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**MEMO**

**To:** Whom it may concern

**From:** Sheriff Donnell Tanksley   
Matt Klein, Deputy Director Emergency Management

**Subject:** Microwave Installation Contract with Communications NorthWest

**Date:** September 23, 2025

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Enclosed is the contract between Whatcom County and Communications Northwest for Phase 4 of the Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio System - Microwave Project.

**Background and Purpose**

Phase 4 of the Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio System will extend the Western Whatcom Backbone, which will continue to improve the outdated existing public safety communications network.

The project will configure, install, and provide point to point microwave network installations for:

- Squalicum Mountain, WA to
- Lookout Mountain, WA to
- Post Point, Bellingham, WA

This will provide a redundant ring that will ensure continued communications in the event of a failure at any single tower location or fiber optic line.

The performance period for this grant runs from October 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

- Funding Amount and Source – The total approved contract budget is \$159,223.98. The source is a COPS grant under the Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio System Project.

If you have questions, please contact Robert Greene at 360-778-7166 or Matt Klein at 360-778-7160.