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Parks & Recreation Dept.
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Bennett Knox
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Bennett Knox, Director 

FROM: Rod Lamb, Design and Development Manager

RE: Vision Plan for Hovander Homestead Park

DATE: 3/13/2025

Please find included herein the contract between Whatcom County and J.A. Bennan & Associates PLLC (JAB) for your review and approval.

Background and Purpose

Parks requests approval of the attached contract with JAB for professional design services required for an overall vision plan for Hovander Homestead Park. This contract provides the design and engineering services needed complete outreach and inventory for the community needs and desires for the next 15-20 years of the park. The final result of this contract will be an actionable vision plan outlining potential improvements to the park and subsequent costs for construction and on-going maintenance.

Through RFQ# 24-27, the County requested qualifications from eight design firms. Of those eight firms, six provided Statements of Qualifications. The County interviewed four of those firms and found JAB to be the most qualified for this project. JAB's extensive project portfolio of work creating vision plan documents, along with their experience in community outreach, and work on projects located along large seasonally shifting rivers was the justification for their selection as the most qualified consultant to complete the work.

Funding Amount and Source

The budget for this project was approved by Council on 2/25/2025 with Ordinance 2025-010 (AB2025-164) and is funded by the Parks Special Revenue Fund.

Differences from Previous Contract

This is a new contract.

Please contact Rod Lamb at extension 5858, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

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