

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.
201908010-3

Originating Department:	Executive
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Non-Departmental/EMS
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive
Contractor's / Agency Name:	City of Bellingham

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes No
 Yes No If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: 201908010

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes No 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?
 Yes No If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____

Is this contract grant funded?
 Yes No If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract _____
 Yes No If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Cost Center: 130100 and 4250

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No Yes 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):
 \$ _____
 This Amendment Amount:
 \$ _____
 Total Amended Amount:
 \$ _____

Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards **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:**

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.

Summary of Scope:

This Modification to the Interlocal Agreement provides for updating the language associated with dispatching fees shared by user agencies.

Term of Contract: _____ Expiration Date: 12/31/23

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: SM	Date: 10/24/22
	2. Attorney signoff: Christopher Quinn	Date: 10/27/2022
	3. AS Finance reviewed: bbennett	Date: 10/27/22
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related):	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed:	Date: _____
	6. Submitted to Exec.:	Date: 10/24/22
	7. Council approved (if necessary): AB2022-626 ✓	Date: 11-9-22
	8. Executive signed: ✓	Date: 11-14-22
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: 12-16-22

**THIRD MODIFICATION TO
WHAT-COMM COMMUNICATIONS CENTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
CITY CONTRACT # 2019-0510 -- COUNTY CONTRACT# 201908010**

This Modification ("Modification") is entered into by and between the **COUNTY OF WHATCOM**, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (hereinafter the "County"), and the **CITY OF BELLINGHAM**, a first class municipal corporation of the State of Washington (hereinafter the "City"), and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **MODIFICATION TO EXISTING AGREEMENT:** The agreement is modified in the following respect:

Section V of the agreement is hereby modified to remove the following subsection:

E. The City shall provide call transfer service to the U.S. Border Patrol Dispatch Center in Blaine through which all emergency calls for police service within the corporate boundaries of Sumas shall be directed for dispatching.

The subsection previously identified as F will now be identified as subsection E.

Section VIII of the agreement is hereby modified to add the following subsection:

J. To avoid budget shortages and keep pace with evolving technology, user agencies will be assessed additional fees annually to support an Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) in an amount agreed upon by the Administrative Board.

The subsection previously identified as J will now be identified as subsection K.

2. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EXISTING AGREEMENT REMAIN THE SAME:** The parties agree that, except as specifically provided in this modification, the terms and conditions of the Agreement continue in full force and effect.

EXECUTED, this the 14th day of November, 2022, for COUNTY OF
WHATCOM :



Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

Approved as to Form:


Approved by email 10/26/22 C. Quinn/SM
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

EXECUTED, this the 17 day of November, 2022, for the CITY OF
BELLINGHAM:



Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

Departmental Approval:



Department Head

Attest:



Finance Director

Approved as to Form:



Office of the City Attorney

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite #108
Bellingham, WA 98225-4082



Satpal Singh Sidhu
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu and
Whatcom County Councilmembers

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

RE: Modification to Interlocal Agreement for WHAT-COMM Communications
Center

DATE: October 25, 2022

Enclosed is an interlocal agreement modification #3 between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for your review and signature by the Executive.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

It is the purpose of this agreement to provide a mechanism whereby all Whatcom County Public Safety Agencies may share in the cost of supplemental dispatch technologies administered by What-Comm. See more background details in the attached memorandum from City of Bellingham. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the What-Comm Board at their most recent meeting.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This is a no-cost amendment to the interlocal agreement.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.



WHAT-COMM Communications Center

City of Bellingham

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TOPIC: What-Comm Interlocal Agreement Amendment - 2022

Purpose

To remove outdated language and establish an equipment replacement fund.

Background

The What-Comm Interlocal agreement covers such things as the make-up of our What-Comm Administrative Board, how agencies may be added to What-Comm, how user fees are determined, and the responsibilities of Bellingham Police Department and Bellingham Fire Department to manage the operations and budget of What-Comm and Prospect, respectively.

Amendments to the Interlocal are first approved by the Administrative Board, then by the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County before being consolidated into our previously existing Interlocal agreement.

The current Interlocal Agreement dictates that all fees associated with What-Comm law dispatching be shared by user agencies based on their percentage of use, as determined by population served, the number of commissioned personnel, and their annual call volume. There is no mechanism for agencies who wish to pay for supplemental technologies to do so, without all agencies sharing in these additional costs.

Amendments

The What-Comm Administrative Board approved two amendments to the Interlocal Agreement:

1. Removal of outdated language which referenced transferring 911 calls for police services in the City of Sumas to US Border Patrol. This has not been the practice since Sumas Police joined What-Comm as a user agency in 2019.
2. Addition of language establishing an equipment replacement fund which will be used to purchase critical equipment known to require replacement or refreshment on a set schedule. This fund will provide financial stability and resilience for What-Comm and Prospect dispatch centers.