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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County Council

Through: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive \ Director of Administrative Services

FROM: Perry Rice, IT Manager *PJR*

RE: Agreement for Pictometry Aerial Imagery

DATE: November 29, 2021

Enclosed is a proposed agreement between Whatcom County and Pictometry International Corporation (Pictometry) for aerial imagery of western Whatcom County for your review.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In 2004, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019 Whatcom County acquired digital aerial imagery from Pictometry. This imagery has been widely used by numerous County departments such as Planning & Development Services, Public Works, Health, Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, and Administrative Services. The imagery is also now available to our citizens in our recently released on-line Geographic Information Systems (GIS) viewers such as the Tax Parcel Viewer and Public Works Travel Planner.

The purpose of this request is to enter into an agreement with Pictometry for a new spring 2022 flight to provide Whatcom County and its regional partners with updated orthogonal and oblique digital images for about 897 square miles.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The amount of the contract is \$163,200 for the spring 2022 flight with an option for two additional flights for a total consideration of \$489,600. Funds have been appropriated in the 2021 Information Technology budget for the first flight. A regional cost-sharing partnership with the following organizations is in the process of being finalized:

- Birch Bay Water & Sewer
- City of Bellingham
- City of Blaine
- City of Everson
- City of Ferndale
- City of Lynden
- City of Nooksack
- City of Sumas
- Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer
- Lummi Nation
- Nooksack Tribe
- Port of Bellingham
- Public Utilities District
- Whatcom Conservation District
- Whatcom Council of Governments
- Whatcom Transportation Authority

In order to obtain favorable pricing, this contract is for the spring 2022 flight and two additional flights at two to three-year intervals:

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| Flight 1 – (2022): | \$163,200 |
| Flight 2 – Optional (2025): | \$163,200 |
| Flight 3 – Optional (2028): | <u>\$163,200</u> |
| Three Flight Total: | \$489,600 |

This is a sole source contract since it is advantageous for the county to have a common dataset and software to view and compare oblique and orthogonal aerial imagery from six flights over 18 years.

The contract contains a “non-appropriation of funds” clause for the second and third flight which allows Whatcom County to opt out of these flights if funding is not obtained. Funding Letters of Intent have been obtained from each regional cost-sharing partner.

Please contact Perry Rice at x5235 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.