



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director  
John Gargett, Deputy Director  
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

**RE:** Tower Lease with SpectraSite Communications for  
Phase 2 of Microwave Backbone Buildout

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and SpectraSite Communications LLC for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Phase 2 of the Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio System will continue the Western Whatcom Backbone, which will continue to improve the outdated existing public safety communications network.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 Point Roberts, WA, American Tower, Blaine, WA. And Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), Blaine, 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. This contract provides for the necessary tower lease for the American Tower (DBA SpectraSite Communications LLC).

The monthly lease amount is Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00), increased by the Annual Escalator (4%) on the first anniversary of the Commencement Date of this Agreement and each anniversary of the Commencement Date thereafter during the Term. The term of this agreement is 7 years, with three optional 5-year extensions.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract is contained in the existing Whatcom County cost center 1673519001.

If you have questions, please contact John Gargett ([JGargett@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:JGargett@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or 360-778-7160.