



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Kayla Schott-Bresler, Deputy Executive

**FROM:** Perry Rice, IT Manager *PR*

**RE:** Fiber Optic Lease Agreement Amendment 1 for State Street

**DATE:** July 11, 2024

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EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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Enclosed for your consideration is the proposed Amendment 1 to the Dark Fiber Optic Lease agreement between Whatcom County and Astound Business Solutions, LLC (Astound) for connectivity from the Courthouse to the State Street building and a nearby parking lot.

• **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County currently has a consolidated 60-month lease agreement (Contract #202310024) in place with Astound for fiber optic connectivity to buildings in the following seven locations: Laurel, Mount Baker Highway, Iron Gate, Barkley, Williamson Way, Unity Street, and Dupont Street.

These fiber optic circuits provide the County Data Network (file services, print services, telecommunications, servers, etc.) to each building and in some cases the Facilities Network (proximity lock, security video and HVAC).

This proposed amendment would add fiber optic connectivity to our State Street building at 1500 N. State Street along with the nearby Champion Street parking lot at 200 York Street. The State Street building is currently being remodeled for the Medical Examiner, Emergency Medical Services and part of the Health and Community Services Department.

• **Funding Amount and Source**

The total amount of this first amendment over the remaining 47 months of the initial 60-month service term is \$81,337.03 (\$1,730.58 per month) which includes applicable fees and taxes.

Initial funding for this agreement would be from the State Street Way Station Project Budget and then longer-term funding would be from department base budgets.

• **Contact Information**

Please contact Perry Rice at x5235 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this amendment.