

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.
202511009

Originating Department:	Public Works		
Division/Program: <i>(i.e. Dept. Division and Program)</i>	Natural Resources – Whatcom Marine Resources Committee - 907010		
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Austin Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II		
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Washington State Department of Ecology		
Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:		_____	
Does contract require Council Approval? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If No, include WCC:		_____	
Already approved? Council Approved Date:		(Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement?		SEANWS- 2025- WhCoPW- 0009 CFDA#: 66.456	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s):		_____	
Is this contract grant funded?		Contract	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):		Cost Center: 19081304	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.		_____	
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:		<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. <input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS). <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.	
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ 252,000	Council approval required for; all property leases, all Interlocal agreements, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$75,000, and grants exceeding \$40,000 and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when: Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.		
This Amendment Amount: \$ _____	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.		
Total Amended Amount: \$ _____			
Summary of Scope: This grant agreement will fund administrative support and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee.			
Term of Contract:	Two years	Expiration Date:	9/30/2027
Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: Austin Rose Date: 9/5/2025 2. Attorney signoff: Christopher Quinn Date: 9/8/2025 3. AS Finance reviewed: Brad Bennet Date: 10/21/2025 4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____ Date: 5. Contractor signed: _____ Date: 6. Executive contract review: _____ Date: 7. Council approved (if necessary): AB2025-753 Date: 11/05/2025 8. Executive signed: _____ Date: 9. Original to Council _____ Date:		

**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Elizabeth Kosa
Director**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: 
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager
Austin Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II

DATE: September 5, 2025

RE: State of Washington Department of Ecology Grant Agreement SEANWS-2025-WhCoPW-00009 Northwest Straits Project: Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects

Please find attached for your review a copy of the interagency agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for Whatcom Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Operations and Projects. The authorized agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign this agreement.

Background and Purpose

This grant agreement will fund administrative support and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee including monitoring Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs), bull kelp surveys, forage fish spawning surveys, and pilot Olympia oyster restoration projects.

Funding Amount and Source

This grant agreement with Washington Department of Ecology provides the County with \$252,000.00 for administrative and technical support to the MRC and to implement action projects. No match is required. Revenue is included in the approved 2025 Natural Resources budget. Revenue for 2026 is included in the proposed 2026 Natural Resources. Revenue for 2027 will be requested in the 2027 Natural Resources budget.

Please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286 or Gary Stoyka at extension 6218, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.



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SHORELANDS NORTHWEST STRAITS AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

AND

WHATCOM COUNTY

This is a binding Agreement entered into by and between the state of Washington, Department of Ecology, hereinafter referred to as "ECOLOGY," and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as the "RECIPIENT," to carry out with the provided funds activities described herein.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Title:	Whatcom County MRC Operations and Projects 2025-2027
Total Cost:	\$252,000.00
Total Eligible Cost:	\$252,000.00
Ecology Share:	\$252,000.00
Recipient Share:	\$0.00
The Effective Date of this Agreement is:	10/01/2025
The Expiration Date of this Agreement is no later than:	09/30/2027
Project Type:	Northwest Straits Grant

Project Short Description:

This grant will be used to fund the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee's (MRC) (RECIPIENT) operations and projects from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. This project will protect and restore local marine resources in Whatcom County.

Project Long Description:

This agreement provides day-to-day operations and coordination of activities for the RECIPIENT.

The RECIPIENT will also carry out projects for the 2025-27 grant period. These include:

1. Forage fish: Participate in a regional effort to characterize populations of the two species of forage fish that spawn on Puget Sound beaches.
2. Olympia oyster restoration: Continue activities to pilot an Olympia oyster restoration site in Drayton Harbor.
3. Harmful algal bloom: Lead the addition of two new SoundToxin sites in Whatcom County. The SoundToxins

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monitoring network, managed by Washington Sea Grant, monitors over three dozen sites for Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) throughout the Salish Sea.

Overall Goal:

The overall goal of this grant is to implement projects that improve the health of marine waters, shorelines, and marine resources of Whatcom County.

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RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Organization Name: Whatcom County

Federal Tax ID: 91-6001383

UEI Number: NT6RMN8THTN7

Mailing Address: 322 N. Commercial Street, Suite 220
Bellingham, Washington 98225Physical Address: 322 N. Commercial Street, Suite 220
Bellingham, Washington 98225

Organization Email: jcgreen@co.whatcom.wa.us

Contacts

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Billing Contact	Satpal Sidhu County Executive 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108 Bellingham, Washington 98225 Email: ssidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us Phone: (360) 778-5200
Authorized Signatory	Satpal Singh Sidhu County Executive 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108 Bellingham, Washington 98225 Email: ssidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us Phone: (360) 778-5200

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ECOLOGY INFORMATION

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Shorelands
PO BOX 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Physical Address: Shorelands
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Contacts

Project Manager	Sasha Horst Breazeale-Padilla Bay Interp. Center 10441 Bayview Edison Rd. Mt Vernon, Washington 98273-7242 Email: horst@nwstraits.org Phone: (360) 428-1084
Financial Manager	Cindy James Financial Manager PO Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600 Email: cjam461@ecy.wa.gov Phone: (360) 407-6485

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AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

RECIPIENT agrees to furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, materials, services, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in this Agreement.

RECIPIENT acknowledges that they had the opportunity to review the entire Agreement, including all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Scope of Work, attachments, and incorporated or referenced documents, as well as all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines mentioned in this Agreement. Furthermore, the RECIPIENT has read, understood, and accepts all requirements contained within this Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties, and there are no other understandings or representations other than as set forth, or incorporated by reference, herein.

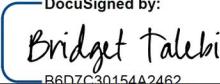
No subsequent modifications or amendments to this agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing, signed by authorized representatives of the RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY and made a part of this agreement. ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts without the concurrence of either party.

This Agreement shall be subject to the written approval of Ecology's authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved.

The signatories to this Agreement represent that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and bind their respective organizations to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the parties hereto, having read this Agreement in its entirety, including all attachments, do agree in each and every particular and have thus set their hands hereunto.

Washington State
Department of Ecology

By:  11/12/2025
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Joenne McGerr
Shorelands
Program Manager

Template Approved to Form by
Attorney General's Office

Whatcom County

By:  11/12/2025
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Satpal Singh Sidhu
County Executive

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Recipient Name: Whatcom County

Elizabeth Kosa

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Laura Fralich on behalf of Elizabeth Kosa
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Department Director

Date

Christopher Quinn

Signed by:

Christopher Quinn

11/11/2025

Christopher Quinn, Chief Civil Deputy
Prosecuting Attorney approved as to
form

Date

SCOPE OF WORK

Task Number: 1 **Task Cost: \$214,465.00**

Task Title: 1. MRC Operations

Task Description:

1.1 MRC Operations: Schedule, prepare/distribute agenda and post public notices of MRC meetings; prepare and distribute minutes of MRC meetings; maintain current MRC membership list; recruit MRC members (if allowable by county) and provide onboarding for new members; track volunteer hours, in-kind support and leveraged funds and provide information quarterly to Northwest Straits Commission staff; communicate regularly with NWSC staff.

1.2 MRC Communication: Maintain MRC website (including current meeting schedules, agendas and projects); communicate regularly with county council/commission; increase awareness of the purpose of the MRC and its role in the county; communicate with relevant audiences about the projects and programs of the MRC.

1.3 MRC grant administration: Ensure that grant agreement is implemented on schedule with satisfactory deliverables; prepare progress reports, final report and completion report for Northwest Straits Commission; track and administer budget, including spending out on deadlines per state and federal fiscal years; manage sub-contracts as applicable and provide copies to Northwest Straits Commission grant manager; prepare MRC workplan and MRC annual report to summarize MRC activities and progress; communicate revisions to or concerns about carrying out the agreement to Northwest Straits Commission staff; and prepare grant applications for MRC projects.

1.4 Training and representation: MRC members will attend Northwest Straits Initiative annual conference; MRC staff will participate in regular meetings and forums for MRC staff; a representative of the MRC will attend each Northwest Straits Commission meeting.

1.5 MRC Advisory: MRCs will serve as a resource to county government to help identify local marine conservation and protection needs and recommend remedial actions; MRCs will advise county council/commission/executive on local and regional marine issues as appropriate and as requested.

Task Goal Statement:

To carry out administrative functions in support of the mission (including work plan preparation, developing and preparing grant proposals, programmatic staff support, project monitoring and performance tracking, education programs and grant writing), travel, planning and participation in training opportunities.

Task Expected Outcome:

- a. MRCs have a documented process to recruit and train members to be active participants and contributors to the work of the MRC.
- b. Information about projects and the work of the MRC is accessible and shared regularly through presentations, meetings, and web site.

- c. The MRC meets regularly in a public forum that is promoted locally to community members and decision makers.
- d. The MRC is informed of and contributes to the work of the Northwest Straits Commission.
- e. The value of volunteer hours and other local contributions to the work of the MRC is documented and shared with the Commission and the County.
- f. The work of the MRC is planned in advance through an annual workplan and documented in an annual report.
- g. MRC members and staff contribute to other relevant local and regional processes related to marine issues.

Recipient Task Coordinator: Austin Rose, Dana Flerchinger

1. MRC Operations

Deliverables

Number	Description	Due Date
1.1	Progress Report	
1.2	Quarterly Reporting of Meeting Agendas , Minutes and Reports to the Commission	
1.3	Matching Funds/Volunteer Time Tracking	
1.4	Annual Workplan	
1.5	Annual Report	
1.6	Closeout Report due by agreement expiration	

SCOPE OF WORK

Task Number: 2 **Task Cost: \$9,160.00**

Task Title: 2. Monitoring

Task Description:

2.1 Forage fish: The RECIPIENT will participate in a regional effort to characterize populations of the two species of forage fish that spawn on Puget Sound beaches: Pacific sand lance and surf smelt. The RECIPIENT will serve as a local partner to conduct forage fish monitoring at two beaches: Little Squalicum Beach and Clayton Beach.

The RECIPIENT will prepare a Forage Fish Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for year one and two for the collection and analysis of environmental data. This plan will go through a review process and must be approved by ECOLOGY and fully signed and uploaded to EAGL prior to initiating monitoring activities.

2.2 Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB): The SoundToxins monitoring network, managed by Washington Sea Grant, monitors over three dozen sites for harmful algae blooms (HABs) throughout the Salish Sea. The RECIPIENT will be responsible for leading the sampling program at two sites in Whatcom County. This includes project planning and coordination including sample collection, analysis of phytoplankton samples, data entry, recruitment and training of community volunteers, and communication of findings to SoundToxins, Washington Department of Health, and Whatcom County Health and Community Services.

The RECIPIENT will prepare a HAB Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) or QAPP waiver for year one and two for the collection and analysis of environmental data. This plan will go through a review process and must be approved by ECOLOGY and fully signed and uploaded to EAGL prior to initiating monitoring activities.

The RECIPIENT will submit a Forage Fish Summary Report for years one and two.

The RECIPIENT will submit a HAB summary report for years one and two (including copy of data, list of volunteers).

Task Goal Statement:

To support state-wide sampling efforts and assess the effectiveness of restoration projects and beach nourishment efforts, both pre- and post-restoration.

To provide HAB monitoring data for the northernmost part of Whatcom County which is in close proximity to tribal, recreational, and commercial shellfish growing and harvesting areas, in order to inform management of shellfish closures for public safety.

Task Expected Outcome:

Forage fish: Accessible forage fish data that can be utilized to inform local restoration projects and to protect and prioritize forage fish spawning habitat throughout Whatcom County.

HABs: Monitoring data accessible to resource management agencies, increased community awareness of HABs, and more effective management of shellfish resources within Whatcom County to better protect public health.

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Recipient Task Coordinator: Rick Beauregard**2. Monitoring****Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
2.1	Year 1 Forage Fish Quality Assurance Project Plan.	
2.2	Year 1 HAB Quality Assurance Project Plan or waiver.	
2.3	Year 1 Forage Fish summary report.	
2.4	Year 1 HAB summary report (including copy of data, list of volunteers).	
2.5	Year 2 Forage Fish Quality Assurance Project Plan.	
2.6	Year 2 HAB Quality Assurance Project Plan or waiver.	
2.7	Year 2 Forage Fish summary report.	
2.8	Year 2 HAB summary report (including copy of data, list of volunteers).	

SCOPE OF WORK

Task Number: 3 **Task Cost:** \$28,375.00

Task Title: 3. Olympia Oyster Restoration

Task Description:

The Olympia oyster (*Ostrea lurida*) is the only oyster that is native to Washington State. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) identified Drayton Harbor as a promising location for restoration. The RECIPIENT previously worked with WDFW shellfish biologists and Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF) habitat technicians to identify areas in Drayton Harbor with suitable substrate and tide flat habitat for potential Olympia oyster restoration sites.

During this grant period, RECIPIENT will purchase Olympia oyster seed from PSRF, outplant the oyster seed within selected areas, and monitor the selected areas to assess the restoration potential, with guidance from WDFW and PSRF.

The RECIPIENT will submit the 2026 Drayton Harbor Olympia oyster restoration project report including location of bioassay sites, copies of permits if submitted.

The RECIPIENT will prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) or QAPP Waiver for years one or two for the collection and analysis of environmental data. This plan will go through a review process and must be approved by ECOLOGY and fully signed and uploaded to EAGL prior to initiating monitoring activities.

The RECIPIENT will submit a copy of the Drayton Harbor Bioassay Monitoring Data.

The RECIPIENT will submit a copy of the 2027 Drayton Harbor Olympia oyster restoration project report.

Task Goal Statement:

To establish a self-sustaining Olympia oyster population in Drayton Harbor, exceeding 2 million individuals.

Task Expected Outcome:

Identified restoration sites will be seeded and data from subsequent monitoring will be shared with the WDFW Olympia oyster program lead. Monitored sites will be ranked for subsequent enhancement potential.

Recipient Task Coordinator: Jackie Dexter

3. Olympia Oyster Restoration

Deliverables

Number	Description	Due Date
3.1	2026 Drayton Harbor Olympia oyster restoration project report including location of bioassay sites, copies of permits if submitted.	
3.2	2027 Drayton Harbor Olympia oyster Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).	
3.3	Copy of Drayton Harbor Bioassay Monitoring Data.	
3.4	2027 Drayton Harbor Olympia oyster restoration project report.	

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BUDGET**Funding Distribution EG260130**

NOTE: The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.

Funding Title: General Fund – State 2025-26

Funding Type: Grant

Funding Effective Date: 10/01/2025

Funding Expiration Date: 06/30/2026

Funding Source:

Title: General Fund - State

Fund: FD

Type: State

Funding Source %: 100%

Description: To distribute equally among the seven Puget Sound Marine Resources Committees.

Approved Indirect Costs Rate: Approved Rate Negotiated Between ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT: 0%

Recipient Match %: 0%

InKind Interlocal Allowed: No

InKind Other Allowed: No

Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant? Yes

General Fund – State 2025-26	Task Total
1. MRC Operations	\$ 64,740.00
2. Monitoring	\$ 260.00
3. Olympia Oyster Restoration	\$ 0.00
Total: \$ 65,000.00	

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Recipient Name: Whatcom County

BUDGET**Funding Distribution EG260131**

NOTE: The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.

Funding Title: General Fund – State 2026-27

Funding Type: Grant

Funding Effective Date: 07/01/2026

Funding Expiration Date: 06/30/2027

Funding Source:

Title: General Fund - State

Fund: FD

Type: State

Funding Source %: 100%

Description: To distribute equally among the seven Puget Sound Marine Resources Committees.

Approved Indirect Costs Rate: Approved Rate Negotiated Between ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT: 0%

Recipient Match %: 0%

InKind Interlocal Allowed: No

InKind Other Allowed: No

Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant? Yes

General Fund – State 2026-27	Task Total
1. MRC Operations	\$ 65,000.00
2. Monitoring	\$ 0.00
3. Olympia Oyster Restoration	\$ 0.00
	Total: \$ 65,000.00

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BUDGET**Funding Distribution EG260132**

NOTE: The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.

Funding Title: Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2025-26

Funding Effective Date: 10/01/2025

Funding Type: Grant

Funding Expiration Date: 09/30/2026

Funding Source:

Title: Puget Sound Partnership/EPA

Fund: FD

Type: Federal

Funding Source %: 100%

Description: Northwest Straits Commission and Marine Resources Committees

Federal Awarding Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Awarding Agency Contact:

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Federal Awarding Agency Phone:

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Federal Awarding Agency Email:

ahren.stroming@psp.wa.go

Federal Awarding Agency Address:

PO Box 40900, Olympia WA 98504-0900

ALN Catalog Name:

National Estuary Program

ALN Number: 66.456

FAIN: CE01J97401

Research Grant:

No

Federal Award Date:

10/1/2021

Total Federal Award Amount:

\$3,400,000.00

Federal Funds Obligated To Recipient: \$61,000.00

Approved Indirect Costs Rate:

Approved Rate Negotiated Between ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT: 0%

Recipient Match %:

0%

InKind Interlocal Allowed:

No

InKind Other Allowed:

No

Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant?

Yes

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Recipient Name: Whatcom County

Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2025-26	Task Total
1. MRC Operations	\$ 39,225.00
2. Monitoring	\$ 900.00
3. Olympia Oyster Restoration	\$ 20,875.00

Total: \$ 61,000.00

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BUDGET**Funding Distribution EG260133**

NOTE: The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.

Funding Title: Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2026-27

Funding Type: Grant

Funding Effective Date: 10/01/2025

Funding Expiration Date: 09/30/2026

Funding Source:

Title: Puget Sound Partnership/EPA

Fund: FD

Type: Federal

Funding Source %: 100%

Description: Northwest Straits Commission and Marine Resources Committees

Federal Awarding Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Awarding Agency Contact:

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Federal Awarding Agency Address:

PO Box 40900, Olympia WA 98504-0900

ALN Catalog Name:

National Estuary Program

ALN Number: 66.456

FAIN: CE01J97401

Research Grant:

No

Federal Award Date:

10/1/2021

Total Federal Award Amount:

\$3,400,000.00

Federal Funds Obligated To Recipient: \$61,000.00

Approved Indirect Costs Rate:

Approved Rate Negotiated Between ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT: 0%

Recipient Match %:

0%

InKind Interlocal Allowed:

No

InKind Other Allowed:

No

Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant?

Yes

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Recipient Name: Whatcom County

Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2026-27	Task Total
1. MRC Operations	\$ 45,500.00
2. Monitoring	\$ 8,000.00
3. Olympia Oyster Restoration	\$ 7,500.00

Total: \$ 61,000.00

Funding Distribution Summary

Recipient / Ecology Share

Funding Distribution Name	Recipient Match %	Recipient Share	Ecology Share	Total
General Fund – State 2025-26	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
General Fund – State 2026-27	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2025-26	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
Puget Sound Partnership/EPA 2026-27	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
Total		\$ 0.00	\$ 252,000.00	\$ 252,000.00

AGREEMENT SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

N/A

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SEANWS-2025 2.00

Federal Terms and Conditions

Credit and Acknowledgement

Reports, documents, signage, videos, or other media, developed as part of projects funded by EPA funded Agreements shall display both the EPA and Puget Sound Partnership logos and the following credit line: "This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under Assistance Agreement CE-02J98701-0. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use."

1. Nondiscrimination Laws and Social Policies

The requirements described in this section, when applicable, apply to the organization receiving EPA financial assistance itself, rather than the project receiving EPA funding. Most EPA financial assistance recipients and subrecipients are subject to the laws and policies described below. As provided in 2 CFR 200.300, the general terms and conditions of EPA grants implement these requirements. This list of nondiscrimination and social policy requirements is for informational purposes only and is not intended to provide guidance on compliance in the context of a particular EPA assistance agreement. If it appears that one or more of these requirements may apply, pass-through entities should consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice.

a. Non-Discrimination Laws

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975. These four laws prohibit discrimination in the provision of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age, in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Pursuant to EPA's regulations on "Nondiscrimination in Programs receiving Federal Assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency," in 40 CFR Part 5 and 40 CFR Part 7 the pass-through entity must agree, and require all subrecipients to agree, not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age. The fact that the regulations do not address discrimination on the basis of age does not exempt recipients from compliance with the later-enacted Age Discrimination Act.

b. Executive Order 11246

Part III of Executive Order No. 11246 (September 24, 1965) as amended prohibits discrimination in Federally assisted construction activities. As provided in section 301 of the Executive Order, Pass-through entities must ensure that subrecipients include the seven clauses specified in section 202 of the Order in all construction contracts. Section 302 defines "Construction contract" as "any contract for the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, or repair of buildings, highways, or other improvements to real property." Contracts less than \$10,000 are exempt from the requirements of the Order.

c. Executive Order 13798

Executive Order 13798 established a policy of promoting free speech and religious liberty. It reinforces the requirement that religious organizations be allowed to participate in Federal financial assistance programs on an equal footing with other organizations without being required to alter their religious character. States or other public grantees may not condition subawards in a manner that would disadvantage grant applicants based on their religious character.

d. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (updated 04/24/2025)

EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 33, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Programs" set forth requirements to ensure nondiscrimination in the award of contracts under EPA financial assistance agreements. These requirements apply to subrecipients in accordance with 40 CFR 33.102 and the definition of "Recipient" in 40 CFR 33.103. Pursuant to a class exception issued on March 17, 2025, the EPA is suspending negotiations of fair share objectives with recipients under 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart D; recipient reporting requirements under 40 CFR 33.502; and the compliance and enforcement provisions under 40 CFR 33.105. EPA is also waiving the requirement to collect the final EPA Form 5700-52A, MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements as part of the closeout procedures of an EPA award. The class exception was authorized pursuant to the authority in 2 CFR, Section 1500.4(b). For additional details see the Recipient/Applicant Information Notice RAIN-2025- G02.

e. Consultation with State and Local Officials

The Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act instructed federal agencies to consult with local officials to ensure smoother coordination of their assistance programs and to ensure that projects funded under federal programs are consistent with local planning requirements. Similarly, Executive Order 12372 as amended (1983) established procedures for intergovernmental review of federal financial assistance projects. EPA has implemented these requirements in 40 CFR Part 29.

EPA financial assistance programs subject to intergovernmental review may be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-financial-assistance-programs-subject-executive-order-12372-and-section-204-demonstration>

Executive Order 12372 exempts tribal programs from intergovernmental review.

If intergovernmental review is required, and neither EPA nor the pass-through entity complied with 40 CFR Part 29 prior to award because the location of subaward projects had not been determined, the pass-through entity must comply with intergovernmental review requirements after award. Intergovernmental review requirements vary among the states. As provided at 40 CFR 29.9(d) if a state does not have a single point of contact for intergovernmental review, the recipient must offer directly affected State, area-wide, regional and local officials an opportunity to comment on the subrecipient's proposed project.

f. Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act

Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and section 508 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as implemented by

Executive Order 11738 (1973), prohibit performance of Federal assistance agreements at facilities disqualified due to certain violations of the CAA or CWA. Disqualified facilities are listed in the System for Award Management.

Pass-through entities must ensure that subrecipients are not disqualified and that they are aware of the requirement to check SAM, to determine if facilities that will be used to perform contracts or subawards are listed in SAM.

2. Financial Management Policies

These policies apply to transactions financed by EPA financial assistance funds and apply to both pass-through entities and subrecipients on the basis of either regulatory requirement or the General Terms and Conditions (T&C) of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA. Pass-through entities should consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice if they have questions regarding how these policies apply to a particular subaward.

a. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

As set forth in the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation" the pass-through entity must ensure that subrecipients comply with Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements. Pass-through entities may use the terms of their subaward agreement or other effective means to meet their responsibilities.

b. Suspension and Debarment

The pass-through entities responsibilities are described at 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C and the "Debarment and Suspension" T&C of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA. These requirements, which include checking SAM to ensure that potential contractors, subrecipients and their principals and agents are not suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal assistance programs also apply to subrecipients. It is important to note that in addition to being precluded from all first tier contracts and all contracts requiring EPA approval in accordance with 2 CFR 180.220 under 2 CFR 1532.220 suspended or debarred parties may not receive EPA funded contracts in excess of \$25,000 at any tier. Also, at 2 CFR 1532.995 EPA has identified activities that suspended or debarred parties may not perform as a "Principal" in EPA financial assistance agreements and subawards.

c. Limits on Fees Charged by Individual Consultants

EPA's Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation Act (Pub. L. 111-8) restricts the amount of EPA financial assistance that recipients may use to compensate individual consultants. EPA implements this requirement at 2 CFR 1500.10(a) and the "Consultant Cap" T&C. Pass- through entities must ensure that subrecipients comply with the limitation on compensation for individual consultants through the terms of their subaward agreements or another effective means. Additional information regarding when the consultant fee limit applies is available in the Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment Under EPA Assistance Agreements and the Interim General Budget Development Guidance for Applicants and Recipients of EPA Financial Assistance.

d. Management Fees

EPA policy prohibits recipients and subrecipients from charging management fees or making similar arrangements to receive EPA financial assistance in excess of direct or Federally approved indirect cost rates. This prohibition is implemented by the Management Fees T&C. Pass-through entities must ensure that subrecipients comply with this requirement through the terms of their subaward agreements or another effective means.

e. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 40 CFR Part 34

All recipients of EPA funds, including subrecipients, are subject to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 34. For example, pass-through entities must ensure that subawards in excess of \$100,000 require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms required by 40 CFR 34.110 and the "Lobbying and Litigation" Term and Condition.

f. Uniform Grant Guidance Requirements (UGG)

Subrecipients must comply with 2 CFR Part 200 requirements including, but not limited to, when they award procurement contracts, make subawards, and incur other costs borne by EPA financial assistance. Pass-through entities must ensure that subrecipients comply with this requirement through the terms of their subaward agreements or another effective means.

g. Build America, Buy America Act

Pass-through entities must ensure subrecipients comply with the Buy America sourcing requirements under the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58, §§70911-70917). The BABA requirements apply to expenditures for projects for which funds have been obligated on or after May 14, 2022 under a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, unless the expenditures are subject to an EPA-approved waiver. The BABA provisions require that all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in these projects be produced in the United States. The BABA sourcing requirements apply to an entire infrastructure project, even if it is funded by both Federal and non-federal funds under one or more awards.

Pass-through entities and subrecipients must implement these requirements in their procurements, and these requirements must be included in the terms of all subawards and contracts at any tier. For descriptions of general applicability waivers, legal definitions and sourcing requirements, pass-through entities and subrecipients must consult EPA's BABA website.

When supported by a rationale provided in Section 70914 of the IIJA, pass-through entities and/or sub-recipients, as appropriate, may submit a project-specific waiver to EPA. Guidance on the submission instructions of an EPA waiver request will be available on the EPA BABA website. A list of approved EPA waivers is available on the EPA BABA website.

3. Environmental Authorities

These requirements typically apply when an EPA funded project involves construction, remediation of contamination in water, soil, or buildings, and similar activities which alter the physical environment. Other environmental laws may apply to a project independent of EPA funding. Financial assistance for research, training, technical assistance and related outreach, environmental education, program operations, or installation of pollution control equipment on vehicles or vessels, are generally not affected by these requirements. Note that this list of environmental authorities is for informational purposes only and is not intended to provide guidance on compliance in the context of a particular EPA assistance agreement. If it appears that one or more of these requirements may apply, pass-through entities should consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice.

a. National Environmental Policy Act

Where applicable, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to conduct an environmental review of their proposed actions, with a view toward ensuring informed decision-making and public input. EPA's NEPA regulations are at 40 CFR Part 6, and note that certain EPA actions are exempt from NEPA. Pass-through entities and subrecipients may be required to assist EPA with NEPA compliance, where appropriate.

b. National Historic Preservation Act

Section 106 of the NHPA requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (AChP) a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings. Under the AChP's regulations, consultations generally occur in the first instance with state and/or tribal historic preservation officials, with direct AChP involvement in certain cases. EPA funded projects with the potential to affect historic properties – i.e., properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places – may implicate this statute. This may include, for instance, EPA-funded projects that involve alteration of structures (e.g., asbestos abatement) that are historic properties or construction/remediation on culturally sensitive lands.

Pass-through entities should work with their Project Officer to ensure that subrecipients are available to work with EPA on any required consultation process with the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Office prior to commencing the project to ensure compliance with section 106 of the NHPA.

c. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act

This law applies if archeologically significant artifacts or similar items are discovered after an EPA funded construction project has begun, and compliance may be coordinated with the NHPA, discussed above. The AHPA requires federal agencies to identify relics, specimens, and other forms of scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archaeologic data that may be lost during the construction of federally sponsored projects to ensure that these

resources are not inadvertently transferred, sold, demolished or substantially altered, or allowed to deteriorate significantly. Pass-through entities must ensure that subrecipients performing construction projects are aware of this requirement and pass-through entities must notify EPA if the AHPA is triggered.

d. Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990 (1973), as amended

EPA funded projects involving new construction in wetlands may implicate this Executive Order. The terms and conditions of the EPA assistance agreement may require pass- through entities to ensure that subrecipients assist EPA in determining whether a proposed project will be located in (or affect) a wetland, and if so, evaluating practicable alternative locations for the project or other mitigation.

e. Flood Plain Management, Executive Order 11988 (1977), as amended, and Executive Order 13690 (2015)

EPA funded projects that are in or will affect a flood plain are covered by these Executive Orders and Water Resources Council guidance. EPA assistance agreement terms and conditions may require pass-through entities to ensure that subrecipients work with EPA to evaluate practicable alternatives or other mitigation to reduce flood risks and protect flood plains.

f. Farmland Protection Policy Act

This statute requires EPA to use criteria developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to identify the potential adverse effects of Federal programs on farmland and its conversion to nonagricultural uses, to mitigate these effects, and to ensure that programs are carried out in a manner that is compatible with the farmland preservation policies of state and local governments, and private organizations. Pass-through entities and their subrecipients may need to work with EPA or NRCS, as appropriate, to ensure compliance.

g. Coastal Zone Management Act

This statute requires EPA to ensure that Agency funded activities in coastal areas are consistent with state coastal zone management plans that have been approved by the Department of Commerce. Pass-through entities and subrecipients should consult directly with the state Coastal Zone Management agency during the planning stages to ensure that the EPA funded project will be consistent with the state's coastal zone management plan.

h. Coastal Barriers Resources Act

This statute restricts federal financial assistance that would encourage development in the Coastal Barriers Resources System, a collection of undeveloped and ecologically sensitive barrier formations along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States, and the shore areas of the Great Lakes, and adjacent wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets, and near-shore waters. During the planning phase of a proposed project located in the Coastal Barriers Resources System, pass-through entities and subrecipients should consult with the state Coastal Zone Management agency to determine whether a proposed project will have an effect on the system, and if so, the alternative sites or mitigating measures that must be incorporated in the project's design.

i. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

This statute prohibits federal assistance for water resource projects that would have direct and adverse effects on, invade, or unreasonably diminish, the special values of a congressionally designated wild and scenic river.

Pass-through entities and subrecipients should consult with appropriate state or federal (National Park Service or Bureau of Land Management) agency to determine whether the project or any alternatives under consideration may affect a designated river.

j. Endangered Species Act (ESA)

This statute requires Federal agencies to ensure that their activities are not likely to jeopardize endangered species, adversely modify designated critical habitats, or incidentally take (injure or kill) endangered animals without authorization, in consultation with the appropriate federal wildlife agency (the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service) as described in 50 CFR Part 402. The ESA consultation process is triggered when an action "may affect" ESA-protected species or critical habitat.

Pass-through entities and subrecipients should coordinate with EPA to ensure consultation occurs where appropriate."

k. Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act

Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act as amended by The Sustainable Fisheries Act of

1996 is intended to manage and conserve Essential Fish Habitats (EFH). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) administers the Act. Pass-through entities and subrecipients must coordinate with NMFS to determine whether a proposed project may adversely affect an EFH. If an action may adversely affect an EFH, the subrecipient must complete an EFH consultation with NMFS.

1. Clean Air Conformity Act

This statute prohibits any Federal assistance for an activity within a non- attainment or maintenance area that fails to conform to an applicable State Implementation Plan. Pass- through entities and subrecipients should first consult with their state air program's website to determine if an EPA funded activity is in a non-attainment or maintenance area. If the EPA funded activity is within a non-attainment or maintenance area the pass-through entity and subrecipient should consult with the state air program to determine conformity. Note that EPA regulations at 40 CFR 93.153(c) exempt a number of activities including planning, studies, technical assistance and remediation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability and Compensation Act (CERCLA).

m. Safe Drinking Water Act

Precludes the use of EPA financial assistance for projects that would contaminate sole source aquifers. Pass-through entities and subrecipients must contact state officials to determine whether a sole source aquifer is in the vicinity of the proposed project. If a sole source aquifer is in the project planning area, then the assistance recipient, in consultation with state ground water officials, must conduct investigations to determine if the aquifer could be contaminated by the project. If the project could potentially affect ground water supplies, the assistance recipient, in consultation with ground water officials, must elect an alternative site or devise adequate mitigating measures.

4. National Defense.

a. Never Contract with the Enemy (P.L. 113-91)

This statute applies only to grants and cooperative agreements that are expected to exceed \$50,000 and that are performed outside the United States, including U.S. territories, and that are in support of a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities. The "Never Contract with the Enemy" restrictions are implemented in 2 CFR Part 180. Recipients must ensure that none of the funds, including supplies and services, received under Federal grants or cooperative agreements are provided directly or indirectly (including through subawards or contracts) to a person or entity who is actively opposing the United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities.

b. Prohibition using Federal funds for certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment (Section 889 of P.L. 115-232).

This statute prohibits using Federal funds to procure equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified as subject to the section 889. These entities are recorded in the System for Award Management exclusion list. Section 889 is implemented in 2 CFR 200.216 and the general terms and conditions of EPA assistance agreements. EPA recipients, subrecipients, and borrowers under EPA funded revolving loan fund programs are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services produced by entities subject to section 889 as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

GENERAL FEDERAL CONDITIONS

If a portion or all of the funds for this agreement are provided through federal funding sources or this agreement is used to match a federal grant award, the following terms and conditions apply to you.

A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY

EXCLUSION:

1. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR, by signing this agreement, certifies that it is not suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or otherwise excluded from contracting with the federal government, or from receiving contracts paid for with federal funds. If the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is unable to certify to the statements contained in the certification, they must provide an explanation as to why they cannot.
2. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR shall provide immediate written notice to ECOLOGY if at any time the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact ECOLOGY for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
4. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under the applicable Code of Federal Regulations, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction.
5. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR further agrees by signing this agreement, that it will include this clause titled "CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
6. Pursuant to 2CFR180.330, the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction complies with certification of suspension and debarment requirements.
7. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required in the Code of Federal Regulations may result in the delay or negation of this funding agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.
8. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees to keep proof in its agreement file, that it, and all lower tier recipients or contractors, are not suspended or debarred, and will make this proof available to ECOLOGY before requests for reimbursements will be approved for payment. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR must run a search in <http://www.sam.gov> and print a copy of completed searches to document proof of compliance.

B. FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) REPORTING**REQUIREMENTS:**

CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT must complete the FFATA Data Collection Form (ECY 070-395) and return it with the signed agreement to ECOLOGY.

Any CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT that meets each of the criteria below must report compensation for its five top executives using the FFATA Data Collection Form.

- Receives more than \$30,000 in federal funds under this award.
- Receives more than 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from federal funds.
- Receives more than \$25,000,000 in annual federal funds.

Ecology will not pay any invoices until it has received a completed and signed FFATA Data Collection Form. Ecology is required to report the FFATA information for federally funded agreements, including the required Unique Entity Identifier in www.sam.gov <http://www.sam.gov/> within 30 days of agreement signature. The FFATA information will be available to the public at www.usaspending.gov <http://www.usaspending.gov/>.

For more details on FFATA requirements, see www.frsrsgov/.

C. FEDERAL FUNDING PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT:

As required by 2 CFR 200.216, federal grant or loan recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment, video surveillance services or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in [Public Law 115-232](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-115publ232/pdf/PLAW-115publ232.pdf), section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Recipients, subrecipients, and borrowers also may not use federal funds to purchase certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889, are recorded in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](https://sam.gov/SAM/) exclusion list.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Pertaining to Grant and Loan Agreements With the state of Washington, Department of Ecology

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY GRANTS and LOANS

07/01/2023 Version

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- a) RECIPIENT shall follow the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans – EAGL Edition." (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/2301002.html>)
- b) RECIPIENT shall complete all activities funded by this Agreement and be fully responsible for the proper management of all funds and resources made available under this Agreement.
- c) RECIPIENT agrees to take complete responsibility for all actions taken under this Agreement, including ensuring all subgrantees and contractors comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. ECOLOGY reserves the right to request proof of compliance by subgrantees and contractors.
- d) RECIPIENT's activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval by ECOLOGY for the extent and character of all work and services.

2. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties. No subsequent modification(s) or amendment(s) of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties. ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts and administrative information without the concurrence of either party.

3. ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED TECHNOLOGY

The RECIPIENT must comply with the Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer, OCIO Policy no. 188, Accessibility (<https://ocio.wa.gov/policy/accessibility>) as it relates to "covered technology." This requirement applies to all products supplied under the Agreement, providing equal access to information technology by individuals with disabilities, including and not limited to web sites/pages, web-based applications, software systems, video and audio content, and electronic documents intended for publishing on Ecology's public web site.

4. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

RECIPIENT shall take all reasonable action to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to archaeological and historic archaeological sites, historic buildings/structures, traditional cultural places, sacred sites, or other cultural resources, hereby referred to as Cultural Resources.

The RECIPIENT must agree to hold harmless ECOLOGY in relation to any claim related to Cultural Resources discovered, disturbed, or damaged due to the RECIPIENT's project funded under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall:

- a) Contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan to discuss any Cultural Resources requirements for their project:
 - Cultural Resource Consultation and Review should be initiated early in the project planning process and must be completed prior to expenditure of Agreement funds as required by applicable State and Federal requirements.
- * For state funded construction, demolition, or land acquisitions, comply with Governor Executive Order 21-02, Archaeological and Cultural Resources.
- For projects with any federal involvement, comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).

b) If required by the ECOLOGY Program, submit an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) to ECOLOGY prior to implementing any project that involves field activities. ECOLOGY will provide the IDP form.

RECIPIENT shall:

- Keep the IDP at the project site.
- Make the IDP readily available to anyone working at the project site.
- Discuss the IDP with staff, volunteers, and contractors working at the project site.
- Implement the IDP when Cultural Resources or human remains are found at the project site.

c) If any Cultural Resources are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.

- Immediately stop work and notify the ECOLOGY Program, who will notify the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 586-3065, any affected Tribe, and the local government.

d) If any human remains are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.

- Immediately stop work and notify the local Law Enforcement Agency or Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 790-1633, and then the ECOLOGY Program.

e) Comply with RCW 27.53, RCW 27.44, and RCW 68.50.645, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws protecting Cultural Resources and human remains.

5. ASSIGNMENT

No right or claim of the RECIPIENT arising under this Agreement shall be transferred or assigned by the RECIPIENT.

6. COMMUNICATION

RECIPIENT shall make every effort to maintain effective communications with the RECIPIENT's designees, ECOLOGY, all affected local, state, or federal jurisdictions, and any interested individuals or groups.

7. COMPENSATION

- a) Any work performed prior to effective date of this Agreement will be at the sole expense and risk of the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY must sign the Agreement before any payment requests can be submitted.
- b) Payments will be made on a reimbursable basis for approved and completed work as specified in this Agreement.
- c) RECIPIENT is responsible to determine if costs are eligible. Any questions regarding eligibility should be clarified with ECOLOGY prior to incurring costs. Costs that are conditionally eligible require approval by ECOLOGY prior to expenditure.
- d) RECIPIENT shall not invoice more than once per month unless agreed on by ECOLOGY.
- e) ECOLOGY will not process payment requests without the proper reimbursement forms, Progress Report and supporting documentation. ECOLOGY will provide instructions for submitting payment requests.
- f) ECOLOGY will pay the RECIPIENT thirty (30) days after receipt of a properly completed request for payment.
- g) RECIPIENT will receive payment through Washington State's Office of Financial Management's Statewide Payee Desk. To receive payment you must register as a statewide vendor by submitting a statewide vendor registration form and an IRS W-9 form at website, <https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services>. If you have questions about the vendor registration process, you can contact Statewide Payee Help Desk at (360) 407-8180 or email PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov.
- h) ECOLOGY may, at its sole discretion, withhold payments claimed by the RECIPIENT if the RECIPIENT fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
- i) Monies withheld by ECOLOGY may be paid to the RECIPIENT when the work described herein, or a portion thereof, has been completed if, at ECOLOGY's sole discretion, such payment is reasonable and approved according to this Agreement, as appropriate, or upon completion of an audit as specified herein.

j) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days after the expiration date of this Agreement, all financial, performance, and other reports required by this Agreement. Failure to comply may result in delayed reimbursement.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

RECIPIENT agrees to comply fully with all applicable federal, state and local laws, orders, regulations, and permits related to this Agreement, including but not limited to:

- a) RECIPIENT agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the United States and the State of Washington which affect wages and job safety.
- b) RECIPIENT agrees to be bound by all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.
- c) RECIPIENT certifies full compliance with all applicable state industrial insurance requirements.
- d) RECIPIENT agrees to secure and provide assurance to ECOLOGY that all the necessary approvals and permits required by authorities having jurisdiction over the project are obtained. RECIPIENT must include time in their project timeline for the permit and approval processes.

ECOLOGY shall have the right to immediately terminate for cause this Agreement as provided herein if the RECIPIENT fails to comply with above requirements.

If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY agree that any officer, member, agent, or employee, who exercises any function or responsibility in the review, approval, or carrying out of this Agreement, shall not have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, nor affect the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is a part, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

10. CONTRACTING FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

RECIPIENT may contract to buy goods or services related to its performance under this Agreement. RECIPIENT shall award all contracts for construction, purchase of goods, equipment, services, and professional architectural and engineering services through a competitive process, if required by State law. RECIPIENT is required to follow procurement procedures that ensure legal, fair, and open competition.

RECIPIENT must have a standard procurement process or follow current state procurement procedures. RECIPIENT may be required to provide written certification that they have followed their standard procurement procedures and applicable state law in awarding contracts under this Agreement.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to inspect and request copies of all procurement documentation, and review procurement practices related to this Agreement. Any costs incurred as a result of procurement practices not in compliance with state procurement law or the RECIPIENT's normal procedures may be disallowed at ECOLOGY's sole discretion.

11. DISPUTES

When there is a dispute with regard to the extent and character of the work, or any other matter related to this Agreement the determination of ECOLOGY will govern, although the RECIPIENT shall have the right to appeal decisions as provided for below:

- a) RECIPIENT notifies the funding program of an appeal request.
- b) Appeal request must be in writing and state the disputed issue(s).
- c) RECIPIENT has the opportunity to be heard and offer evidence in support of its appeal.
- d) ECOLOGY reviews the RECIPIENT's appeal.
- e) ECOLOGY sends a written answer within ten (10) business days, unless more time is needed, after concluding the

review.

The decision of ECOLOGY from an appeal will be final and conclusive, unless within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision, the RECIPIENT furnishes to the Director of ECOLOGY a written appeal. The decision of the Director or duly authorized representative will be final and conclusive.

The parties agree that this dispute process will precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Appeals of the Director's decision will be brought in the Superior Court of Thurston County. Review of the Director's decision will not be taken to Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office.

Pending final decision of a dispute, the RECIPIENT agrees to proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement and in accordance with the decision rendered.

Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to limit the parties' choice of another mutually acceptable method, in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA STANDARDS

a) RECIPIENT shall prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for a project that collects or uses environmental measurement data. RECIPIENTS unsure about whether a QAPP is required for their project shall contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan. If a QAPP is required, the RECIPIENT shall:

- Use ECOLOGY's QAPP Template/Checklist provided by the ECOLOGY, unless ECOLOGY Quality Assurance (QA) officer or the Program QA coordinator instructs otherwise.
- Follow ECOLOGY's Guidelines for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Studies, July 2004 (Ecology Publication No. 04-03-030).
- Submit the QAPP to ECOLOGY for review and approval before the start of the work.

b) RECIPIENT shall submit environmental data that was collected on a project to ECOLOGY using the Environmental Information Management system (EIM), unless the ECOLOGY Program instructs otherwise. The RECIPIENT must confirm with ECOLOGY that complete and correct data was successfully loaded into EIM, find instructions at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/eim>.

c) RECIPIENT shall follow ECOLOGY's data standards when Geographic Information System (GIS) data is collected and processed. Guidelines for Creating and Accessing GIS Data are available at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Research-Data/Data-resources/Geographic-Information-Systems-GIS/Standards>. RECIPIENT, when requested by ECOLOGY, shall provide copies to ECOLOGY of all final GIS data layers, imagery, related tables, raw data collection files, map products, and all metadata and project documentation.

13. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder will be in the Superior Court of Thurston County.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

ECOLOGY will in no way be held responsible for payment of salaries, consultant's fees, and other costs related to the project described herein, except as provided in the Scope of Work.

To the extent that the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington permit, each party will indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against any liability for any or all injuries to persons or property arising from the negligent act or omission of that party or that party's agents or employees arising out of this Agreement.

15. INDEPENDENT STATUS

The employees, volunteers, or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement will continue to be employees, volunteers, or agents of that party and will not for any purpose be employees, volunteers, or agents of the other party.

16. KICKBACKS

RECIPIENT is prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed or otherwise involved in this Agreement to give up any part of the compensation to which he/she is otherwise entitled to or receive any fee, commission, or gift in return for award of a subcontract hereunder.

17. MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE)

RECIPIENT is encouraged to solicit and recruit, to the extent possible, certified minority-owned (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in purchases and contracts initiated under this Agreement.

Contract awards or rejections cannot be made based on MWBE participation; however, the RECIPIENT is encouraged to take the following actions, when possible, in any procurement under this Agreement:

- a) Include qualified minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists whenever they are potential sources of goods or services.
- b) Divide the total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities, to permit maximum participation by qualified minority and women's businesses.
- c) Establish delivery schedules, where work requirements permit, which will encourage participation of qualified minority and women's businesses.
- d) Use the services and assistance of the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) (866-208-1064) and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as appropriate.

18. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of inconsistency in this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) applicable federal and state statutes and regulations; (b) The Agreement; (c) Scope of Work; (d) Special Terms and Conditions; (e) Any provisions or terms incorporated herein by reference, including the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans"; (f) Ecology Funding Program Guidelines; and (g) General Terms and Conditions.

19. PRESENTATION AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

ECOLOGY reserves the right to approve RECIPIENT's communication documents and materials related to the fulfillment of this Agreement:

- a) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide a draft copy to ECOLOGY for review and approval ten (10) business days prior to production and distribution.
- b) RECIPIENT shall include time for ECOLOGY's review and approval process in their project timeline.
- c) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide ECOLOGY two (2) final copies and an electronic copy of any tangible products developed.

Copies include any printed materials, and all tangible products developed such as brochures, manuals, pamphlets, videos, audio tapes, CDs, curriculum, posters, media announcements, or gadgets with a message, such as a refrigerator magnet, and any online communications, such as web pages, blogs, and twitter campaigns. If it is not practical to provide a copy, then the RECIPIENT shall provide a description (photographs, drawings, printouts, etc.) that best represents the item.

Any communications intended for public distribution that uses ECOLOGY's logo shall comply with ECOLOGY's graphic requirements and any additional requirements specified in this Agreement. Before the use of ECOLOGY's logo contact ECOLOGY for guidelines.

RECIPIENT shall acknowledge in the communications that funding was provided by ECOLOGY.

20. PROGRESS REPORTING

- a) RECIPIENT must satisfactorily demonstrate the timely use of funds by submitting payment requests and progress

reports to ECOLOGY. ECOLOGY reserves the right to amend or terminate this Agreement if the RECIPIENT does not document timely use of funds.

b) RECIPIENT must submit a progress report with each payment request. Payment requests will not be processed without a progress report. ECOLOGY will define the elements and frequency of progress reports.

c) RECIPIENT shall use ECOLOGY's provided progress report format.

d) Quarterly progress reports will cover the periods from January 1 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and October 1 through December 31. Reports shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter being reported.

e) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of the project, unless an extension has been approved by ECOLOGY, all financial, performance, and other reports required by the Agreement and funding program guidelines. RECIPIENT shall use the ECOLOGY provided closeout report format.

21. PROPERTY RIGHTS

a) Copyrights and Patents. When the RECIPIENT creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property under this Agreement, the RECIPIENT may copyright or patent the same but ECOLOGY retains a royalty free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the material(s) or property, and to authorize others to use the same for federal, state, or local government purposes.

b) Publications. When the RECIPIENT or persons employed by the RECIPIENT use or publish ECOLOGY information; present papers, lectures, or seminars involving information supplied by ECOLOGY; or use logos, reports, maps, or other data in printed reports, signs, brochures, pamphlets, etc., appropriate credit shall be given to ECOLOGY.

c) Presentation and Promotional Materials. ECOLOGY shall have the right to use or reproduce any printed or graphic materials produced in fulfillment of this Agreement, in any manner ECOLOGY deems appropriate. ECOLOGY shall acknowledge the RECIPIENT as the sole copyright owner in every use or reproduction of the materials.

d) Tangible Property Rights. ECOLOGY's current edition of "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans," shall control the use and disposition of all real and personal property purchased wholly or in part with funds furnished by ECOLOGY in the absence of state and federal statutes, regulations, or policies to the contrary, or upon specific instructions with respect thereto in this Agreement.

e) Personal Property Furnished by ECOLOGY. When ECOLOGY provides personal property directly to the RECIPIENT for use in performance of the project, it shall be returned to ECOLOGY prior to final payment by ECOLOGY. If said property is lost, stolen, or damaged while in the RECIPIENT's possession, then ECOLOGY shall be reimbursed in cash or by setoff by the RECIPIENT for the fair market value of such property.

f) Acquisition Projects. The following provisions shall apply if the project covered by this Agreement includes funds for the acquisition of land or facilities:

1. RECIPIENT shall establish that the cost is fair value and reasonable prior to disbursement of funds provided for in this Agreement.

2. RECIPIENT shall provide satisfactory evidence of title or ability to acquire title for each parcel prior to disbursement of funds provided by this Agreement. Such evidence may include title insurance policies, Torrens certificates, or abstracts, and attorney's opinions establishing that the land is free from any impediment, lien, or claim which would impair the uses intended by this Agreement.

g) Conversions. Regardless of the Agreement expiration date, the RECIPIENT shall not at any time convert any equipment, property, or facility acquired or developed under this Agreement to uses other than those for which assistance was originally approved without prior written approval of ECOLOGY. Such approval may be conditioned upon payment to ECOLOGY of that portion of the proceeds of the sale, lease, or other conversion or encumbrance which monies granted pursuant to this Agreement bear to the total acquisition, purchase, or construction costs of such property.

22. RECORDS, AUDITS, AND INSPECTIONS

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Project Title: Whatcom County MRC Operations and Projects 2025-2027

Recipient Name: Whatcom County

RECIPIENT shall maintain complete program and financial records relating to this Agreement, including any engineering documentation and field inspection reports of all construction work accomplished.

All records shall:

- a) Be kept in a manner which provides an audit trail for all expenditures.
- b) Be kept in a common file to facilitate audits and inspections.
- c) Clearly indicate total receipts and expenditures related to this Agreement.
- d) Be open for audit or inspection by ECOLOGY, or by any duly authorized audit representative of the State of Washington, for a period of at least three (3) years after the final grant payment or loan repayment, or any dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide clarification and make necessary adjustments if any audits or inspections identify discrepancies in the records.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to audit, or have a designated third party audit, applicable records to ensure that the state has been properly invoiced. Any remedies and penalties allowed by law to recover monies determined owed will be enforced. Repetitive instances of incorrect invoicing or inadequate records may be considered cause for termination.

All work performed under this Agreement and any property and equipment purchased shall be made available to ECOLOGY and to any authorized state, federal or local representative for inspection at any time during the course of this Agreement and for at least three (3) years following grant or loan termination or dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide right of access to ECOLOGY, or any other authorized representative, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and any other conditions under this Agreement.

23. RECOVERY OF FUNDS

The right of the RECIPIENT to retain monies received as reimbursement payments is contingent upon satisfactory performance of this Agreement and completion of the work described in the Scope of Work.

All payments to the RECIPIENT are subject to approval and audit by ECOLOGY, and any unauthorized expenditure(s) or unallowable cost charged to this Agreement shall be refunded to ECOLOGY by the RECIPIENT. RECIPIENT shall refund to ECOLOGY the full amount of any erroneous payment or overpayment under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall refund by check payable to ECOLOGY the amount of any such reduction of payments or repayments within thirty (30) days of a written notice. Interest will accrue at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year from the time ECOLOGY demands repayment of funds.

Any property acquired under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, may become ECOLOGY's property and the RECIPIENT's liability to repay monies will be reduced by an amount reflecting the fair value of such property.

24. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

25. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)

RECIPIENT must demonstrate to ECOLOGY's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (Chapter 43.21C RCW and Chapter 197-11 WAC) have been or will be met. Any reimbursements are subject to this provision.

26. SUSPENSION

When in the best interest of ECOLOGY, ECOLOGY may at any time, and without cause, suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by written notice from ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT. RECIPIENT shall resume performance on the next business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified by ECOLOGY.

27. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

In order to sustain Washington's natural resources and ecosystems, the RECIPIENT is fully encouraged to implement sustainable practices and to purchase environmentally preferable products under this Agreement.

a) Sustainable practices may include such activities as: use of clean energy, use of double-sided printing, hosting low impact meetings, and setting up recycling and composting programs.

b) Purchasing may include such items as: sustainably produced products and services, EPEAT registered computers and imaging equipment, independently certified green cleaning products, remanufactured toner cartridges, products with reduced packaging, office products that are refillable, rechargeable, and recyclable, 100% post-consumer recycled paper, and toxic free products.

For more suggestions visit ECOLOGY's web page, Green Purchasing,

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Sustainable-purchasing>.

28. TERMINATION

a) For Cause

ECOLOGY may terminate for cause this Agreement with a seven (7) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, at the sole discretion of ECOLOGY, for failing to perform an Agreement requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

Failure to Commence Work. ECOLOGY reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if RECIPIENT fails to commence work on the project funded within four (4) months after the effective date of this Agreement, or by any date mutually agreed upon in writing for commencement of work, or the time period defined within the Scope of Work.

Non-Performance. The obligation of ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT is contingent upon satisfactory performance by the RECIPIENT of all of its obligations under this Agreement. In the event the RECIPIENT unjustifiably fails, in the opinion of ECOLOGY, to perform any obligation required of it by this Agreement, ECOLOGY may refuse to pay any further funds, terminate in whole or in part this Agreement, and exercise any other rights under this Agreement.

Despite the above, the RECIPIENT shall not be relieved of any liability to ECOLOGY for damages sustained by ECOLOGY and the State of Washington because of any breach of this Agreement by the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY may withhold payments for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due ECOLOGY from the RECIPIENT is determined.

b) For Convenience

ECOLOGY may terminate for convenience this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason when it is the best interest of ECOLOGY, with a thirty (30) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, except as noted below. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

Non-Allocation of Funds. ECOLOGY's ability to make payments is contingent on availability of funding. In the event funding from state, federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date and prior to the completion or expiration date of this Agreement, ECOLOGY, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, or renegotiate the Agreement, subject to new funding limitations or conditions.

ECOLOGY may also elect to suspend performance of the Agreement until ECOLOGY determines the funding insufficiency is resolved. ECOLOGY may exercise any of these options with no notification or restrictions, although ECOLOGY will make a reasonable attempt to provide notice.

In the event of termination or suspension, ECOLOGY will reimburse eligible costs incurred by the RECIPIENT through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT. In no event shall ECOLOGY's reimbursement exceed ECOLOGY's total responsibility under the Agreement and any amendments.

If payments have been discontinued by ECOLOGY due to unavailable funds, the RECIPIENT shall not be obligated to repay monies which had been paid to the RECIPIENT prior to such termination.

RECIPIENT's obligation to continue or complete the work described in this Agreement shall be contingent upon availability of funds by the RECIPIENT's governing body.

c) By Mutual Agreement

ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, by mutual written agreement.

d) In Event of Termination

All finished or unfinished documents, data studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the RECIPIENT under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, will become property of ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude ECOLOGY from demanding repayment of all funds paid to the RECIPIENT in accordance with Recovery of Funds, identified herein.

29. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

RECIPIENT shall ensure that in all subcontracts entered into by the RECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement, the state of Washington is named as an express third party beneficiary of such subcontracts with full rights as such.

30. WAIVER

Waiver of a default or breach of any provision of this Agreement is not a waiver of any subsequent default or breach, and will not be construed as a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated as such in writing by the authorized representative of ECOLOGY.

End of General Terms and Conditions