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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu  
Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director of Emergency Management  
John Gargett, Deputy Director of Emergency Management

*Bill Elfo*  
*[Signature]*

Re: All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Siren Agreement # E21-171  
for the Port of Bellingham (Fairhaven) and Semiahmoo

Date: December 18, 2020

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Enclosed is the All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) Siren Agreement #U21-171 between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department for your review and signature.

Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division (WA-EMD), through its Earthquake/Tsunami Program, provides public awareness and education in regards to preparing for, and surviving, a natural or man-made disaster event. WA-EMD, as funds become available and through coordination with local agencies, purchases and installs AHAB Warning Sirens that provide both tone and voice alerts for hazardous situations in at-risk communities.

WA-EMD received funding from the State of Washington to purchase and install two AHABs in Whatcom County, one in Fairhaven (#99) and one at Semiahmoo (#100). This agreement is written for \$0, since WA-EMD will purchase and install the unit. However, WA-EMD will then transfer ownership of the AHABs to Whatcom County and the cost of each AHAB (\$56,500) will be recorded as a non-cash transaction.

U21-171 will also bring the five other AHABs that Whatcom County owns under this one agreement which details the respective agency responsibilities for ongoing maintenance and operations. As noted on page 10, these AHAB locations are: #1 Sandy Point, #63 Birch Bay, #65 Blaine, #69 Port of Bellingham, and #72 Birch Bay Village.

The performance period of this agreement runs from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2030.

Please contact John Gargett at 360-778-7160 if you have additional questions.