



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council and The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, acting on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*  
Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JA*

DATE: May 22, 2025

RE: Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025, Project No. 19088003  
MRSC Small Works Roster Bid Award to Northwest Brush Busters, LLC.

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Attached for your review and signature is the standard construction contract award package for the above-referenced project. This package includes the approval for contract award, bid tabulation, and low bid proposal.

### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) Board of Supervisors, to enter into a contract for the Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025 project with the low bidder Northwest Brush Busters, LLC in the amount of \$62,286.97.

### Background and Purpose

Bid proposals for the project were opened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 through the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) Small Works Roster Process. A total of two (2) responsive bids were received with Northwest Brush Busters, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder. This Contract provides for the vegetation maintenance work within levee segments maintained by the Acme Van Zandt (AVZ), Lynden Everson (LE), Sumas Nooksack Everson (SNE) Subzones, and the FCZD. This work is described in the Nooksack River System-Wide Improvement Framework in accordance with the US Army Corps of Engineers Public Law (PL) 84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Program.

### Funding Amount and Source

The total contract amount including taxes is \$62,286.97. The AVZ, LE, and SNE Subzones will fund their respective levee project costs. The FCZD will fund the FCZD maintained levee segments for an expected total of \$9,052.07 from the Flood Fund. This maintenance work was included in the approved 2025 budgets for AVZ, LE, SNE Subzones and FCZD. There is adequate budget authority for this expenditure.

Please contact Travis Bouma at extension 6293 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.

In accordance with W.C.C. 3.08.030, I concur with this recommendation:

**Sara Winger**  
Digitally signed by Sara Winger  
DN: cn=Sara Winger, o=Whatcom County  
AS Finance, ou=Senior Purchasing  
Coordinator,  
email=swinger@co.whatcom.wa.us, c=US  
Date: 2025.05.28 11:53:11 -0700

Sara Winger, Senior Purchasing Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

WHATCOM COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ELIZABETH KOSA  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



River and Flood Division  
322 N. Commercial Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Bellingham, WA 98225-4042  
Phone: (360) 778-6230

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**APPROVAL FOR CONTRACT AWARD**

Approval is hereby granted to award the Contract as follows:

PROJECT: Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025

Project No. 19088003

MRSC Small Works Roster Bid

TO: **Northwest Brush Busters, LLC**

In the amount of their bid proposal of **\$62,286.97** including all taxes.

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**Satpal Sidhu**  
**Whatcom County Executive**  
Acting on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District  
Board of Supervisors

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Christopher Quinn*

May 27, 2025

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**Christopher Quinn**  
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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**Date**

Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025						Bid Opening Date: May 20, 2025			
No. 19088003						MRSC Small Works Bid			
BID PROPOSAL				Engineer's Estimate		NW BrushBusters LLC		JTI Commercial Services	
ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	EST. QTY	UNIT MSR.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	SPCC PLAN	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2	MOBILIZATION AVZ	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
3	LEVEE MOWING – JONES (AVZ)	2.5	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,090.60	\$ 2,726.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
4	MOBILIZATION LE	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5	LEVEE MOWING – LYNDEN CITY (LE)	23.3	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 10,485.00	\$ 391.95	<b><i>\$ 9,132.44</i></b>	\$ 445.00	\$ 10,368.50
6	LEVEE MOWING – UPPER HAMPTON (LE)	13.4	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 6,030.00	\$ 378.35	<b><i>\$ 5,069.89</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 7,102.00
7	LEVEE MOWING – LOWER HAMPTON (LE)	4.7	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 546.80	<b><i>\$ 2,569.96</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 2,491.00
8	LEVEE MOWING – NOTTER (LE)	4.7	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 546.80	<b><i>\$ 2,569.96</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 2,491.00
9	LEVEE MOWING – BYLSMA (LE)	11.8	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,310.00	\$ 350.21	<b><i>\$ 4,132.48</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 6,254.00
10	LEVEE MOWING – POLINDER (LE)	4.1	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 626.83	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 2,173.00
11	LEVEE MOWING – HANNEGAN (LE)	8.0	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 399.75	<b><i>\$ 3,198.00</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 4,240.00
12	LEVEE MOWING – ABBOTT (LE)	4.7	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 546.80	<b><i>\$ 2,569.96</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 2,491.00
13	LEVEE MOWING – TIMON (LE)	4.0	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 642.50	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 1,720.00
14	MOBILIZATION FCZD	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
15	LEVEE MOWING – MARINE DRIVE (FCZD)	13.4	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 6,030.00	\$ 331.71	<b><i>\$ 4,444.91</i></b>	\$ 430.00	\$ 5,762.00
16	MOBILIZATION SNE	1	LUMP SUM	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
17	LEVEE MOWING – TWIN VIEW (SNE)	12.2	ACRE	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,490.00	\$ 415.57	<b><i>\$ 5,069.95</i></b>	\$ 530.00	\$ 6,466.00
18	MINOR CHANGE	1.0	EST	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
SUBTOTAL =					\$ 55,760.00		<b><i>\$ 57,249.05</i></b>		\$ 62,758.50
WA State Sales Tax @ 8.8%					\$ 4,906.88		<b><i>\$ 5,037.92</i></b>		\$ 5,522.75
TOTAL BID AMOUNT (Including Sales Tax) =					\$ 60,666.88		<b><i>\$ 62,286.97</i></b>		\$ 68,281.25

Note: Amounts in ***bold and italic*** represent a correction to the contractor's submitted bid.

I hereby certify that the amounts tabulated herein are correct and accurately represent the amounts contained in the Engineer's Estimate and the respective bid proposals opened at 2:30 P.M., May 20, 2025 for the Subzone Levee Vegetation Maintenance 2025 Project, No. 19088003, MRSC Small Works Bid.

 on behalf of Paula Harris

Paula Harris, P.E.

5/21/25

Date

## **BID PROPOSAL**

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### **SUBZONE LEVEE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE 2025**

**PROJECT NO. 19088003**

**DATE: May 20, 2025**

**TO: Whatcom County Public Works  
River and Flood Division  
322 N. Commercial 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Bellingham, Washington 98225**

Gentlepersons:

This certified that the Undersigned has examined the location of the project site and the conditions of work; and has carefully read and thoroughly understands the contract documents entitled: **"SUBZONE LEVEE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE 2025, PROJECT NO. 19088003"** Whatcom County, Washington, including the "Bid Procedures and Conditions," "Specifications and Conditions," "Contract Forms," "Construction Plans," and "Appendices," governing the work embraced in this project, and the method by which payment will be made for said work. The Undersigned hereby proposes to undertake and complete the work embraced in this project in accordance with said contract documents, and agrees to accept as payment for said work, the schedule of lump sum and unit prices as set forth in the "Bid" below.

The Undersigned acknowledges that payment will be based on the actual work performed and material used as measured or provided for in accordance with the said contract documents, and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any taxes not included in each lump sum or unit price, and that the basis for payment will be the actual work performed and measured or provided for in accordance with the said contract documents.

The Undersigned certifies that it is not currently disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or RCW 39.12.065(3).



**BID PROPOSAL****Bidder:** NW BrushBusters LLC

SUBZONE LEVEE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE 2025						
ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT MEASURE	EST. QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	
1	SPCC PLAN	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	3500.00	✓✓
2	MOBILIZATION AVZ	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	500.00	✓✓
3	LEVEE MOWING – JONES (AVZ)	ACRE	2.5	\$ 1090.60	2726.50	✓✓
4	MOBILIZATION LE	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	1750.00	✓✓
5	LEVEE MOWING – LYNDEN CITY (LE)	ACRE	23.3	\$ 391.95	<del>9132.50</del> 9132.44	✓
6	LEVEE MOWING – UPPER HAMPTON (LE)	ACRE	13.4	\$ 378.35	<del>5070.00</del> 5069.89	✓
7	LEVEE MOWING – LOWER HAMPTON (LE)	ACRE	4.7	\$ 546.80	<del>2570.00</del> 2569.96	✓
8	LEVEE MOWING – NOTTER (LE)	ACRE	4.7	\$ 546.80	<del>2570.00</del> 2569.96	✓
9	LEVEE MOWING – BYLSMA (LE)	ACRE	11.8	\$ 350.21	<del>4132.50</del> 4132.48	✓
10	LEVEE MOWING – POLINDER (LE)	ACRE	4.1	\$ 626.83	2570.00	✓✓
11	LEVEE MOWING – HANNEGAN (LE)	ACRE	8.0	\$ 399.75	<del>3195.00</del> 3198.00	✓
12	LEVEE MOWING – ABBOTT (LE)	ACRE	4.7	\$ 546.80	<del>2570.00</del> 2569.96	✓
13	LEVEE MOWING – TIMON (LE)	ACRE	4.0	\$ 642.50	2570.00	✓✓
14	MOBILIZATION FCZD	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	375.00	✓✓
15	LEVEE MOWING – MARINE DRIVE (FCZD)	ACRE	13.4	\$ 331.71	<del>4445.00</del> 4444.91	✓
16	MOBILIZATION SNE	LUMP SUM	1	LUMP SUM	500.00	✓✓
17	LEVEE MOWING – TWIN VIEW (SNE)	ACRE	12.2	\$ 415.57	<del>5070.00</del> 5069.95	✓
18	MINOR CHANGE	EST	1.0	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	✓✓

**SUBTOTAL** ~~\$57,246.50~~ 57,249.05 ✓**WASHINGTON STATE SALES TAX (8.8%)** ~~\$5037.69~~ 5,037.92 ✓**TOTAL BID AMOUNT** ~~\$62,284.19~~ 62,286.97 ✓

## CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WAGE PAYMENT STATUTES

The bidder hereby certifies that, within the three-year period immediately preceding the bid solicitation date May 7, 2025, the bidder is not a "willful" violator, as defined in RCW 49.48.082, of any provision of chapters 49.46, 49.48, or 49.52 RCW, as determined by a final and binding citation and notice of assessment issued by the Department of Labor and Industries or through a civil judgment entered by a court of limited or general jurisdiction.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

NW BrushBusters LLC

Bidder's Business Name



Signature of Authorized Official\*

Joseph Domingues

Printed Name

Partner/Member

Title

5-19-2025

Date

Woodinville

City

Wa

State

Check One:

Sole Proprietorship ☒ Partnership ☐ Joint Venture ☐ Corporation ☐

State of Incorporation, or if not a corporation, State where business entity was formed:

Washington

If a co-partnership, give firm name under which business is transacted:

*\* If a corporation, proposal must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or any other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign). If a co-partnership, proposal must be executed by a partner.*



## **NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION**

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### **SUBZONE LEVEE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE 2025**

**PROJECT NO. 19088003**

**I, by signing the proposal, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the following statements are true and correct:**

1. That the undersigned person(s), firm, association or corporation has (have) not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the project for which this proposal is submitted.
2. That by signing the signature page of this proposal, I am deemed to have signed and have agreed to the provisions of this declaration.

#### **NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS**

To report bid rigging activities call:

**1-800-424-9071**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) operates the above toll free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such activities.

The "hotline" is part of USDOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse, and is operated under the direction of the USDOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

## BIDDER IDENTIFICATION

The name of the Bidder submitting this proposal, the address and phone number to which all communications concerned with this proposal shall be made, and the number which has been assigned indicating the Bidder is licensed to do business in the State of Washington are as follows:

Firm Name: NW BrushBusters LLC

Address: 19620 NE 165th St.  
Woodinville, Wa 98077

Telephone: 206-356-4533

Contractor's WA Registration Number: NORTHBB753BM

Contractor's WA UBI Number: 604-031-469

Contractor's WA Employment Security Department Number: N/A

Contractor's WA Excise Tax Registration Number: 604-031-469

The Firm submitting this proposal is a: ☐ Sole Proprietorship  
☐ Partnership  
☒ Corporation

List the names and titles of those individuals in your organization who are authorized to execute proposals, contracts, bonds, and other documents and/or instruments on behalf of the organization. Specify if more than one signature is required.

<u>Joseph Domingues</u>	<u>Partner/Member</u>
Name (printed)	Title

<u>Erin Domingues</u>	<u>Partner/Member</u>
Name (printed)	Title

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Name (printed)	Title

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Name (printed)	Title

NOTE: Signatures of this proposal must be identified above. Failure to identify the Signatories will be cause for considering the proposal irregular and for subsequent rejection of the bid.



## BID PROPOSAL SIGNATURE AND ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The bidder is hereby advised that by signature of this proposal he/she is deemed to have acknowledged all requirements and signed all certificates contained herein. The undersigned hereby agrees to pay labor not less than the prevailing rates of wages or less than the hourly minimum rate of wages as specified in the Specifications and Conditions for this project.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged by addendum(s) No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)

(PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED)

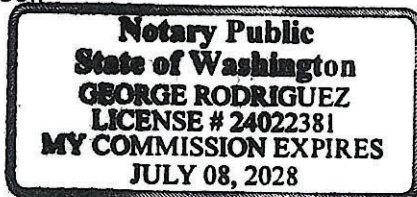


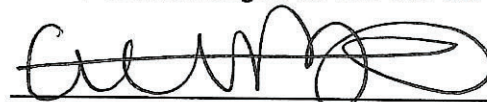
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FIRM NAME: NW BrushBusters LLC.

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
COUNTY OF King ) ss.

On this 20th day of May, 2025 before me personally appeared Joseph Dominguez to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing thereof.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the State of Washington, residing at: Snohomish  
My Commission Expires: July 8th 2028

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This proposal form is not transferable and any alteration of the firm's name entered hereon without prior permission from the County will be cause for considering the proposal irregular and for subsequent rejection of the bid.