



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director
RE: RE Sources – Circular Economy Accelerator Pilot Program Contract
DATE: JULY 9, 2025

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and RE Sources for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for RE Sources' Manufacturing Waste Diversion Program through its Circular Economy Accelerator Pilot Program. Activities include targeted outreach to the Whatcom manufacturing and business communities and upgrading campus infrastructure and equipment to safely and efficiently store and process diverted waste material. These activities will improve and expand the commercial recycling infrastructure in Whatcom County, allowing for more capacity to store, process, and resell manufacturing waste material and increase commercial sector knowledge and engagement in manufacturing waste reduction methods. With this approach, the Contractor seeks to substantially increase pounds of materials diverted from the landfill; however, the rate will vary according to the type (rope, glass, metal, etc.) and quantity of materials to be diverted from each partnership.

This contract is one of three contracts awarded through RFP 25-32 for innovative waste reduction, recycling, or composting pilot projects that meet the goals of the County's Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$92,059, is provided by the Solid Waste Fund. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for this contract exceeds \$75,000.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor, at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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