contract, associated deliverables must be submitted with each invoice**

Deadline Note:

Monthly invoices must be submitted by the 20th of each [e.g. March invoice to be submitted by April 20th]. Invoices must be submitted no later than 30 days after the relevant deadline, and invoices for all work done within a fiscal year must be submitted 14 days after the end of the fiscal year (fiscal year end is June 30). Any invoices submitted past this 30-day grace period **without prior Partnership approval** will not be accepted or processed for payment. The final invoice and Progress Report are due on September 30, 2028, and must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the contract.

Purpose:

Quarterly progress reports support federal and state tracking systems, including Financial Ecosystem Assessment Tracking system (FEATs), NEPORT, and the NEP Atlas. Timely submission of invoices ensures timely payment from the federal passthrough grant.

Deliverables:

- A-19 invoice forms with task level summaries emailed per instructions above, and deliverables uploaded to Partnership Box site

Subtask 1.05 - Hosting LIO Local Forums

- Host or co-host Spring 2027 ECB local forums with the Partnership’s Ecosystem Coordination Board, working with ERC and Boards Team to meet goals and deadlines
- Coordinate with local committees, the Partnership, and Boards for planning, facilitation, and follow-up. As capacity allows, consider supporting other LIO forums whose topics align with LIO priorities or expertise.

Deliverables:

- Forum deliverables, summaries, and shared materials (e.g. Board briefing memos, slides)
- Share with LIO Coordinators before and after forum to get feedback, solicit support, and share outcomes

Local Forum Schedule Spring 2025 through Spring 2031 (subject to change based on LIO preferences)

Year	Spring	Summer	Fall
2025	ECB: Island	LC: PWR	ECB: Alliance / LC: San Juan

2026	ECB: HCCC	LC: S. Central	ECB: WSPER / LC: Strait ERN
2027	ECB: Whatcom	LC: SnoStilly	ECB: PWR / LC: WSPER
2028	ECB: San Juan	LC: Alliance	ECB: S. Central / LC: HCCC

Task 2: Advancing Ecosystem Recovery

Total Compensation Amount (for 3-year period): \$189,765

Supports locally tailored plans and ecosystem recovery implementation activities that drive Puget Sound recovery progress, adapting annually to better reflect local needs, challenges, priorities, and opportunities.

This task supports LIO and regional actions and activities that advance Ecosystem Recovery, such as:

- Implementing the Action Agenda locally by advancing each LIO's unique recovery goals and vision
- Developing, updating, and adaptively managing LIO Action Plans and implementing actions found therein
- Supporting LIO/Action Area ECB Representatives
- Working with regional partners (the Partnership, SILs, Partnership Boards, etc.) to address barriers to ecosystem recovery
- Engaging local partners, elected officials, governmental staff, and the public as needed to advance LIO priorities for ecosystem recovery
- Sharing information, educational opportunities, and other resources within LIO membership and into the local watershed communities to support environmental stewardship and recovery

LIO Action Plans

LIO Action Plans identify local actions needed to fill gaps and overcome barriers to ecosystem recovery. They align local priorities with the regional Action Agenda and help guide investments in Puget Sound recovery.

Action Plans:

- Each LIO Action Plan will be aligned with a Puget Sound [Action Agenda Topic](#)
- LIO Action Plans should identify clear priorities or barriers that can be pursued within a four-year timeframe at both the local and regional level
- When available and to the extent feasible, Action Plans will include Puget Sound Indicators – e.g. [progress indicators](#)

LIO Action Plans are [published online](#) as part of the Action Agenda and help LIOs collaborate, secure funding, and advance progress. Over time, the Partnership intends that these plans will support collaboration within and across LIOs and with the Strategic Initiative Leads and Strategic Funding Team to secure funding for priority actions. Please see [Program Guidance](#) document for more information. Subtask 2.01 - Support Development, Implementation, Reporting, and Adaptive Management of LIO Action Plans

- Create a minimum of three LIO Action Plans (including collective and individual) by the end of the contract that are aligned with topics in the 2026-2030 Action Agenda. These three Action Plans will be in addition to the two created prior to the start of this contract (on Onsite Septic Systems and Healthy Shorelines), for a total of five Action Plans per LIO by September 30, 2028.
- Update and adaptively manage each LIO Action Plan annually
- Work within the LIO to identify, prioritize and articulate local or LIO implementation actions related to Action Plans and the Action Agenda

Deliverables:

- A minimum of three completed and LIO accepted Action Plans by September 30, 2028.
- Annual review/upkeep of each Action Plan using a process collaboratively developed by the Partnership and LIOs.

Subtask 2.02 - Implementation of LIO Actions (Optional)

- Develop and implement projects that advance implementation of LIO Action Plans.
- Develop and implement projects that advance local actions not named in LIO Action Plans but supported by the LIO's Ecosystem Recovery Plan
- Define and revise scopes of work and budgets for implementation projects (on an as needed basis)
- Share out to other LIOs and the Partnership about progress, success, and hurdles to implementation (e.g. lessons learned, pilot opportunities, cross-watershed opportunities, resources needed, barriers encountered and/or overcome)

Contract notes

If using funds for project implementation, LIOs will need to work with their Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator to develop appropriate SOWs and associated deliverables. This will be done on an as needed basis when project opportunities arise throughout the three-year contract.

Local priority implementation actions could include, but are not limited to:

- Working with and relationship building with tribal partners
- Public/community engagement, education, behavior change, and/or compliance projects and programs
- Identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing options for addressing and removing barriers to ecosystem recovery in the LIO
- Completing feasibility and preliminary design, inventories and/or assessments, or planning strategy for an LIO project
- Building LIO capacity to compete for project funding efficiently and effectively
- Hosting a workshop or a series of meetings on a topic or implementation action of importance for the LIO
- Supporting research or science needs that will help to advance recovery efforts within the LIO
- Data analysis and mapping to inform collaborative decisions

Deliverables:

- 2-3 local implementation actions identified annually for the LIO to focus on
- Local project scopes of work and budgets, with ERC review completed before project is begun
- Implementation progress summaries in quarterly progress reports

Statement of Work Table:

Task	Task/Activities/Description	Deliverable/ Outcome	Due Date/ Timeframe	Payment Information and/or Amount
1	LIO Administration, Reporting, Fiscal Management			Year 1=\$82,405 Year 2=\$87,763 Year 3=\$83,817 Total Not to Exceed \$253,985
1.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting coordination and facilitation ▪ Watershed-based coordination pertaining to LIO functions ▪ LIO project development and coordination support ▪ Support and coordinate funding needs ▪ Support local outreach network (Whatcom Watersheds Information Network) ▪ LIO Communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agendas, summaries, meeting materials ▪ Maintain LIO website ▪ Distribute regional and local communications and information ▪ Summarize LIO work in monthly progress report 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	
1.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend regional meetings as applicable including SIL, LIO Caucus briefings, and ECB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Record LIO meeting attendance in progress reports 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	

Task	Task/Activities/Description	Deliverable/ Outcome	Due Date/ Timeframe	Payment Information and/or Amount
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend PSP LIO Program meetings 			
1.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit progress reports 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	
1.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit invoices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoice and deliverable submissions to PSP 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	
1.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for and coordinate hosting of Whatcom LIO Forum with ECB in spring 2027. If relevant, coordinate with other LIO forums that have overlapping topics of priority to Whatcom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Whatcom LIO Forum 	10/1/2026-9/30/2027	
2	Advancing Ecosystem Recovery			Year 1=\$61,345 Year 2=\$62,237 Year 3=\$66,183 Total Not to Exceed \$189,765
2.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and develop three new LIO Action Plans. Floodplains and Estuary Action Plan is being planned for year 1. Other Action Plan topics are prioritized locally for individual plans for remaining years. Review and adaptively manage Whatcom LIO OSS, Healthy Shoreline Action Plans, Floodplains/Estuaries, and subsequent Action Plans to be developed in years 2 and 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whatcom LIO Action Plans (minimum three – one per year) Updates to the completed Action Plans. 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	
2.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate identification of local priority actions for implementation and develop scopes of work for those actions. Implement actions in Action Plans and LIO plans. Support technical work to advance recovery efforts. Funding strategy implementation Support public outreach events covering Action Plan and priority LIO topics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scopes of work and deliverables identified in the implementation scopes. Outreach materials Reports and/or technical memoranda Summarize implementation work in Progress Reports 	10/1/2025-9/30/2028	
TOTAL MAXIMUM PAYABLE AMOUNT				Year 1=\$143,750 Year 2=\$150,000 Year 3=\$150,000 Total Not to Exceed \$443,750

The CONTRACTOR shall report in writing, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially affect their ability to meet project objectives or time schedules. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken or proposed and any assistance needed by PSP to resolve the situation.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/NARRATIVE

Staffing Requirements: The PSP Executive Director or designee must approve project personnel changes.

**EXHIBIT C -
Budget & Billing Procedures**
Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2026-2028

CONTRACT: 2026-30									
PROJECT TITLE: Whatcom County LIO - FFY2026-2028									
				TASK 1		TASK 2		TOTAL	
				LIO Administration, Reporting, Fiscal Management		Advancing Ecosystem Recovery			
	Job Classification	UNIT	RATE	UNITS	COST	UNITS	COST	UNITS	COST
SALARY COST									
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 1)	HR	\$49.29	65	\$3,204	80	\$3,943	145	\$7,147
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 2)	HR	\$49.29	65	\$3,204	80	\$3,943	145	\$7,147
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 3)	HR	\$49.29	65	\$3,204	80	\$3,943	145	\$7,147
TOTAL SALARY				195	\$9,612	240	\$11,830	435	\$21,441
BENEFITS									
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 1)	HR	77%		\$2,467		\$3,036		\$5,503
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 2)	HR	77%		\$2,467		\$3,036		\$5,503
	Natural Resources Specialist II (Yr 3)	HR	77%		\$2,467		\$3,036		\$5,503
TOTAL BENEFITS				-	\$7,401	-	\$9,109	0	\$16,510
OTHER DIRECT COSTS (ODC)									
Implementation Actions TBD (Yr1)			\$ -		\$0		\$26,726		\$26,726
Implementation Actions TBD (Yr 2)			\$ -		\$0		\$27,226		\$27,226
Expenses associated with ECB Whatcom LIO Forum (Yr 2)	Materials and rentals for vehicles for the day of site visits, etc.		\$ -		\$400		\$0		\$400
Implementation Actions TBD (Yr 3)			\$ -		\$0		\$30,780		\$30,780
Total ODCs					\$400		\$84,731		\$85,131
SUBCONTRACTS									
Subcontract supporting Task 2.02 (TBD) - Yr 1							\$10,000		\$10,000
Subcontract supporting Task 2.02 (TBD) - Yr 2							\$10,000		\$10,000
Subcontract supporting Task 2.02 (TBD) - Yr 3							\$10,000		\$10,000
Contract Coordinator (Yr 1)	<i>Geneva Consulting Becky Peterson</i>								
Salaries, Benefits					\$75,690		\$17,640		\$93,330
Travel		920	\$ 0.70		\$644				\$644
Supplies (supplies, outreach materials, etc)					\$400				\$400
Contract Coordinator (Yr 2)	<i>Geneva Consulting Becky Peterson</i>								
Salaries, Benefits					\$80,648		\$18,032		\$98,680
Travel		920	\$ 0.70		\$644				\$644
Supplies (meeting supplies, outreach materials, etc)					\$400				\$400
Contract Coordinator (Yr 3)	<i>Geneva Consulting Becky Peterson</i>								
Salaries, Benefits					\$77,102		\$18,424		\$95,526
Travel		920	\$ 0.70		\$644				\$644
Supplies (supplies, outreach materials, etc)			\$ -		\$400		\$0		\$400
TOTAL SUBCONTRACTORS					\$236,572		\$84,096		\$320,668
TOTAL COSTS					\$253,985		\$189,765		\$443,750

BILLING PROCEDURES

The AGENCY shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR upon review and approval of work performed under the scope of this agreement and receipt of properly completed reimbursement requests.

THE AGENCY will pay for work and expenses that occurred within the period of performance. The AGENCY reserves the right to withhold 10% of the payment under each reimbursement request until satisfactory completion of the project. Such satisfaction not be unreasonably withheld.

Payment may be withheld if required work, services, progress reports and/or deliverables are not submitted to the satisfaction of the AGENCY. Such satisfaction not be unreasonably withheld.

The AGENCY may terminate the agreement if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any term or condition of this contract.

The AGENCY will pay indirect costs as approved in the budget. The CONTRACTOR may be required to submit a copy of their current federally approved indirect cost rate.

The CONTRACTOR shall receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses as identified below or as authorized in advance by the AGENCY as reimbursable. Such expenses may include airfare (economy or coach class only), other transportation expenses, lodging and subsistence necessary during periods of required travel at the current state reimbursement rates (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/resources/travel.asp>).

If the CONTRACTOR expends more than the amount of the AGENCY funding in this agreement in anticipation of receiving additional funds from the AGENCY, it does so at its own risk. The AGENCY is not legally obligated to reimburse the CONTRACTOR for costs incurred in excess of the AGENCY's approved budget.

The CONTRACTOR **must** submit a monthly invoice voucher or equivalent document to the AGENCY by the 20th of each month for the previous month's billing (e.g. March invoice to be submitted by April 20th) **UNLESS** the agreement has been identified as a "deliverable-based" contract with specific due date or special conditions that has been approved by the PSP Project Manager. Contractors must submit invoices within 30 days after the month of completion of deliverables to the PSP Project Manager for "deliverable-based" contracts. Payment for approved goods and/or services will be made by check, warrant or electronic fund transfer (EFT) within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. The CONTRACTOR must submit invoices for all work done within a fiscal year 14 days after the end of the fiscal year. Invoices shall be paid within 30 days after the final invoice has been submitted.

BILLING CONDITIONS:

All Subrecipients must submit any budget changes to PSP for sufficient processing time of any amendment execution between PSP and the Subrecipient. If information provided does not allow for sufficient processing time, PSP will not adjust or pay for any invoices or billing over 10% of the total amount listed for each task or subtask even if the added total amounts for those tasks/subtasks does not exceed the total budget.

BILLING DETAIL

Each invoice voucher or equivalent document submitted to the AGENCY by the CONTRACTOR must include all necessary information for the AGENCY to verify all expenditures. At a minimum, the CONTRACTOR shall specify the following:

1. The PSP contract/agreement number.
2. The time period during which the services were performed.
3. A description of purchases, work and services performed.
4. Total invoice amount.
5. Expenditure detail based on the approved budget. Supporting documentation must include the same level of detail as the approved budget, such as:
 - a. Task Number

- b. Budget category (personnel, goods/services, subcontractors)
 - c. Number of hours billed, if applicable and
 - d. Hourly rate, if applicable.
- 6. A receipt must accompany any single expense in the amount of \$50.00 or more.
- 7. If match is required:
 - a. match requirement met during the billing period, and
 - b. cumulative match requirement met
- 8. A progress report describing the deliverables completed during the reimbursement request period.

The AGENCY shall not process payments if the CONTRACTOR fails to submit the required documentation.

Submit reimbursement requests to:

*Puget Sound Partnership
Fiscal Unit
PO Box 40900
Olympia, WA. 98504*

Submit all invoices electronically to pspfiscal@psp.wa.gov

Payment shall be considered timely if made by the AGENCY within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of properly completed reimbursement request.



Exhibit D

PSP Agreement #2026-30

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31 U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

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Signature and Date of Authorized Representative

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EXHIBIT E

Puget Sound Partnership SUB-RECIPIENT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY2026-2028

1. INTRODUCTION

This Exhibit E contains provisions that are not listed on OMB Standard Form 424B (Rev 2-2025). These provisions apply only to Sub-recipients.

2. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Sub-recipient CONTRACTOR shall meet the provisions in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance, Subpart F, §200.501 (Audit Requirements), if the CONTRACTOR expends \$1,000,000 or more in total Federal funds in a fiscal year. The \$1,000,000 threshold for each year is a cumulative total of all federal funding from all sources. The CONTRACTOR shall forward a copy of the audit along with the RECIPIENT'S response and the final corrective action plan to AGENCY within ninety (90) days of the date of the audit report. For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>.

3. COST PRINCIPLES/INDIRECT COSTS FOR STATE AGENCIES

GRANT RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the cost principles of 2 CFR 200 Subpart E as appropriate to the award.

In addition to the US Environmental Protection Agency's General Terms and Conditions "Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements", if the recipient does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it agrees to prepare and submit its indirect cost rate proposal in accordance with 2 CFR 200 Appendix VII.

Recipients and subrecipients that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may elect to charge a de minimis rate of up to 15 percent. The recipient or subrecipient is authorized to determine the appropriate rate up to this limit. The de minimis rate does not require documentation to justify its use and may be used indefinitely.

4. CIVIL RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

This term and condition incorporates by reference the signed assurance provided by the recipient's authorized representative on Standard Form 424B. These assurances and this term and condition obligate the recipient to comply fully with applicable civil rights statutes and implementing EPA regulations.

5. CYBERSECURITY CONDITION

The subrecipient(s) must comply with the recipient's requirements (section (b) (1) – EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure) if the subrecipients network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange.

6. NON DISCRIMINATION AND DISADVANTAGED, MBE, WBE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33. CONTRACTOR shall include the following provision in all subcontracts involving use of federal funds:

In accordance with 40 CFR 33.106 and its Appendix A, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor administration shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 33 in the award of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.

7. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

CONTRACTOR (Sub-Recipient) shall make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization shall identify all known workplaces under its federal award and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

CONTRACTORS who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart C.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart E. Recipient can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 Part 1536 at:
<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>.

8. FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a. In order to comply with the FFATA, the Sub-Recipient shall complete the FFATA Data Collection Form (FFATA Data Collection Form, Exhibit E, Attachment 2) and return it to the AGENCY. The AGENCY will report basic agreement information, including the required UEI number, for all federally funded agreements at SAM.gov. The new 12-digit alphanumeric identifier is provided by SAM.gov registration to all entities who register to do business with the federal government (including the existing entities). This is the identifier which replaced the use of the DUNS number.
- b. To comply with the act and be eligible to enter into this contract, your organization must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. A UEI number provides a method to verify data about your organization. If you do not already have one, you may receive a UEI number by logging into www.SAM.gov and if required, complete an entity registration.
- c. Any sub-recipient that meets each of the criteria below must also report compensation for its five top executives, using AGENCY's Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Data Collection Form if the sub-recipient meets the following criteria:
 - Receives more than \$30,000 in federal funds under this award.
 - Receives more than 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from federal funds.
 - Receives more than \$25,000,000 in annual federal funds.
 - The public does not have access to this information about the compensation of the senior executives of your organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(A) or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78(d) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

See www.SAM.gov for details of this requirement. If your organization falls into this above category, you must report the required information to AGENCY.

9. GEOSPATIAL DATA STANDARDS

All geospatial data created must be consistent with Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) endorsed standards. Information on these standards may be found at <https://www.fgdc.gov/>

10. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (Including Canada)

All International Travel must be approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) BEFORE travel occurs. Even a brief trip to a foreign country, for

example attending a conference, requires OITA approval. Please contact your Partnership Project manager as soon as possible if travel is planned out of the country, including Canada and/or Mexico, so that they can submit a request to the EPA Project Officer if they approve of such travel.

11. LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Title VI

As a recipient of EPA financial assistance, you are required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals. In implementing that requirement, the Sub-recipient agrees to use as a guide the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) document entitled "*Guidance to Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons.*" The guidance can be found at http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004_register&docid=fr25jn04-79.pdf.

In accepting this contract, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective Title VI compliance programs and ensure that its actions do not involve discriminatory treatment and do not have discriminatory effects even when facially neutral. The recipient must be prepared to demonstrate to EPA/PSP that such compliance programs exist and are being implemented or to otherwise demonstrate how it is meeting its Title VI obligations. For example, if CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under this contract include gathering public input on an environmental issue, CONTRACTOR's communication with the public should attempt to minimize barriers that interfere with the ability of LEP persons to meaningfully participate.

12. MANAGEMENT FEES

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this CONTRACT. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this Agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

13. PEER REVIEW

The results of this project may affect management decisions relating to Puget Sound. Prior to finalizing any significant technical products the Principal Investigator (PI) of this project must solicit advice, review, and feedback from a technical review or advisory group consisting of relevant subject matter specialists. A record of comments and a brief description of how respective comments are addressed by the PI will be provided to the Project Monitor prior to releasing any final reports or products resulting from the funded study.

14. REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION

If CONTRACTOR expends more than the amount of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding in this agreement in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk. EPA is not legally obligated to reimburse PSP, nor its sub-recipients, for costs incurred in excess of the EPA approved budget.

15. SEMI-ANNUAL AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Sub-recipient shall submit performance reports during the life of the project, as specified in the statement of work or work plan developed under this contract.

In addition to the periodic performance reports, the recipient shall submit a final performance report, which is due 90 calendar days after the expiration or termination of the award, or as specified in the work plan or statement of work. The report shall be submitted to the PSP Project Officer and may be provided electronically. The report shall generally contain the same information as in the periodic reports, but should cover the entire project period. After completion of the project, the PSP Project Officer may waive the requirement for a final performance report if the PSP Project Officer deems such a report is inappropriate or unnecessary.

16. SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, PART 33, SUBPART C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, service and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that **subrecipients**, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply.

Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting whenever they are potential sources.
- b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraph (a) through (e) of this section.

17. SUB-AWARDS

If CONTRACTOR (Sub-Recipient) makes sub-awards under this contract, CONTRACTOR is responsible for selecting its sub-awardees and, if applicable, for conducting sub-award competitions. CONTRACTOR agrees to:

- a. Establish all sub-award agreements in writing;
- b. Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the approved project (Sub-Recipient cannot delegate or transfer this responsibility to a sub-awardee);
- c. Ensure that any sub-awards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133, and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the sub-awardee;
- d. Ensure that any sub-awards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
- e. Monitor the performance of sub-awardees, and ensure sub-awardees comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the sub-award;
- f. Obtain AGENCY's consent before making a sub-award to a foreign or international organization, or a sub-award to be performed in a foreign country; and
- g. Obtain approval from AGENCY for any new sub-award work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.

18. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND TRAFFICKING VICTIM PROTECTION ACT OF 2000 (TVPA) AS AMENDED IN 22 U.S.C. 7104(g)

This provision applies only to a Sub-Recipient, and all sub-awardees of Sub-Recipient, if any. See page one (1) of this contract for determination of whether CONTRACTOR is a sub-recipient. Sub-Recipient shall include the following statement in all sub-awards made to any private entity under this Agreement.

"You as the Sub-Recipient, your employees, sub-awardees under this award, and sub-awardees' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or sub-awards under this Award."

Sub-Recipient, and all sub-awardees of Sub-Recipient must inform AGENCY immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of this prohibition during the award term.

Federal agency funding this agreement may unilaterally terminate, without penalty, the funding award if this prohibition is violated, Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended.

19. UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS (ULO)

Sub-recipients, and all sub-awardees of Sub-Recipients, if any, should manage their agreement and subaward funding in ways that reduce the length of time that federal funds obligated and committed to subaward projects are unspent (not yet drawn down through disbursements to sub-recipients and sub-awardees).

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.


PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction sub agreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause the required financial and compliance audits to be performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

<p>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p> <p> <u>Satpal Sidhu (Oct 7, 2025 11:43:13 PDT)</u></p>	<p>TITLE</p> <p>County Executive</p>
<p>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District</p>	<p>DATE SUBMITTED</p> <p>10/08/2025</p>

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424B (Rev 4-2012) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Data Collection Form

This award is supported by Federal Funds that require compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. The purpose of the Transparency Act is to make information available online so the public can see how Federal Funds are spent. To comply with the act and be eligible to receive this award, your organization must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. If you do not already have one, you may receive a UEI number free of at www.SAM.gov and if required, complete an entity registration.

The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) also encourages registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) to reduce data entry by both PSP and your organization. You may register with SAM Free of Charge at www.sam.gov. Information about your organization and this grant will be reported by PSP to the Federal government as required by P.L. 109-282. This information will then be made available to the public by the Federal Government on www.USASpending.gov.

Subrecipient

1. Legal Name Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District	2. UEI Number NT6RMN8THTN7
3. Principle Place of Performance 322 N. Commercial St, Suite 110	
3a. City Bellingham	3b. State WA
3c. Zip +4 98225-4042	3d. Country USA

4. Are you registered in SAM? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, skip to signature block. Sign, Date & Return
5. In the preceding fiscal year, did your organization:	
a. Receive 80% or more of annual gross revenue from Federal contracts, subcontracts, grants, loans, subgrants, loans and/or cooperative agreements, AND	
b. \$25,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal contracts, subcontracts, grants, loans, subgrants, loans and/or cooperative agreements, AND	
c. Receives more than \$25,000,000 in annual federal funds.	
d. The public does not have access to this information about the compensation of the senior executives of your organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(A) or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78(d) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – skip to signature block. Sign, Date, & Return	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – you must report the names and total compensation of the top 5 highly compensated officials of your organization	

Name of Official		Total Compensation	
1.		\$	Annually
2.		\$	Annually
3.		\$	Annually
4.		\$	Annually
5.		\$	Annually

NOTE: Total compensation for the purposes of this requirement generally means the cash and non-cash value earned by the executive during the past fiscal year and includes salary and bonus; awards of stock; stock options and stock appreciation rights; and other compensation such as severance and termination payments, and value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, and as otherwise provided by FFATA and applicable OMB guidance.

By signing this document, the Authorized Representative attests to this information

Signature of Authorized Representative  Satpal Sidhu (Oct 7, 2025 11:43:13 PDT)	Date 10/08/2025	Printed Name of Authorized Representative Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
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WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

Recommended for Approval:


Elizabeth Kosa (Sep 26, 2025 08:50:17 PDT)

09/26/2025

Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

Date

Approved as to form:


Christopher Quinn (Oct 1, 2025 09:17:54 PDT)

10/01/2025

Christopher Quinn

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District:

By: 
Satpal Singh (Oct 7, 2025 11:43:13 PDT)

10/08/2025

Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Date