

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
Between Whatcom County and South Whatcom Fire Authority**

South Whatcom Fire Authority, hereinafter called the **AGENCY** and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

General Conditions, pp. 3 to 8,
Exhibit A (Scope of Work), p. 9,

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 April, 2024, and will not terminate as the equipment assets are transferred to the Agency.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to transfer property related to the purchase of the Power Load gurney lift and restraint system for the Agency. The equipment was purchased using Whatcom County EMS Levy funds with the intent to permanently install the equipment on the Agencies Aid Vehicle.

The value of the transferred equipment is \$24,546 each where the Agency received one (1) Power Load units for a total of \$24,546 which is the maximum valued amount. (Serial Number: 2212012400229) The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all correspondence in connection therewith.

The Agency 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Each signatory below to this Contract warrants that he/she is the authorized agent of the respective party; and that he/she has the authority to enter into the contract and to bind the party thereto.

AGENCY:

South Whatcom Fire Authority

Mitch Nolze Fire Chief

AGENCY INFORMATION:

South Whatcom Fire Authority
2050 Lake Whatcom Blvd
Bellingham, WA 98229
mnolze@swrfa.org

Mailing Address:
Same

Approved as to form:

Brandon Waldron (email) 5/24/24
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: _____
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 Agency agrees to accept the equipment provided by the County EMS Levy Fund where the Agency will take custody of the equipment into the Agencies asset tracking program identified as Exhibit "A" 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 Agency prior to or after the term of this contract shall be performed at the expense of Agency and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing. This Agreement shall terminate upon agency's acceptance of the equipment.

10.2 Extension:

This is a one-time agreement. No extension is necessary or permitted.

11.1 Termination for Default:

Once the Agency accepts the equipment, that equipment is now part of the Agencies assets as property. The equipment cannot be returned to the County where the Agency or County cannot terminate or default.

Series 20-29: Provisions Related to Consideration and Payments

20.1 Accounting and Payment for Agency Services:

There is no payment to the Agencies. The equipment purchase is funded on behalf of the EMS Levy Fund.

Unless specifically stated 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 Agency for any additional costs or expenses incurred by the Agency once the equipment is accepted.

21.1 Taxes:

The Agency understands and acknowledges that the County will not withhold Federal or State income taxes. Where required by State or Federal law, the Agency authorizes the County to withhold for any taxes other than income taxes (i.e., Medicare). All compensation received by the Agency 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 Agency to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the Agency is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the Agency's performance of this Agreement. The Agency hereby agrees to indemnify the County against any demand to pay taxes arising from the Agency'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 Agency must pay all other taxes, including, but not limited to, Business and Occupation Tax, taxes based on the Agency's gross or net income, or personal property to which the County does not hold title. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax.

23.1 Labor Standards:

The Agency 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 Agency:

In providing services under this Contract, the Agency is an independent Agency, and neither it nor its officers, agents, or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Agency 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 Agency, its employees, and/or others by reason of this Contract.

The Agency 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 (1) the Agency's failure to pay any such compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes, and/or (2) the supplying to the Agency of work, services, materials, or supplies by Agency 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 Agency. 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 acceptance of the equipment by the Agency has no relationship to a guarantee of employment.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced and Public Records Act:

The Agency will take ownership of the transferred equipment and will keep records as related to asset tracking.

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 Agency are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Agency agrees to make them promptly available to the County at no cost to the County. If the Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Agency obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Agency 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 Agency to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Agency for releasing records not clearly identified by the Agency as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Agency 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 Agency shall be liable to the requester for any and all fees, costs, penalties or damages imposed or alleged as a result of the Agency'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:

Agency 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 Agency infringes any patent or copyright. The Agency 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 Agency shall be notified promptly in writing by the County of any notice of such claim.

B. Agency 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 Agency, its employees, sub-Agency's, and their employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Agency 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. Agency shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information. Agency 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 Agency'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 Agency 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. Agency 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 Agency, then the Agency agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

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 Agency 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 Agency is governed by such laws, the Agency 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 Agency 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 sub-Agency, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or sub-Agency's for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees.

35.2 Non-Discrimination in Client Services: :
The Agency 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:
Agency 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 Agency 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, Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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:

Mike Hilley, EMS Manager

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:

Whatcom County EMS

800 East Chestnut Street, Suite C3
Bellingham, WA 98225
Attn: Mike Hilley
mhilley@co.whatcom.wa.us

South Whatcom Fire Authority

2050 Lake Whatcom Blvd
Bellingham, WA 98229
mnoize@swfrfa.org

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 Agency's Status under State Law:

If applicable, Agency certifies that it has fully met the responsibility criteria required of public works Agency's 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 Agency 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 Agency also agrees that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions (a transaction between the Agency 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 Agency 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. Agency shall immediately notify Whatcom County if, during the term of this Contract, Agency becomes debarred.

38.3 E-Verify:

The E-Verify Agency 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, Agency 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. Agency/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. Agency/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. Agency/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Agency/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, Agency/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit." Agency 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 Agency Commitments, Warranties and Representations:

Any written commitment received from the Agency concerning this Agreement shall be binding upon the Agency, unless otherwise specifically provided herein with reference to this paragraph. Failure of the Agency to fulfill such a commitment shall render the Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency

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. Agency 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 Agency 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 Agency 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)

This agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is related to the transfer of the Stryker Power Load Lift and Restraint system purchased through the Whatcom County EMS Levy Fund that supports the interoperability of the Patient Care Movement Program.

The district agrees that in consideration for the transfer of equipment they will use the equipment for public safety purposes through the useful life of the equipment. This project serves to support the equipment program in Whatcom County where the county-wide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy provides funding per RCW 84.52.069.

Upon receipt of the equipment Whatcom County EMS shall have no further obligation of this equipment. Once the equipment is accepted by the district, the County makes no warranties concerning the condition or operability of the equipment.

Whatcom County Code 1.10.240 authorizes the County to dispose of property of a value in excess of \$1,000 to another governmental agency upon such terms agreed upon and for such consideration as may be deemed adequate by the county executive.

The equipment transferred from Whatcom County EMS to the district is described as follows:
Power Load gurney lift and restraint system (Serial Number: 2212012400229)

Power-LOAD

Powered Cot Fastener

Our Power-LOAD cot fastener improves operator and patient safety by supporting the cot throughout the loading and unloading process.

