



WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET (CIS)

Whatcom Co. Contract #:

Originating Department: 85 - Health
Division: 8540 - Environmental Health
Program: 854080 - Solid Waste Infrastructure
Contract or Grant Administrator: Jennifer Hayden
Contractor's / Agency Name: SCS Engineers
Title of Agreement (optional): Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Update

Type of Contract: Standard Contract for Services	
If amendment or renewal, original contract #:	
Is this is a grant agreement? No	
If so, grantor agency contract #s:	ALN:
<i>Note: Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds.</i>	
Is this contract grant-funded? No	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):
If this contract the result of an RFP? No	If yes, RFP number(s):
Is this contract the result of a Bid Process? No	If yes, Bid Number(s):
Does this contract involve federal reimbursement? (i.e. fed grant, cooperative agreement, pass-through fed funds, etc.) No	
Procurement method:	Consultant Roster - Procurement of professional services (architects, engineers, surveyors, accountants)
Council review: Required - Contract/bid exceeds \$75,000	

Fund(s): 1857	Original Contract Amount: \$
Cost Center(s): 18571001	This Amendment Amount: \$
Object Account(s): 6610	Total Cumulative Amount: \$ 138,894

Contract term ends: 07/28/2027

Key words/summary (optional):	
2026 estimated budget spend out = \$96,792	Supplemental Budget Request ID# 1857_5431
2027 estimated budget spend out = \$42,102	

Contract routing (please initial & date):

Prepared by: crg 06/14/2026

Contractor signed: _____

Contractor review: _____

Executive review: _____

Attorney signoff: jcw 07/06/2026

Council approval, if necessary: _____

AS Finance review: dmk 07/14/2026

AB#: AB2026-569

IT review (if related): n/a

Executive signed: _____

Whatcom County Contract Number:

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
Between Whatcom County and SCS Engineers**

SCS Engineers, hereinafter called **Contractor** and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

General Conditions, pp. 3 to 13,
Exhibit A (Scope of Work), pp. 14 to 15,
Exhibit B (Compensation), pp. 16 to 18,
Exhibit C (Certificate of Insurance).

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 July 29, 2026, and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on July 28, 2027.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to: prepare an updated Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CSHWMP) to address current needs and State requirements, 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 \$138,894. The maximum consideration may be amended in accordance with Whatcom County Code and the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

The 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, and 34.3, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on:

Each signatory below to this Contract warrants that they are the authorized agent of the respective party; and that they have the authority to enter into the contract and to bind the party thereto.

CONTRACTOR:

SCS Engineers
2405 140th Ave NE, Suite 107
Bellevue, WA 98005

Greg Helland, R.G., LHG., Business Unit Director

Date

WHATCOM COUNTY:
Recommended for Approval:

Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager Date

Champ Thomaskutty, Director Date
Whatcom County Health and Community Services

Approved as to form:

Approved via email JCW/crg 07/06/2026
Janelle C. Wilson, Civil Deputy Prosecutor Date

Approved:
Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: _____
Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive Date

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

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ghelland@scsengineers.com

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:

The term of this Agreement shall commence and end on the dates specified on the first page of this Agreement unless terminated or extended as provided elsewhere in this Agreement.

Services and any materials provided by the Contractor prior to or after the term of this Agreement shall be performed or provided at the expense of the Contractor and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing.

10.2 Extension:

The term, consideration, and other conditions of this original Agreement may be extended upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Any such extension shall be documented in a written amendment signed by both parties and shall specify the revised term and any applicable modifications to this Agreement. Failure to extend or renew this Agreement shall result in expiration of the Agreement at the end of its current term.

10.3 Renewal:

Subject to applicable law, County priorities, Contractor performance, and the availability of appropriated funds, this Agreement may be renewed on an annual basis, upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Any renewal shall require affirmative written notice from the County of intent to renew, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the then-current term. Each renewal shall extend the Term and shall incorporate and continue in full force and effect the consideration, scope of work, and all other conditions of this Agreement, including any amendments properly executed during the then-current term.

The renewal shall be effected by written amendment executed by the parties and shall specify the renewal period and any approved changes to the Agreement. The cumulative duration of this Agreement, including the initial term, any extensions, and all renewals, shall not exceed four (4) years from the effective date of the original agreement, unless otherwise authorized by the County.

Failure of the County to provide the required affirmative written notice of intent to renew within the time specified above, or failure to execute a renewal amendment shall result in expiration of the Agreement at the end of its current term.

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 terminate the contract, and at the County's option, obtain performance of the work elsewhere. Termination shall be effective upon the Contractor's receipt of the notice given pursuant to section 37.2 of this Agreement. 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 in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 37.2 of this Agreement.

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:

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 its 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. Any such approval must be set forth in a written amendment executed by both parties and shall identify the specific cost or expenses not previously included in this Agreement.

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 the 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 the 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 ten (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: (a) cure any failure or default, (b) to pay any amount so required to be paid and to charge the same to the account of the Contractor, (c) 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 the 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:

In providing services under this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither it nor its officers, agents, or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Contractor shall be responsible for all federal and/or state tax, industrial insurance, and Social Security liability that may result from the performance of and compensation for these services and shall make no claim of career service or civil service rights which may accrue to a County employee under state or local law.

The County assumes no responsibility for the payment of any compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, by, or on behalf of the Contractor, its employees, and/or others by reason of this Contract.

The Contractor shall protect, indemnify, defend, and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting from (a) the Contractor's failure to pay any such compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, and/or (b) the supplying to the Contractor of work, services, materials, or supplies by the Contractor's employees or other suppliers in connection with or support of the performance of this Contract.

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's Administrative Officer. Subcontractors must comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

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. The 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 no cost to the County. 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:

The 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. The 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.

31.3 Web Content Accessibility:

The Contractor will ensure that all public-facing deliverables provided under this contract that constitute web content – including, without limitation, reports, presentations, flyers, digital handouts, and website material) conform to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (or any later version adopted by the Contractor) at Levels A and AA, to the extent applicable under the U.S. Department of Justice Title II web and mobile accessibility rule, 28 C.F.R. § 35.200 et seq.

The County may request reasonable clarifications or supplemental evidence regarding conformance with the standard, as set forth above. The Contractor will respond to any such requests within ten (10) days from the date of request.

If at any time the County identifies accessibility defects that materially impede completion of core tasks by its residents, the Contractor shall remediate those defects at no additional cost and re-present the affected deliverables for acceptance within a reasonable timeline.

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. The Contractor shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information.

The Contractor shall report any known or suspected unauthorized access, acquisition, or disclosure of County data or personal information ("Data Breach") to the County within forty-eight (48) hours of discovery, in accordance with RCW 19.255 and RCW 42.56.590. Such notice shall include, to the extent known, the nature of the Data Breach, the data affected, and any actions taken or planned to mitigate harm.

The 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 the Contractor's breach of this provision, including failures to maintain confidentiality or to timely report a Data Breach.

The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the County in any investigation, litigation, administrative proceeding, or audit relating to a Data Breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, including providing records, affidavits, or testimony in a timely manner, and complying with any litigation or document preservation holds issued by the County or a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Contractor shall bear all costs associated with investigating, mitigating, and remediating a Data Breach, including notification of affected individuals and agencies, unless otherwise directed by the County.

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. The 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.

1. Commercial General Liability

Property Damage	\$500,000.00, per occurrence
General Liability & bodily injury	\$1,000,000.00, per occurrence
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00

At least as broad as ISO form CG 00 01 or the equivalent, which coverage shall include personal injury, bodily injury and property damage for Premises Operations, Products and Completed Operations, Personal/Advertising Injury, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractor Liability, medical payments and Stop Gap/Employer's Liability. Coverage shall not exclude or contain sub-limits less than the minimum limits required, unless approved in writing by the County.

2. 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. Claims-made form coverage shall be maintained by the Contractor for a minimum of 36 months following the Completion Date or earlier termination of this Contract, and the Contractor shall annually provide the Contracting Agency with proof of renewal. If renewal of the claims made form of coverage becomes unavailable, or economically prohibitive, the Contractor shall purchase an extended reporting period ("tail") or execute another form of guarantee acceptable to the Contracting Agency to assure financial responsibility for liability for services performed.

3. Business Automobile Liability

\$1,000,000.00 Minimum, per occurrence

\$2,000,000.00 Minimum, Annual Aggregate

The Contractor shall provide auto liability coverage for owned, non-owned and hired autos using ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 or the exact equivalent with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident. If the Contractor owns no vehicles this requirement may be met through a non-owned auto Endorsement to the CGL policy.

4. Additional Insurance Requirements and Provisions

- a. All insurance policies shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis.
- b. Additional Insureds. Whatcom County, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be included as additional insureds on the Contractor's and the Contractor's subcontractors' insurance policies by way of endorsement for the full available limits of insurance required in this contract or maintained by the Contractor and subcontractor, whichever is greater.
- c. Primary and Non-contributory Insurance. The Contractor shall provide primary insurance coverage and the County's insurance shall be non-contributory. Any insurance, self-insured retention, deductible, risk retention or insurance pooling maintained or participated in by the County shall be excess and non-contributory to the Contractor's insurance.
- d. Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance policy shall provide a waiver of subrogation with respect to each insurance policy maintained under this Contract. When required by an insurer, or if a policy condition does not permit the Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then the Contractor agrees to notify the insurer and obtain such endorsement. This requirement shall not apply to any policy which

includes a condition expressly prohibiting waiver of subrogation by the insured or which voids coverage should the Contractor enter into such a waiver of subrogation on a pre-loss basis.

- e. 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. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement, including but not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or to reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the requirements of this Contract. Additionally, the County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any proposed insurer providing coverage based upon the insurer's financial condition or licensing status in Washington.
- f. Verification of Coverage/Certificates and Endorsements. The Contractor shall furnish the County with a certificate of insurance and endorsements required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each policy shall be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificate and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be on forms approved by the County prior to commencement of activities associated with the contract. The certificate and endorsements, and renewals thereof, shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "C". If Exhibit C is not attached, the Contractor must submit the certificate and endorsements required in this contract to the County prior to the commencement of any work on the contracted project. A certificate alone is insufficient proof of the required insurance; endorsements must be included with the certificate. The certificate of insurance must reflect the insurance required in this contract, including appropriate limits, insurance coverage dates, per occurrence, and in the description of operations, include the County project, Whatcom County, its departments, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds, primary, non-contributory, and waiver of subrogation.
- g. 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. The Contractor shall always provide the County with a current copy of the certificate and endorsements throughout the duration of the contract.
- h. No Limitation on Liability. The insurance maintained under this Contract shall not in any manner limit the liability or qualify the liabilities or obligations of the Contractor to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the County's recourse to any remedy available at law or equity.
- i. Payment Conditioned on Insurance and Failure to Maintain Insurance. Compensation and/or payments due to the Contractor under this Contract are expressly conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance with all insurance requirements. Failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract. Payment to the Contractor may be suspended in the event of non-compliance, upon which the County may, after giving five (5) business days' notice to the Contractor to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the County on demand or offset against funds due the Contractor. Upon receipt of evidence of the Contractor's compliance, payments not otherwise subject to withholding or set-off will be released to the Contractor.
- j. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, for all of the Contractors' employees, agents and volunteers eligible for such coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act.
- k. 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.
- l. Availability of Contractor Limits. If the Contractor maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, the County shall be insured for the full available limits, including Excess or Umbrella liability maintained by the Contractor, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Contractor are greater than those required by this contract or whether any certificate furnished to the County evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by the Contractor.

- m. Insurance for Subcontractors. If the Contractor subcontracts (if permitted in the contract) any portion of this Contract, the Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall require separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements from each subcontractor. Insurance coverages by subcontractors must comply with the insurance requirements of the Contractor in this contract and shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein, including naming the County as additional insured.
- n. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor's insurance obligation shall survive the completion or termination of this Contract for a minimum period of three years.

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 to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) (collectively "Claims") to the extent they: a) 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 in performing the services hereunder; or b) directly or indirectly arise out of Contractor's performance of this Contract. 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.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this contract is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then in the event of concurrent negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees or agents, and the County, its employees or agents, this indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees, and agents. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not be limited in any way by the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, or by application of any other workmen's compensation act, disability benefit act or other employee benefit act, and the Contractor hereby expressly waives any immunity afforded by such acts.

It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein. The parties specifically agree that this Contract is for the benefit of the parties only and this Contract shall create no rights in any third party. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the defense of any claim, damages, losses, or expenses, and such participation shall not constitute a waiver of the Contractor's indemnity obligations under this Agreement.

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 the Contractor's indemnity obligations to the County. The Contractor shall pay all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the County in prevailing in any legal proceeding establishing and enforcing the County's rights under this indemnification provision.

The Contractor agrees that all of 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.

By signing this contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it has freely negotiated and agreed to the indemnification requirements to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all Claims including those brought against the County by the Contractor's own employees, arising from Contractor's performance of this contract.

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 ensure 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/their 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 Non-Solicitation:

Contractor agrees 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, the 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 the 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:

Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor

Whatcom County Health and Community Services
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

37.2 Notice:

Any notices or communications required or permitted to be given by this Contract must be (a) given in writing, and (b) 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:

Whatcom County Health and Community Services

Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us

SCS Engineers

2405 140th Ave NE, Suite 107
Bellevue, WA 98005

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, by signing this contract, the 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, by signing this contract, the Contractor further certifies, that neither it nor its principals 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 and certifies, by initialing below and executing this Agreement, 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. The Contractor shall immediately notify Whatcom County if, during the term of this Contract, the Contractor becomes debarred. The Contractor further agrees to provide immediate written notice to the County if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, they learn that their certification was erroneous when made or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

38.3 Federal Employment Verification:

Where required by federal law, including contracts containing the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) E-Verify clause (48 C.F.R. 52.222-54), Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal employment eligibility verification requirements.

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40.1 Modifications:

Either party may request changes in the Agreement. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid and binding only through written agreement signed by both parties and executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties, and, for the County, approved by governing authority or county policy. No amendment shall be effective unless such approval has been obtained and the amendment has been fully executed.

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 (a) any act or failure to act by the Administrative Officer or the County, or (b) 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. The 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, 34.3, 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)

I. Background and Purpose

SCS Engineers will prepare an updated Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CSHWMP) to address current needs and State requirements, incorporating all elements required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70A.205.045. The Department of Ecology requires plans to be updated every five years to remain current. SCS Engineers will closely coordinate and communicate with Whatcom County Health and Community Service's (WCHCS') Solid Waste Program staff, the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), and lead public hearings and presentations, as needed.

II. Statement of Work

SCS Engineers will prepare an updated Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan to address current needs and State requirements. Tasks will include the following:

Task 1 – Visionary Process:

- a. Meet with County staff and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to determine the visionary approach for the updated plan which will maintain flexibility in programs, goals, and objectives, while keeping required plan elements as described in RCW 70A.205.045 (and detailed in Ecology's most recent Guidelines).

Task 2 – Background Research:

- a. Gather and review existing documents and maps from Whatcom County and elsewhere.
- b. Perform online and on-site research.
- c. Meet with Whatcom County staff, Department of Ecology, key private sector players, and other agencies.

Task 3 – Preliminary Analysis:

- a. Review existing programmatic and facility objectives to determine if they should be continued, revised, or discontinued.
- b. Work with County staff and SWAC/SWAC sub-committee to develop criteria that can be used to evaluate planning options, including new criteria that will incorporate sustainability and Beyond Waste considerations into overall decision-making framework.

Task 4 – Plan Update:

- a. Update the Whatcom County 2022-2027 Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CSHWMP) according to Department of Ecology guidelines, incorporating new legislative requirements.
- b. Prepare recommended changes to the CSHWMP including but not limited to: updated text and statistical data, tables, goals, objectives, policies, maps, other associated documents, and public and Department of Ecology comments.
- c. Review public comments from the previous plan update to consider for incorporation into revised plan.
- d. Review and assess current trends and systems of collection, transfer, and disposal systems.
- e. Prepare waste stream characterization and projections for the six and 20-year planning period.
- f. Facilitate a SWAC meeting discussing the collection of residential curbside recyclables across the planning area, the processing and marketing of the collected materials, and an updated draft of the designated recyclables list; incorporating any list(s) developed by Washington State as a result of the Recycling Reform Act.
- g. Review existing waste reduction and recycling programs and recommendations to meet future needs, including outreach and education.
- h. Provide an overview of the current systems for organics/composting/land-clearing debris.
- i. Review and update current conditions and needs of existing moderate risk waste programs as a separate section of the plan.
- j. Include the current CSHWMP as an appendix.
- k. Assess current systems and service gaps for special wastes.
- l. Summarize existing administration and enforcement programs.
- m. Prepare the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) Cost Assessment.

- n. Prepare the SEPA checklist.

Task 5 – Public and Agency Participation Process:

- a. Under the direction of County staff, the Consultant will be responsible for coordinating the review and comment process with other agencies and for leading any public meetings/hearings including the development of presentation materials.

Task 6 – Preparation of Documents:

- a. Prepare draft document for public and agency review;
- b. Complete the SEPA checklist and necessary documents;
- c. Following final action and adoption of the Plan, Consultant will prepare final documents, including all maps, attachments, and appendices, for publication, as both PDF and word documents;
- d. Provide preliminary and/or final draft Plan updates and the adopted, approved Plan update in an electronic format.

EXHIBIT "B"
(COMPENSATION)

Budget and Source of Funding: The source of funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$138,894, is provided by the Solid Waste Fund. The budget for this contract is as follows:

¹ Cost Description	Documents Required with Each Invoice	Budget
Labor Costs • Project Director \$249/hr • Project Manager \$249/hr • Senior Technical Advisor \$310/hr • Organics Lead \$280/hr • Recycling/Reduction Lead \$262/hr • Planning Advisor \$212-\$325/hr • Planning and Technical Support \$108/hr • Administrative Assistant \$94/hr	• Dates, rates, and hours of services • Brief description of activities performed, and associated Task number from Exhibit A.II. (Statement of Work)	\$130,894
Direct Costs	• Copies of paid invoices or receipts • See Exhibit B.1 (6.c and 6.d) for additional documentation required for expenses related to mileage, travel, etc.	\$8,000
TOTAL		\$138,894

¹ All costs must be directly attributable to the activities described in Exhibit A. When requested, time records must be available that support time worked on this project.

Contractor's Invoicing Contact Information:	
Name	
Phone	
Email	

Refer to Exhibits B.1 and B.2 for additional invoicing requirements and information.

EXHIBIT “B.1” – Invoicing – General Requirements

1. When applicable, the contractor may transfer funds among budget line items in an amount not to exceed 10% of the line item budget. Line item changes that exceed 10% must be pre-approved by the County Contract Administrator, prior to invoicing.
2. When applicable, indirect costs and fringe benefit cost rates may not exceed the amount indicated in Exhibit B or the Contractor's federally approved indirect cost rate.
3. The Contractor shall submit invoices indicating the County-assigned contract number to:
HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us and JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us
4. The Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis in a format approved by the County and by the 15th of the month, following the month of service, except for January and July where the same is due by the 10th of the month.
5. When applicable, the Contractor will utilize grant funding sources in the order of their expiration date as indicated by the County, prior to spending local funding sources, when no funding restrictions prevent doing so.
6. The contractor shall submit the required invoice documentation identified in Exhibit B.
 - a. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation in order to determine eligible costs. Additional documentation must be received within 10 business days of the County's request.
 - b. When applicable, if GL reports for personnel reimbursement do not specify position titles, additional documentation must be provided that includes staff name and position title.
 - c. When applicable, mileage will be reimbursed at the current GSA rate (www.gsa.gov). Reimbursement requests for mileage must include:
 1. Name of staff member
 2. Date of travel
 3. Starting address (including zip code) and ending address (including zip code)
 4. Number of miles traveled
 - d. When applicable, travel and/or training expenses will be reimbursed as follows:
 1. Lodging and meal costs for training are not to exceed the current GSA rate (www.gsa.gov), specific to location.
 2. Ground transportation, coach airfare and ferries will be reimbursed at cost when accompanied by receipts.
 3. Reimbursement requests for allowable travel and/or training must include:
 - a. Name of staff member
 - b. Dates of travel
 - c. Starting point and destination
 - d. Brief description of purpose
 - e. Receipts for registration fees or other documentation of professional training expenses.
 - f. Receipts for meals are not required.
7. Payment by the County will be considered timely if it is made within 30 days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information from the Contractor.
8. The County may withhold payment of an invoice if the Contractor submits it or the required invoice documentation, more than 30 days after the month of services performed and/or the expiration of this contract.
9. Invoices must include the following statement, with an authorized signature and date: **I certify that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described on this invoice.**
10. Duplication of billed costs or payments for service: The Contractor shall not bill the County for services performed or provided under this contract, and the County shall not pay the Contractor, if the Contractor has been or will be paid by any other source, including grants, for those costs used to perform or provide the services in this contract. The Contractor is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed amounts paid as a result of this contract.

EXHIBIT "B.2" – Invoice Preparation Checklist for Vendors

The County intends to pay you promptly. Below is a checklist to ensure your payment will be processed quickly. Provide this to the best person in your company for ensuring invoice quality control.

- ☐ Send the invoices to the correct address:
HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us and JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us
- ☐ Submit invoices monthly, or as otherwise indicated in your contract.

Verify that:

- ☐ invoices include the following statement with an authorized signature and date: **I certify that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described on this invoice.**
- ☐ the time period for services performed is clearly stated and within the contract term beginning and end dates. Also verify any other dates identified in the contract, such as annual funding allocations;
- ☐ invoice items have not been previously billed or paid, given the time period for which services were performed;
- ☐ enough money remains on the contract and any amendments to pay the invoice;
- ☐ the invoice is organized by task and budget line item as shown in Exhibit B;
- ☐ the Overhead or Indirect Rate costs match the most current approved rate sheet;
- ☐ the direct charges on the invoice are allowable by contract. Eliminate unallowable costs.
- ☐ personnel named are explicitly allowed for within the contract and the Labor Rates match the most current approved rate sheet;
- ☐ back-up documentation matches what is required as stated in Exhibit B and B.1;
- ☐ contract number is referenced on the invoice;
- ☐ any pre-authorizations or relevant communication with the County Contract Administrator is included; and
- ☐ Check the math.

Whatcom County will not reimburse for:

- Alcohol or tobacco products;
- Traveling Business or First Class; or
- Indirect expenses exceeding 15% except as approved in an indirect or overhead rate agreement.

EXHIBIT "C"
(CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

3/31/2027

7/7/2026

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).

PRODUCER Lockton Companies, LLC DBA Lockton Insurance Brokers, LLC in CA CA license #0F15767 8110 E Union Ave., Ste. 100 Denver CO 80237 denver-certs@lockton.com	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C. No. Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS: INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Zurich American Insurance Company INSURER B: Steadfast Insurance Company INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	FAX (A/C. No): NAIC # 16535 26387
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COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 23723082**REVISION NUMBER:** XXXXXXXX

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR ☒ X,C,U Included ☒ Contractual Liab GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☒ PRO-JECT ☒ LOC ☐ OTHER:	Y	Y	GLO 0112778-11	3/31/2026	3/31/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 25,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 \$
A	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY	N	Y	BAP 0112780-11	4/1/2026	4/1/2027	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ XXXXXXXX BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ XXXXXXXX PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ XXXXXXXX \$ XXXXXXXX
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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N ☒ N	Y	WC0112779-11	4/1/2026	4/1/2027	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
B	Professional Liability	N	N	PEC 0112862-11	3/31/2026	3/31/2027	Each Claim: 1,000,000 Policy Aggregate: 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

RE: Job Number: 04226045.00, Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Whatcom County, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers are Additional Insured(s) as per the attached endorsement or policy language upon execution of an agreement. Insurance provided to Additional Insured(s) is primary and non-contributory as per the attached endorsements or policy language. Waiver of subrogation applies as per the attached endorsements or policy language, where allowed by law.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION** See Attachments**23723082**Whatcom County
Attn: Jennifer Hayden
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Additional Insured – Automatic – Owners, Lessees Or Contractors

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

Policy No. GLO 0112778-11

Effective Date: 3/31/2026

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the:

Commercial General Liability Coverage Part

A. Section II – Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured any person or organization whom you are required to add as an additional insured under a written contract or written agreement executed by you, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" and subject to the following:

1. If such written contract or written agreement specifically requires that you provide that the person or organization be named as an additional insured under one or both of the following endorsements:

- a. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) ISO CG 20 10 (10/01 edition); or
- b. The ISO CG 20 37 (10/01 edition),

such person or organization is then an additional insured with respect to such endorsement(s), but only to the extent that "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arises out of:

- (1) Your ongoing operations, with respect to Paragraph 1.a. above; or
- (2) "Your work", with respect to Paragraph 1.b. above,
which is the subject of the written contract or written agreement.

However, solely with respect to this Paragraph 1., insurance afforded to such additional insured:

- (a) Only applies if the "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" offense occurs during the policy period and subsequent to your execution of the written contract or written agreement; and
- (b) Does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused by "your work" and included within the "products-completed operations hazard" unless the written contract or written agreement specifically requires that you provide such coverage to such additional insured.

2. If such written contract or written agreement specifically requires that you provide that the person or organization be named as an additional insured under one or both of the following endorsements:

- a. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) ISO CG 20 10 (07/04 edition); or
- b. The ISO CG 20 37 (07/04 edition),

such person or organization is then an additional insured with respect to such endorsement(s), but only to the extent that "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" is caused, in whole or in part, by:

- (1) Your acts or omissions; or
- (2) The acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf,

in the performance of:

- (a) Your ongoing operations, with respect to Paragraph **2.a.** above; or
- (b) "Your work" and included in the "products-completed operations hazard", with respect to Paragraph **2.b.** above,

which is the subject of the written contract or written agreement.

However, solely with respect to this Paragraph **2.**, insurance afforded to such additional insured:

- (i) Only applies if the "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" offense occurs during the policy period and subsequent to your execution of the written contract or written agreement; and
- (ii) Does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused by "your work" and included within the "products-completed operations hazard" unless the written contract or written agreement specifically requires that you provide such coverage to such additional insured.

3. If neither Paragraph **1.** nor Paragraph **2.** above apply and such written contract or written agreement requires that you provide that the person or organization be named as an additional insured:

- a. Under the ISO CG 20 10 (04/13 edition, any subsequent edition or if no edition date is specified); or
- b. With respect to ongoing operations (if no form is specified),

such person or organization is then an additional insured only to the extent that "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" is caused, in whole or in part by:

- (1) Your acts or omissions; or
- (2) The acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf,

in the performance of your ongoing operations, which is the subject of the written contract or written agreement.

However, solely with respect to this Paragraph **3.**, insurance afforded to such additional insured:

- (a) Only applies to the extent permitted by law;
- (b) Will not be broader than that which you are required by the written contract or written agreement to provide for such additional insured; and
- (c) Only applies if the "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" offense occurs during the policy period and subsequent to your execution of the written contract or written agreement.

4. If neither Paragraph **1.** nor Paragraph **2.** above apply and such written contract or written agreement requires that you provide that the person or organization be named as an additional insured:

- a. Under the ISO CG 20 37 (04/13 edition, any subsequent edition or if no edition date is specified); or
- b. With respect to the "products-completed operations hazard" (if no form is specified),

such person or organization is then an additional insured only to the extent that "bodily injury" or "property damage" is caused, in whole or in part by "your work" and included in the "products-completed operations hazard", which is the subject of the written contract or written agreement.

However, solely with respect to this Paragraph **4.**, insurance afforded to such additional insured:

- (1) Only applies to the extent permitted by law;
- (2) Will not be broader than that which you are required by the written contract or written agreement to provide for such additional insured;
- (3) Only applies if the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs during the policy period and subsequent to your execution of the written contract or written agreement; and
- (4) Does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused by "your work" and included within the "products-completed operations hazard" unless the written contract or written agreement specifically requires that you provide such coverage to such additional insured.

- B.** Solely with respect to the insurance afforded to any additional insured referenced in Section **A.** of this endorsement, the following additional exclusion applies:

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services including:

1. The preparing, approving or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
2. Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

This exclusion applies even if the claims against any insured allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the supervision, hiring, employment, training or monitoring of others by that insured, if the "occurrence" which caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage", or the offense which caused the "personal and advertising injury", involved the rendering of or the failure to render any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services.

- C.** Solely with respect to the coverage provided by this endorsement, the following is added to Paragraph **2. Duties In The Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit** of Section **IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions**:

The additional insured must see to it that:

- (1) We are notified as soon as practicable of an "occurrence" or offense that may result in a claim;
- (2) We receive written notice of a claim or "suit" as soon as practicable; and
- (3) A request for defense and indemnity of the claim or "suit" will promptly be brought against any policy issued by another insurer under which the additional insured may be an insured in any capacity. This provision does not apply to insurance on which the additional insured is a Named Insured if the written contract or written agreement requires that this coverage be primary and non-contributory.

- D.** Solely with respect to the coverage provided by this endorsement:

1. The following is added to the **Other Insurance** Condition of Section **IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions**:

Primary and Noncontributory insurance

This insurance is primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to an additional insured provided that:

- a. The additional insured is a Named Insured under such other insurance; and
- b. You are required by written contract or written agreement that this insurance be primary and not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the additional insured.

2. The following paragraph is added to Paragraph **4.b.** of the **Other Insurance** Condition under Section **IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions**:

This insurance is excess over:

Any of the other insurance, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis, available to an additional insured, in which the additional insured on our policy is also covered as an additional insured on another policy providing coverage for the same "occurrence", offense, claim or "suit". This provision does not apply to any policy in which the additional insured is a Named Insured on such other policy and where our policy is required by a written contract or written agreement to provide coverage to the additional insured on a primary and noncontributory basis.

- E.** This endorsement does not apply to an additional insured which has been added to this Coverage Part by an endorsement showing the additional insured in a Schedule of additional insureds, and which endorsement applies specifically to that identified additional insured.

- F.** Solely with respect to the insurance afforded to an additional insured under Paragraph **A.3.** or Paragraph **A.4.** of this endorsement, the following is added to Section **III – Limits Of Insurance**:

Additional Insured – Automatic – Owners, Lessees Or Contractors Limit

The most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

1. Required by the written contract or written agreement referenced in Section **A.** of this endorsement; or
 2. Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations,
- whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

All other terms, conditions, provisions and exclusions of this policy remain the same.

POLICY NUMBER: GLO 0112778-11

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
CG 24 04 05 09

WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

Name Of Person Or Organization:

ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT REQUIRES YOU TO WAIVE YOUR RIGHTS OF RECOVERY, IN A WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE NAMED INSURED THAT IS EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT OR LOSS.

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

The following is added to Paragraph 8. **Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us** of Section IV -- **Conditions:**

We waive any right of recovery we may have against the person or organization shown in the Schedule above because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "products-completed operations hazard". This waiver applies only to the person or organization shown in the Schedule above.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US (WAIVER OF SUBROGATION)

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

AUTO DEALERS COVERAGE FORM
BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM
MOTOR CARRIER COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by the endorsement.

This endorsement changes the policy effective on the inception date of the policy unless another date is indicated below.

Named Insured: STEARNS, CONRAD AND SCHMIDT, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

Endorsement Effective Date:

SCHEDULE

Name(s) Of Person(s) Or Organization(s):

ALL PERSONS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE INSURED, EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT OR LOSS, THAT WAIVER OF SUBROGATION BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS POLICY

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

The **Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us** condition does not apply to the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only to the extent that subrogation is waived prior to the "accident" or the "loss" under a contract with that person or organization.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY
WC 04 03 06 (Ed. 4-84)

**WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT—
CALIFORNIA**

This endorsement changes the policy to which it is attached effective on the inception date of the policy unless a different date is indicated below.

(The following "attaching clause" need be completed only when this endorsement is issued subsequent to preparation of the policy.)

This endorsement, effective on: 4/1/2026 at 12:01 A.M. standard time, forms a part of

Policy No. WC0112779-11 Endorsement No.

of the: Zurich American Insurance Company

issued to: SCS Engineers

Premium (if any) \$

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule. (This agreement applies only to the extent that you perform work under a written contract that requires you to obtain this agreement from us.)

You must maintain payroll records accurately segregating the remuneration of your employees while engaged in the work described in the Schedule.

The additional premium for this endorsement shall be % of the California workers' compensation premium otherwise due on such remuneration.

Schedule

Person or Organization

Job Description

ALL PERSONS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE INSURED, EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT OR LOSS, THAT WAIVER OF SUBROGATION BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS POLICY FOR WORK PERFORMED BY YOU FOR THAT PERSON AND/OR ORGANIZATION