



MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

From: Rebecca Xczar, Whatcom County Assessor

RE: Cyclomedia Contract for Street Level Imagery Services

Date: August 27, 2024

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Attached, please find for your review and signature a contract for 360-degree street view imagery with LIDAR capture and processing, between Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. (Cyclomedia) and Whatcom County.

Background and Purpose

Cyclomedia captures street view imagery and provides the images with tools to measure buildings and elevations, rank quality levels, and identify condition issues. Appraisers will be able to do a desktop review of properties using these images and tools to update the property record, prior to doing a physical inspection. Appraisers will be able to see several angles of the buildings on site, including the rear for those with drivable alleys, measure buildings from their computer, and see any deficiencies more closely with zooming tools. This means less time on private property measuring and doing visual inspections; this is a bonus for the public and a huge bonus for the safety of Assessor's office staff. Staff safety continues to be a concern. This tool will not only allow us to work faster, but also work safer.

Skagit County and Clark County are currently using this and have both reported significant savings in inspection time as well as accuracy of data. This product/ imagery works best in dense city areas where most homes are visible from the street. We will be inspecting areas within the City of Bellingham over the next 3 years, which is the densest area in the County.

The current contract is to drive and capture data in the southern and mid areas of the City of Bellingham, which align with our 2025 and 2026 inspection areas.

Whatcom County is able to contract with Cyclomedia using the Clark County 2023 Request for Proposal No. 855 competitive process and their associated contract executed 8/17/2023 pursuant to the Washington State Interlocal Cooperative Act, RCW 39.34. Whatcom County has an Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreement (Contract #20071208) with Clark County.

Funding Amount and Source

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this contract is \$59,950.00 which includes two years of licensing and hosting to view the imagery. Funding will come from the existing Assessor's Office 2024 budget, after a transfer from salary savings.

Please contact Rebecca Xczar at extension 5055, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.