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MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *gpk*

Date: July 9, 2021

Subject: **Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement
For 2021-2022 Professional Geotechnical Engineering Services**

Enclosed for your review and signature are two (2) originals of a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement between Whatcom County and GeoEngineers, Inc.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement with GeoEngineers, Inc. to provide on-call professional geotechnical engineering services for 2021-2022 in the amount Not-to-Exceed \$200,000.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Public Works, at times, requires additional professional geotechnical engineering services due to the following: work outside our expertise, independent opinions, and unanticipated projects related to emergency repairs or natural events. This contract will provide for these professional geotechnical engineering services.

Three (3) geotechnical engineering firms responded to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ #21-37). After interviews by a selection panel, GeoEngineers, Inc. was deemed the most qualified consultant for the work.

Funding Amount and Source

The not-to-exceed amount for this contract is \$200,000. This is a task order-based contract that will likely be utilized by multiple Public Works Divisions (Design/Construction, Bridge and Hydraulics, Stormwater, River and Flood, etc.). As such, multiple funding sources will be utilized during work under this contract.

Please contact Cody Swan at extension 6265, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.