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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council
Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

From: Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent – Equipment Services

Date: November 14, 2023

Re: Contract with SoundEarth Strategies for RFP #23-02

- **Requested Action**

1. Authorize the County Executive to approve the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal Project as required by the Department of Ecology.
2. Approval of this contract for SoundEarth to create the scope of work, bid spec, and provide project management/permitting support for the removal of the UST's at the Central Shop as required by the Department of Ecology. This contract is awarded through RFP #23-02.

- **Background and Purpose**

This agreement is intended to secure the services of Sound Earth Strategies for the remedial investigation/ feasibility study (RI/FS) and construction and permitting support services for the removal of existing underground storage tanks (USTs) and sight remediation at the Whatcom County Central Shop facility. This is for RFP #23-02.

The USTs at the Central Shop are past the expected life span and have become nonfunctional. We have evidence that they have actively leaked fuel in the past. That leak is not ongoing. We have been tasked by Department of Ecology to remove the underground storage tanks at our facility and complete a remediation process for the site. It is imperative that we remove them before they cause any further damage and before we are out of compliance with the expectations of the Department of Ecology.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding has been allocated in the 2023- 2024 Budget process on budget line 501.600.6630.

Please contact Brett Piepel at extension 6405 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures:

Whatcom County Contact Information Sheet
Contract Amendment