

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.
202210019

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:	Geneva Consulting Services

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes No Yes No
 If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes No If No, include WCC: _____
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes No If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____

Is this contract grant funded? Yes No If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): pending

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract _____
 Yes No If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): MRSC Consultant Roster Cost Center: 169121

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No Yes If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.

If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

- Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.
- Contract work is for less than \$100,000.
- Contract work is for less than 120 days.
- Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).
- Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
- Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
- Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):
 \$ 247,587.46
 This Amendment Amount:
 \$ _____
 Total Amended Amount:
 \$ _____

Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards **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:**

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.

Summary of Scope: The purpose of this contract is to implement the scope of work in the LIO grant agreement to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO including the following tasks: 1) organize, support, administer, facilitate, and coordinate a Local Integrating Organization, 2) advance implementation of the 2022-2026 action agenda and support development of the 2026-2030 action agenda 3) performance management, 4) support adaptive management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans, and 5) tailor LIO Coordination to implement the Action Agenda and support unique vision and goals of LIO.

Term of Contract: Three years Expiration Date: September 30, 2025

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Austin Rose</u>	Date: <u>10/19/2022</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>Christopher Quinn</u>	Date: <u>10/24/2022</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>M Caldwell</u>	Date: <u>10/24/22</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Submitted to Exec.: _____	Date: _____
	7. Council approved (if necessary): <u>AB 2022-605</u>	Date: <u>11/09/2022</u>
	8. Executive signed: <u>Satpal Sidhu</u>	Date: <u>11/18/2022</u>
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____

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Satpal Sidhu
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**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Jon Hutchings
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors.

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Austin Rose, Planner I

RE: Contract between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Geneva Consulting Services for Coordination of the Whatcom County LIO

DATE: October 19, 2022

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 agreement for the sum of \$247,587.46 with Geneva Consulting Services for coordination of the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization (LIO).

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board acts as the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) for protection and recovery of the WRIA in coordination with the Puget Sound Partnership. The WRIA 1 Management Team met on August 3, 2022 and approved the draft FFY 2022-2025 LIO Coordination Scope of Work for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) as fiscal agent, acting on behalf of the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, for negotiating a contract with the Puget Sound Partnership. The FCZD received a grant agreement from the Puget Sound Partnership (Agreement Number: 2023-18) to provide funding for LIO Coordination.

The purpose of this contract is to implement the scope of work in the LIO grant agreement to coordinate the Whatcom County LIO including the following tasks: 1) organize, support, administer, facilitate, and coordinate a Local Integrating Organization, 2) advance implementation of the 2022-2026 action agenda and support development of the 2026-2030 action agenda 3) performance management, 4) support adaptive management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans, and 5) tailor LIO Coordination to implement the Action Agenda and support unique vision and goals of LIO. Geneva Consulting Services was chosen for this contract through a competitive selection process using the MRSC Consultant Roster.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This three-year contract, for the amount of \$247,587.46, is fully funded through a grant from the Puget Sound Partnership. The FCZD has adequate budget authority in the 2022 budget and in the proposed 2023 budget for this contract. Funding will be included in the 2024 and 2025 budgets when those are prepared.

Please contact Gary Stoyka at extension 6218 or Austin Rose at extension 6286, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures

Whatcom County Contract No.
202210019

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
Between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Geneva Consulting Services

Geneva Consulting Services, hereinafter called **Contractor** and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

- General Conditions, pp. 3 to 11,
- Exhibit A (Scope of Work), pp. 12 to 14,
- Exhibit B (Compensation), pp. 15
- Exhibit C (Certificate of Insurance), pp. 16
- Exhibit D (Grant Terms and Conditions), pp. 17 to 27

Copies of these items are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of October, 2022, and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 30th day of September, 2025.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to: support coordination of the Whatcom Local Integrating Organization (LIO), as more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto. The language of Exhibit A controls in case of any conflict between it and that provided here.

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term shall not exceed \$247,587.46. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

Contractor acknowledges and by signing this contract agrees that the Indemnification provisions set forth in Paragraphs 11.1, 21.1, 30.1, 31.2, 32.1, 34.2, and 34.3, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

Each person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this 11/18/2022 day of November, 2022.

CONTRACTOR:

GENEVA CONSULTING SERVICES
 11/14/2022
Becky Peterson
 EBF7568BAABF4E8
 Becky Peterson, Sole Proprietor

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Geneva Consulting Services

Becky Peterson
Sole Proprietor

Address:
1020 Austin St.
Bellingham, WA 98229

Mailing Address:
1020 Austin St.
Bellingham, WA 98229

WHATCOM COUNTY:

Recommended for Approval:

Elizabeth Kosa 11/14/2022
870E242DD76C498...
Department Director Date

Approved by:

Christopher Quinn 11/14/2022
EC466EF5C88B4FD...
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

DocuSigned by:
Satpal Sidhu 11/18/2022
By: 1192C7C18B664E3...
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Series 00-09: Provisions Related to Scope and Nature of Services

0.1 Scope of Services:

The Contractor agrees to provide to the County services and any materials as set forth in the project narrative identified as Exhibit "A", during the agreement period. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County, unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.

Series 10-19: Provisions Related to Term and Termination

10.1 Term:

Services provided by Contractor prior to or after the term of this contract shall be performed at the expense of Contractor and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that the Agreement is in writing and signed by both parties.

10.2 Extension:

The duration of this Agreement may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties, for a period of up to one year, and for a total of no longer than three years.

11.1 Termination for Default:

If the Contractor defaults by failing to perform any of the obligations of the contract or becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the County may, by depositing written notice to the Contractor in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, terminate the contract, and at the County's option, obtain performance of the work elsewhere. Termination shall be effective upon Contractor's receipt of the written notice, or within three (3) days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first. If the contract is terminated for default, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the contract until all work called for has been fully performed. Any extra cost or damage to the County resulting from such default(s) shall be deducted from any money due or coming due to the Contractor. The Contractor shall bear any extra expenses incurred by the County in completing the work, including all increased costs for completing the work, and all damage sustained, or which may be sustained by the County by reason of such default.

11.2 Termination for Reduction in Funding:

In the event that funding from State, Federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement, and prior to its normal completion, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement as to the funds withdrawn, reduced, or limited, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. If the level of funding withdrawn, reduced or limited is so great that the County deems that the continuation of the programs covered by this Agreement is no longer in the best interest of the County, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement in whole, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. Termination under this section shall be effective upon receipt of written notice as specified herein, or within three days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work.

11.3 Termination for Public Convenience:

The County may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the interests of the County. Whenever the Agreement is terminated in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed at unit contract prices for completed items of work. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work. Termination of this Agreement by the County at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County.

Series 20-29: Provisions Related to Consideration and Payments

20.1 Accounting and Payment for Contractor Services:

Contract for Services

[Geneva Consulting Services](#)

Payment to the Contractor for services rendered under this Agreement shall be as set forth in Exhibit "B." Where Exhibit "B" requires payments by the County, payment shall be based upon written claims supported, unless otherwise provided in Exhibit "B," by documentation of units of work actually performed and amounts earned, including, where appropriate, the actual number of days worked each month, total number of hours for the month, and the total dollar payment requested, so as to comply with municipal auditing requirements.

Unless specifically stated in Exhibit "B" or approved in writing in advance by the official executing this Agreement for the County or his designee (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Officer") the County will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this contract. Where required, the County shall, upon receipt of appropriate documentation, compensate the Contractor, no more often than monthly, in accordance with the County's customary procedures, pursuant to the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "B."

21.1 Taxes:

The Contractor understands and acknowledges that the County will not withhold Federal or State income taxes. Where required by State or Federal law, the Contractor authorizes the County to withhold for any taxes other than income taxes (i.e., Medicare). All compensation received by the Contractor will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service at the end of the calendar year in accordance with the applicable IRS regulations. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the Contractor is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the Contractor's performance of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the County against any demand to pay taxes arising from the Contractor's failure to pay taxes on compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement.

The County will pay sales and use taxes imposed on goods or services acquired hereunder as required by law. The Contractor must pay all other taxes, including, but not limited to, Business and Occupation Tax, taxes based on the Contractor's gross or net income, or personal property to which the County does not hold title. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax.

22.1 Withholding Payment:

In the event the County's Administrative Officer determines that the Contractor has failed to perform any obligation under this Agreement within the times set forth in this Agreement, then the County may withhold from amounts otherwise due and payable to Contractor the amount determined by the County as necessary to cure the default, until the Administrative Officer determines that such failure to perform has been cured. Withholding under this clause shall not be deemed a breach entitling Contractor to termination or damages, provided that the County promptly gives notice in writing to the Contractor of the nature of the default or failure to perform, and in no case more than 10 days after it determines to withhold amounts otherwise due. A determination of the Administrative Officer set forth in a notice to the Contractor of the action required and/or the amount required to cure any alleged failure to perform shall be deemed conclusive, except to the extent that the Contractor acts within the times and in strict accord with the provisions of the Disputes clause of this Agreement. The County may act in accordance with any determination of the Administrative Officer which has become conclusive under this clause, without prejudice to any other remedy under the Agreement, to take all or any of the following actions: (1) cure any failure or default, (2) to pay any amount so required to be paid and to charge the same to the account of the Contractor, (3) to set off any amount so paid or incurred from amounts due or to become due the Contractor. In the event the Contractor obtains relief upon a claim under the Disputes clause, no penalty or damages shall accrue to Contractor by reason of good faith withholding by the County under this clause.

23.1 Labor Standards:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal requirements, including but not limited to those pertaining to payment of wages and working conditions, in accordance with RCW 39.12.040, the Prevailing Wage Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Davis-Bacon Act; and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act providing for weekly payment of prevailing wages, minimum overtime pay, and providing that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to health and safety as determined by regulations promulgated by the Federal Secretary of Labor and the State of Washington.

Series 30-39: Provisions Related to Administration of Agreement

30.1 Independent Contractor:

The Contractor's services shall be furnished by the Contractor as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a relationship of employer-employee or master-servant, but all payments made hereunder and all services performed shall be made and performed pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor as an independent contractor.

The Contractor acknowledges that the entire compensation for this Agreement is specified in Exhibit "B" and the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits including, but not limited to: vacation pay, holiday pay, sick leave pay, medical, dental, or other insurance benefits, or any other rights or privileges afforded to employees of the County. The Contractor represents that he/she/it maintains a separate place of business, serves clients other than the County, will report all income and expense accrued under this contract to the Internal Revenue Service, and has a tax account with the State of Washington Department of Revenue for payment of all sales and use and Business and Occupation taxes collected by the State of Washington.

Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents or employees from any loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees or costs incurred by reason of claims or demands because of breach of the provisions of this paragraph

30.2 Assignment and Subcontracting:

The performance of all activities contemplated by this agreement shall be accomplished by the Contractor. No portion of this contract may be assigned or subcontracted to any other individual, firm or entity without the express and prior written approval of the County.

30.3 No Guarantee of Employment:

The performance of all or part of this contract by the Contractor shall not operate to vest any employment rights whatsoever and shall not be deemed to guarantee any employment of the Contractor or any employee of the Contractor or any subcontractor or any employee of any subcontractor by the County at the present time or in the future.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced and Public Records Act:

All writings, programs, data, public records or other materials prepared by the Contractor and/or its consultants or subcontractors, in connection with performance of this Agreement, shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. If the Contractor creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property, the Contractor may copyright or patent the same, but the County retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the materials or property and to authorize other governments to use the same for state or local governmental purposes. Contractor further agrees to make research, notes, and other work products produced in the performance of this Agreement available to the County upon request.

Ownership. Any and all data, writings, programs, public records, reports, analyses, documents, photographs, pamphlets, plans, specifications, surveys, films or any other materials created, prepared, produced, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors or consultants for delivery to the County under this Contract shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. Such property shall constitute "work made for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the ownership of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights in such property shall vest in the County at the time of its creation. Ownership of the intellectual property includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights. Material which the Contractor uses to perform this Contract but is not created, prepared, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced for or paid for by the County is owned by the Contractor and is not "work made for hire" within the terms of this Agreement.

Public Records Act. This Contract and all records associated with this Contract shall be available for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County at to the County's cost, which shall not be included in the maximum compensation amount described to Exhibit B. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Contractor shall be liable to the requester for any and all fees, costs, penalties or damages imposed or alleged as a result of the Contractor's failure to provide adequate or timely records.

This provision and the obligations it establishes shall remain in effect after the expiration of this contract.

31.2 Patent/Copyright Infringement:

Contractor will defend and indemnify the County from any claimed action, cause or demand brought against the County, to the extent such action is based on the claim that information supplied by the Contractor infringes any patent or copyright. The Contractor will pay those costs and damages attributable to any such claims that are finally awarded against the County in any action. Such defense and payments are conditioned upon the following:

A. The Contractor shall be notified promptly in writing by the County of any notice of such claim.

B. Contractor shall have the right, hereunder, at its option and expense, to obtain for the County the right to continue using the information, in the event such claim of infringement, is made, provided no reduction in performance or loss results to the County.

32.1 Confidentiality:

The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and their employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement, except upon the prior written consent of the County or an order entered by a court after having acquired jurisdiction over the County. Contractor shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents or employees from all loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees and costs resulting from Contractor's breach of this provision.

33.1 Right to Review:

This contract is subject to review by any Federal, State or County auditor. The County or its designee shall have the right to review and monitor the financial and service components of this program by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Administrative Officer or by the County Auditor's Office. Such review may occur with or without notice and may include, but is not limited to, on-site inspection by County agents or employees, inspection of all records or other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Agreement and its performance, and any and all communications with or evaluations by service recipients under this Agreement. The Contractor shall preserve and maintain all financial records and records relating to the performance of work under this Agreement for three (3) years after contract termination, and shall make them available for such review, within Whatcom County, State of Washington, upon request. Contractor also agrees to notify the Administrative Officer in advance of any inspections, audits, or program review by any individual, agency, or governmental unit whose purpose is to review the services provided within the terms of this Agreement. If no advance notice is given to the Contractor, then the Contractor agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

34.1 Insurance

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and continuously maintain the following insurance coverage for the duration of this contract, which shall include insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, subcontractors or employees. All insurers providing such insurance shall have an A.M. Best Rating of not less than A- (or otherwise be acceptable to the County) and be licensed to do business in the State of Washington and admitted by the Washington State Insurance Commissioner. Coverage limits shall be the minimum limits identified in this Contract or the coverage limits provided or available under the policies maintained by the Contractor without regard to this Contract, whichever are greater.

Professional Liability

Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Obtain professional liability insurance covering the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the professional in connection with the performance of services to the County. If any insurance policy or the professional liability insurance is written on a claims made form, its retroactive date, and that of all subsequent renewals, shall be no later than the effective date of this Contract. The policy shall state that coverage is claims made, and state the retroactive date.

Additional Insurance Requirements and Provisions

- a. All insurance policies shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis.
- b. Review of and Revision of Policy Provisions. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide a full and complete certified copy of all requested insurance policies to the County.
- c. The County must be notified immediately in writing of any cancellation of the policy, exhaustion of aggregate limits, notice of intent not to renew insurance coverage, expiration of policy or change in insurer carrier. Contractor shall always provide the County with

a current copy of the certificate and endorsements throughout the duration of the contract.

- e. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, for all Contractors' employees, agents and volunteers eligible for such coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act.
- f. Failure of the Contractor to take out and/or maintain required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor or subcontractors from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the obligations concerning indemnification. The County does not waive any insurance requirements even in the event the certificate or endorsements provided by the Contractor were insufficient or inadequate proof of coverage but not objected to by the County. The County's failure to confirm adequate proof of insurance requirements does not constitute a waiver of the Contractor's insurance requirements under this Contract.

34.3 Defense & Indemnity Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County and its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees, and alternative dispute resolution costs, for any personal injury, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death and for any damage, excluding sickness, disease or death, and for any damage that is attributable to COVID-19. to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) which: 1) are caused in whole or in part by any error, act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the Contractor, its employees, agents or volunteers or Contractor's subcontractors and their employees, agents or volunteers; or 2) directly or indirectly arise out of or occur in connection with performance of this Contract or 3) are based upon the Contractor's or its subcontractors' use of, presence upon, or proximity to the property of the County. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not apply in the limited circumstance where the claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused by the sole negligence of the County.

In the event the Contractor enters into subcontracts to the extent allowed under this Contract, the Contractor's subcontractors shall indemnify the County on a basis equal to or exceeding Contractor's indemnity obligations to the County. The Contractor shall pay all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the County in establishing and enforcing the County's rights under this indemnification provision, whether or not suit was instituted.

The Contractor agrees all Contractor's indemnity obligations shall survive the completion, expiration or termination of this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification obligations of the Contractor are a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement and are reflected in the Contractor's compensation.

35.1 Non-Discrimination in Employment

The County's policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, political affiliation, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees.

35.2 Non-Discrimination in Client Services:

The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status; or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any

manner related to his/her/its receipt any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law.

36.1 Waiver of Noncompetition:

Contractor irrevocably waives any existing rights which it may have, by contract or otherwise, to require another person or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal to or performing work or providing supplies to the County, and contractor further promises that it will not in the future, directly or indirectly, induce or solicit any person or corporation to refrain from submitting a bid or proposal to or from performing work or providing supplies to the County.

36.2 Conflict of Interest:

If at any time prior to commencement of, or during the term of this Agreement, Contractor or any of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement shall have or develop an interest in the subject matter of this Agreement that is potentially in conflict with the County's interest, then Contractor shall immediately notify the County of the same. The notification of the County shall be made with sufficient specificity to enable the County to make an informed judgment as to whether or not the County's interest may be compromised in any manner by the existence of the conflict, actual or potential. Thereafter, the County may require the Contractor to take reasonable steps to remove the conflict of interest. The County may also terminate this contract according to the provisions herein for termination.

37.1 Administration of Contract:

This Agreement shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Washington, and political subdivisions of the State of Washington. The Contractor also agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals.

The County hereby appoints, and the Contractor hereby accepts, the Whatcom County Executive, and his or her designee, as the County's representative, hereinafter referred to as the Administrative Officer, for the purposes of administering the provisions of this Agreement, including the County's right to receive and act on all reports and documents, and any auditing performed by the County related to this Agreement. The Administrative Officer for purposes of this agreement is:

Austin Rose, Planner I, 322 N. Commercial St. Second Floor, Bellingham, WA 98225

37.2 Notice:

Any notices or communications required or permitted to be given by this Contract must be (i) given in writing and (ii) personally delivered or mailed, by prepaid, certified mail or overnight courier, or transmitted by electronic mail transmission (including PDF), to the party to whom such notice or communication is directed, to the mailing address or regularly-monitored electronic mail address of such party as follows:

To: Contractor, Geneva Consulting Services

1020 Austin St.
Bellingham, WA 98229

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Any such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given on (i) the day such notice or communication is personally delivered, (ii) three (3) days after such notice or communication is mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail, (iii) one (1) working day after such notice or communication is sent by overnight courier, or (iv) the day such notice or communication is sent electronically, provided that the sender has received a confirmation of such electronic transmission. A party may, for purposes of this Agreement, change his, her or its address, email address or the person to whom a notice or other communication is marked to the attention of, by giving notice of such change to the other party pursuant to this Section.

37.3 If agreed by the parties, this Contract may be executed by Email transmission and PDF signature and Email transmission and PDF signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

38.1 Certification of Public Works Contractor's Status under State Law:

If applicable, Contractor certifies that it has fully met the responsibility criteria required of public works contractors under RCW 39.04.350 (1), which include: (a) having a certificate of registration in compliance with RCW 18.27; (b) having a current state unified business identifier number; (c) if applicable, having industrial insurance coverage for its employees working in Washington as required in Title 51 RCW, an employment security department number as required in Title 50 RCW, and a state excise tax registration number as required in Title 82 RCW; and (d) not being disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065 (3).

38.2 Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

If applicable, the Contractor further certifies, by executing this contract, that neither it nor its principles is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or Agency.

The Contractor also agrees that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions (a transaction between the Contractor and any other person) with a person who is proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, and the Contractor agrees to include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier transactions.

The "Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM) website is available to research this information at WWW.SAM.GOV. Contractor shall immediately notify Whatcom County if, during the term of this Contract, Contractor becomes debarred.

38.3 E-Verify:

The E-Verify contractor program for Whatcom County applies to contracts of \$100,000 or more and sub contracts for \$25,000 or more if the primary contract is for \$100,000 or more. If applicable, Contractor represents and warrants that it will, for at least the duration of this contract, register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work for Whatcom County. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Contractor/Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the County, to provide a copy of each such verification to the County. Contractor/Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Washington. Contractor/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Contractor/Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any Whatcom County contract for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Contractor/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit." Contractor will review and enroll in the E-Verify program through this website: www.uscis.gov

Series 40-49: Provisions Related to Interpretation of Agreement and Resolution of Disputes

40.1 Modifications:

Either party may request changes in the Agreement. Any and all agreed modifications, to be valid and binding upon either party, shall be in writing and signed by both of the parties.

40.2 Contractor Commitments, Warranties and Representations:

Any written commitment received from the Contractor concerning this Agreement shall be binding upon the Contractor, unless otherwise specifically provided herein with reference to this paragraph. Failure of the Contractor to fulfill such a commitment shall render the Contractor liable for damages to the County. A commitment includes, but is not limited to, any representation made prior to execution of this Agreement, whether or not incorporated elsewhere herein by reference, as to performance of services or equipment, prices or options for future acquisition to remain in effect for a fixed period, or warranties.

41.1 Severability:

If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

41.2 Waiver:

Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein conferred in any one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any such, or any other covenants or agreements, but the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

42.1 Disputes:

a. General:

Differences between the Contractor and the County, arising under and by virtue of the Contract Documents, shall be brought to the attention of the County at the earliest possible time in order that such matters may be settled or other appropriate action promptly taken. Except for such objections as are made of record in the manner hereinafter specified and within the time limits stated, the records, orders, rulings, instructions, and decisions of the Administrative Officer shall be final and conclusive.

b. Notice of Potential Claims:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation which otherwise may be payable, or to extension of time for (1) any act or failure to act by the Administrative Officer or the County, or (2) the happening of any event or occurrence, unless the Contractor has given the County a written Notice of Potential Claim within ten (10) days of the commencement of the act, failure, or event giving rise to the claim, and before final payment by the County. The written Notice of Potential Claim shall set forth the reasons for which the Contractor believes additional compensation or extension of time is due, the nature of the cost involved, and insofar as possible, the amount of the potential claim. Contractor shall keep full and complete daily records of the work performed, labor and material used, and all costs and additional time claimed to be additional.

c. Detailed Claim:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any such additional compensation, or extension of time, unless within thirty (30) days of the accomplishment of the portion of the work from which the claim arose, and before final payment by the County, the Contractor has given the County a detailed written statement of each element of cost or other compensation requested and of all elements of additional time required, and copies of any supporting documents evidencing the amount or the extension of time claimed to be due.

d. Arbitration:

Other than claims for injunctive relief, temporary restraining order, or other provisional remedy to preserve the status quo or prevent irreparable harm, brought by a party hereto (which may be brought either in court or pursuant to this arbitration provision), and consistent with the provisions hereinabove, any claim, dispute or controversy between the parties under, arising out of, or related to this Contract or otherwise, including issues of specific performance, shall be determined by arbitration in Bellingham, Washington, under the applicable American Arbitration Association (AAA) rules in effect on the date hereof, as modified by this Agreement. There shall be one arbitrator selected by the parties within ten (10) days of the arbitration demand, or if not, by the AAA or any other group having similar credentials. Any issue about whether a claim is covered by this Contract shall be determined by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall apply substantive law and may award injunctive relief, equitable relief (including specific performance), or any other remedy available from a judge but shall not have the power to award punitive damages. Each Party shall pay all their own costs, attorney fees and expenses of arbitration and the parties shall share equally in the Arbitrator's fees and costs. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and an order confirming the award or judgment upon the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The parties agree that the decision of the arbitrator shall be the sole and exclusive remedy between them regarding any dispute presented or pled before the arbitrator. At the request of either party made not later than forty-five (45) days after the arbitration demand, the parties agree to submit the dispute to nonbinding mediation, which shall not delay the arbitration hearing date; provided, that either party may decline to mediate and proceed with arbitration.

Any arbitration proceeding commenced to enforce or interpret this Contract shall be brought within six years after the initial occurrence giving rise to the claim, dispute, or issue for which arbitration is commenced, regardless of the date of discovery or whether the claim, dispute, or issue was continuing in nature. Claims, disputes, or issues arising more than six years prior to a written request or demand for arbitration issued under this Contract are not subject to arbitration.

- e. The parties may agree in writing signed by both parties that a claim or dispute may be brought in Whatcom County Superior Court rather than mediation or arbitration.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this Contract shall be governed by the laws of Whatcom County and the State of Washington.

43.1 Venue and Choice of Law:

In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Whatcom. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

44.1 Survival:

The provisions of paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 21.1, 22.1, 30.1, 31.1, 31.2, 32.1, 33.1, 34.2, 34.3, 36.1, 40.2, 41.2, 42.1, and 43.1, if utilized, shall survive, notwithstanding the termination or invalidity of this Agreement for any reason.

45.1 Entire Agreement:

This written Agreement, comprised of the writings signed or otherwise identified and attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

EXHIBIT "A"
(SCOPE OF WORK)

Task 1: Organize, Support, Administer, Facilitate, and Coordinate a Local Integrating Organization

Project Approach:

- Maintain a public e-mail list for notification of WRIA1 Management Team and WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board meetings and other activities or events the community may have an interest in. Direct general inquiries to appropriate entity or individual as needed.
- Coordinate meeting logistics and facilitation for up to 9 work group or LIO staff team meetings, 12 Steering Committee, 24 WRIA1 Management Team, and 15 WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board meetings. This includes agenda preparation, meeting summaries, and preparation of other supporting materials.
- Maintain the Whatcom LIO webpage to provide information on process and status of LIO work. This will include meeting agenda, summaries, and progress on near-term actions.
- Ensure cross-posting and distribution of Whatcom LIO relevant information with the WRIA1 Watershed Project, WRIA1 Salmon Recovery Program, and as appropriate, WWIN/ Whatcom ECONet.
- Maintain communication links to Puget Sound Partnership including with the Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator assigned to Whatcom LIO and report and distribute regional information from the Puget Sound Partnership to the Whatcom LIO participants as applicable.
- Attend monthly Partnership meetings for LIO Coordinators for Action Agenda updates, 12 regional LIO Coordinator meetings, and other coordination meetings, regional meetings, or conference calls required by PSP for purposes of information gathering and reporting back to the appropriate WRIA1 Team.
- Coordinate with salmon recovery Lead Entity (ies). As needed, adaptively manage LIO structure to better reflect integration.
- Provide support, as requested, to Whatcom LIO Ecosystem Coordination Board representative and alternate in the form of coordinating local positions and/or briefing papers with or for the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board, Watershed Management Team, and/or other groups as directed.

Assumptions:

- Operational communication is considered correspondence and information that is received from PSP, other LIOs, and other entities, will be distributed to the appropriate LIO Team or the Policy Boards.
- The consultant works with the LIO Staff Team and fiscal agent staff- depending on the information received- to frame up topics for discussion by the Management Team and/or Policy Boards, as needed.
- External communication that is considered outside of typical process-coordination communication will be referred to the fiscal agent staff and/or Management Team as applicable.
- Participation in regional meetings will be prioritized given budget considerations.

Work Products:

- Progress reports describing general communication and distribution of LIO-related materials to WRIA 1 Boards, Management Team, Steering Committee, Watershed Work Group, LIO Staff Team, and interested community members. January 16, 2023; January 15, 2024; January 15, 2025; April 17, 2023; April 15, 2024; April 15, 2025; July 17, 2023; July 15, 2024; July 15, 2025; September 30, 2023; September 30, 2024; September 30, 2025.
- Agendas, supporting materials, and meeting summaries for Whatcom County LIO Staff Team, Watershed Work Group, Steering Committee, WRIA 1 Management Team, and WRIA 1 Boards. January 16, 2023; January 15, 2024; January 15, 2025; April 17, 2023; April 15, 2024; April 15, 2025; July 17, 2023; July 15, 2024; July 15, 2025; September 30, 2023; September 30, 2024; September 30, 2025.
- Agendas from regional meetings and trainings attended. January 16, 2023; January 15, 2024; January 15, 2025; April 17, 2023; April 15, 2024; April 15, 2025; July 17, 2023; July 15, 2024; July 15, 2025; September 30, 2023; September 30, 2024; September 30, 2025.
- Briefing papers or other material prepared in support of Whatcom LIO Ecosystem Coordination Board representative and alternate. January 16, 2023; January 15, 2024; January 15, 2025; April 17, 2023; April 15, 2024; April 15, 2025; July 17, 2023; July 15, 2024; July 15, 2025; September 30, 2023; September 30, 2024; September 30, 2025.

Budget Estimate: \$139,559.00

Labor: \$ 139,220.00

Mileage: \$339.00

Contract for Services

Geneva Consulting Services

Task 2: Advance Implementation of the 2022-2026 Action Agenda and Development of the 2026-2030 Action Agenda

Project Approach:

- Coordinate and catalyze implementation of the 2022-2026 Action Agenda. This will include:
 - Educate committees and local partners about Action Agenda content, its importance, and what it means for local partners.
 - Support LIO committees and LIO members in advancing implementation of strategies in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.
 - Work with committees to determine role that individual committee members and the LIO as a collaborative forum can play to catalyze action toward the Action Agenda's implementation
 - Facilitate updates, workshop-style agenda items, and/or presentations from committee members and other partners that serve to support or advance Action Agenda strategies and actions.
- Coordinate local contributions and content to adaptively manage the 2022-2026 Action Agenda. In coordination with the Partnership (Maximum 40hrs/yr)
- In coordination with the Partnership, support preliminary concept scoping and process development for 2026-2030 Action Agenda update. *(Oct 2024 -Sept 2025, max. 80 hrs)*
- Contribute to LIO Coordinator Collective Project (annually)

Assumptions:

- The LIO Staff Team, Steering Committee, and Management Team have a critical role in the tasks and approaches listed for Task 2. Process for receiving input occurs within the framework established for WRIA 1 processes involving staff and Management Team.

Work Products:

- Share a description of education activities related to Action Agenda promotion, how the LIO and LIO committee members discussed role related to Action Agenda, and presentation/workshop materials associated with this subtask.
- Show participation in the After Action Review and share any LIO specific materials.
- Describe participation in Action Agenda 2026-2030 preliminary scoping efforts and how HEAL guidelines were used to support local community engagement.

Budget Estimate: \$45,994.00

Labor: \$45,994.00

Task 3: Performance Management

Project Approach:

- Support Whatcom County Public Works- Natural Resources staff with invoicing and reporting to Puget Sound Partnership. Provide support for other grant agreement tasks as needed.

Work Products:

- Completed contract progress report by Task (1-5) on a quarterly basis.
- Billing summary and proof of expenditure for grant activities on a monthly basis.

Budget Estimate: \$8,748.00

Labor: \$8,748.00

Task 4: Support Adaptive Management of LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plans

Project Approach:

- Coordinate adaptive management of the LIO plan and strategies and supporting advancement of priority tasks.
- Coordinate with LIO teams on strategies and actions from Task 2 coordination of input to the PSP on development of the 2026-2030 Action Agenda to identify changes, inclusions, and other updates to the Whatcom LIO plan, and coordinate the recommended changes through the Management Team process.
- Communicate and provide changes and updates to the Whatcom LIO plan to PSP and prepare or coordinate updates to the Miradi files to reflect adaptive management of the plan.

- Maintain and Update LIO Plan Miradi files with WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board strategies that are a subset of the LIO plan.
- Adaptively manage the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board five-year plan to reflect changes, if applicable, to the strategies and actions in the LIO plan.

Assumptions:

- The WRIA 1 Management Team and Steering Committee will have critical roles in providing information on Task 4 coordination.
- The WRIA 1 Management Team, Steering Committee, and LIO Staff Team have critical roles in adaptive management of the LIO plan.

Work Products:

- Presentations
- Summary of Changes to the Ecosystem Recovery Plan via Adaptive Management.
- Updated Miradi files.

Budget Estimate: \$20,031.00

Labor: \$20,031.00

Task 5: Tailor LIO coordination to Support Unique Vision and Goals of LIO

Project Approach:

- Provide capacity support to Whatcom Watershed Information Network for to coordinate and collaborate on outreach topics associated with the LIO Plan, WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board work plan and other WRIA 1 efforts through:
 - Regular updates to Management Team,
 - Input on WWIN annual work plan
 - Support updating and upgrading the WWIN website
 - Support and expand community participation in Whatcom Water Week
 - Other tasks as funding allows.

Assumptions:

- Outreach information related to the WRIA 1 programs will be vetted through the WRIA 1 process (e.g., Management Team, Staff Teams, Work Groups)

Work Products:

- Efforts on coordination support will be summarized in monthly progress reports.

Budget Estimate: \$26,208.00

Labor: \$7,007.46

EXHIBIT "B"
(COMPENSATION)

As consideration for the services provided pursuant to Exhibit A, "Scope of Work", the County agrees to compensate the Contractor according to the hourly rates provided (below). Mileage incurred in the course of performing the duties herein shall be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.

Contractor will invoice monthly. Invoices will include hours worked by employee by day together with tasks accomplished. Requests for mileage reimbursement must be accompanied by mileage logs containing date of travel, start & end point and purpose. **Compensation shall not exceed \$247,587.46.** Any work performed prior to the effective date of this contract or continuing after the completion date of the same unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, will be at the contractor's expense.

Budget Summary

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Hourly Rate ¹	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$82.00	
Task 1	\$43,200.00	\$51,200.00	\$44,820.00	\$139,220.00
Travel	\$113.00	\$113.00	\$113.00	\$339.00
Task 2	\$13,120.00	\$13,120.00	\$19,754.00	\$45,994.00
Task 3	\$2,880	\$2,880.00	\$2,988.00	\$8,748.00
Task 4	\$7,520.00	\$6,160.00	\$6,639.00	\$20,071.00
Task 5	\$10,080.00	\$81,60.00	\$7,968.00	\$26,208.00
Supplies	\$2,282.82	\$2,562.82	\$2,161.82	\$7,007.46
Total	\$79,195.00	\$84,195.00	\$84,195.00	\$247,587.46

EXHIBIT "C"
(CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
06/08/2022

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).


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 Whatcom County is included as an additional insured for the above-noted insurance per form CG8810 0413. This Commercial General Liability insurance shall be considered as primary and non-contributory, and shall waive all rights of subrogation as per attached from CG8810 0413. The County insurance shall not serve as a source of contribution.

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Exhibit "D"

(GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS)

Title: Whatcom County LIO – FFY 2023-2025 Funding

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-01J97401-0]. 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) establishes a number of fire safety standards which must be met for hotels and motels. Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, 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 101-391, as amended). CONTRACTOR may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/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 another 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 to attend 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. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 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.

23. 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. This limit 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).

Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR Parts 30 or 31, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction and control of the individual who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 CFR 30.27(b) or 40 CFR 31.369j), as applicable, for additional information.

As of January 1, 2022, the limit is \$675.84 per day \$84.48 per hour.
(Calculations: 2022 Level IV Executive Schedule annual pay = \$176,300 / 2087 = \$84.48 per hour or \$675.84 per day).

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. 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

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. *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.