

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-360

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	<i>RAG</i>	<i>10/7/08</i>	RECEIVED OCT 14 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/21/08	Finance/Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	<i>DH</i>	<i>10-9-08</i>			
Prosecutor:	<i>TS</i>	<i>10-10-08</i>			
Purchasing/Budget:	<i>bb</i>	<i>10/02/08</i>			
Executive:	<i>DM</i>	<i>10-14-08</i>			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant*

ATTACHMENTS: *Memo, Cover Sheet, Information Sheet, Cooperative Agreement*

SEPA review required?	() Yes	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing?	() Yes	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO
SEPA review completed?	() Yes	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO	Requested Date:		

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services received funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Puget Sound Partnership to develop the Birch Bay Characterization and Planning Pilot Study.

In January of 2008, the honorable Pete Kremen approved our application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a grant under the West Coast Estuaries Initiative Program. Through the EPA Targeted Watersheds Program PDS and Public Works will receive \$443,000 (over four years) from the EPA to implement the recommendations laid out in the Pilot Study.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Kremen, County Executive
THROUGH: David Stalheim, Director *DS*
FROM: Peter Gill, Senior Planner *RG*
RE: EPA Grant
DATE: September 25, 2008

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PETE KREMEN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Enclosed are three (3) originals of the contract between Whatcom County and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In 2007, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services received funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Puget Sound Partnership to develop the Birch Bay Characterization and Planning Pilot Study.

In January of 2008, the honorable Pete Kremen approved our application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a grant under the West Coast Estuaries Initiative Program. Through the EPA Targeted Watersheds Program PDS and Public Works will receive \$443,736.00 (over four years) from the EPA to implement the recommendations laid out in the Pilot Study.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has awarded Whatcom County Planning and Development Services the amount of \$443,736.00. Whatcom County will contribute \$89,130.00 in staff time.


Please contact Peter Gill at extension 50263, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.

COUNTY ORIGINAL

WHATCOM COUNTY
 CONTRACT NO.
 200810007

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	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Cooperative Agreement	ASSISTANCE ID NO.			DATE OF AWARD 09/03/2008	
		PRG	DOC ID	AMEND#		
		WS - 96073401 - 0				
		TYPE OF ACTION New			MAILING DATE 09/10/2008	
PAYMENT METHOD:			ACH# PEND			
RECIPIENT TYPE: County		Send Payment Request to: Las Vegas Finance Center FAX # 702-798-2423				
RECIPIENT: Whatcom County 5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham, WA 98226 EIN: 91-6001383		PAYEE: Whatcom County 5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham, WA 98226				
PROJECT MANAGER		EPA PROJECT OFFICER		EPA GRANT SPECIALIST		
Peter Gill 5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham, WA 98226 E-Mail: pgill@co.whatcom.wa.us Phone: 360-676-6907		Tony Fournier 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OMP-145 Seattle, WA 98101 E-Mail: Fournier.Tony@epa.gov Phone: 206-553-1838		Evelyn Holtzendorf 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OMP-145 Seattle, WA 98101 E-Mail: Holtzendorf.Evelyn@epa.gov Phone: 206-553-6344		
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Whatcom County Targeted Watershed Grant						
This project will implement the recommendations of the Birch Bay Watershed Characterization and Watershed Planning Pilot Study by designing and implementing a watershed-focused planning model for making land use decisions within the Birch Bay watershed. This will be accomplished by identifying solutions that recognize unique sub-basin issues prior to the permit review stage; strengthening cooperation between agencies and stakeholders; and protecting property rights and values while sustaining and restoring aquatic resources and watershed processes threatened by growth and development.						
BUDGET PERIOD 09/01/2008 - 07/01/2012		PROJECT PERIOD 09/01/2008 - 07/01/2012		TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$591,961.00		
				TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$591,961.00		
NOTICE OF AWARD						
Based on your application dated 05/28/2008, including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereby awards \$443,736. EPA agrees to cost-share 74.96% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$443,736. Such award may be terminated by EPA without further cause if the recipient fails to provide timely affirmation of the award by signing under the Affirmation of Award section and returning all pages of this agreement to the Grants Management Office listed below within 21 days after receipt, or any extension of time, as may be granted by EPA. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA statutory provisions. The applicable regulatory provisions are 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, and all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.						
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)			AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE			
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS EPA Region 10 Mail Code: OMP-145 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101			ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 10 Office of Water and Watersheds 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101			
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY						
SIGNATURE OF AWARD OFFICIAL Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official		TYPED NAME AND TITLE Armina K. Nolan, Manager - Grants Administration Unit		DATE 09/03/2008		
AFFIRMATION OF AWARD						
BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION						
SIGNATURE <i>see next page</i>		TYPED NAME AND TITLE Pete Kremen, County Executive		DATE		

Whatcom County

Recommended for approval

By: _____

Title: Whatcom County Executive

Date: _____

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 2008 before me personally appeared _____ to me know to be the County Executive of Whatcom County and who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State
of Washington, residing at:

My commission expires _____

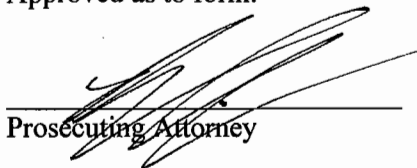
Recommended for Approval



Planning & Development Services Director

10-9-08
Date

Approved as to form:



Prosecuting Attorney

Date 10-10-08

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 443,736	\$ 443,736
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$ 89,130	\$ 89,130
State Contribution	\$	\$ 53,845	\$ 53,845
Local Contribution	\$	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 591,961	\$ 591,961

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.439 - Targeted Watershed Initiative	Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution 2007 Department of the Interior Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2006 (Public Law 109-54)	40 CFR PART 31

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
	0810MOG01 3	08	E1	10M4	403B26E	4158			443,736
									443,736

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$137,405
2. Fringe Benefits	\$48,099
3. Travel	\$6,640
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$18,150
6. Contractual	\$298,439
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$75,000
9. Total Direct Charges	\$583,733
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$8,228
11. Total (Share: Recipient 25.04 % Federal 74.96 %.)	\$591,961
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$443,736
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$443,736
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$443,736

Administrative Conditions

1. Payment Information

All recipients must be enrolled to receive funds electronically via the EPA-EFT Payment Process. This electronic funds transfer process was initiated by EPA in response to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, P.L. 104-134 that requires all federal payments be made via Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT). By signing the assistance agreement you are agreeing to receive payment electronically.

In order to receive payments electronically, the ACH Vendor/ Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (SF3881) must be completed and faxed to Marge Pumphrey at (702) 798-2423.

After reviewing and processing the SF3881, the Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC) will send you a letter assigning you an EFT Control Number, an EPA-EFT Recipient's Manual, and the necessary forms for requesting funds and reporting purposes.

If you need further assistance regarding enrollment, please contact Marge Pumphrey at (702) 798-2492 or by e-mail to: pumphrey.margaret@epa.gov.

Any recipient currently using the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system with another government agency should contact Marge Pumphrey at (702) 798-2492 or e-mail to: pumphrey.margaret@epa.gov.

Under any of the above payment mechanisms, recipients may request/draw down advances for their immediate cash needs, provided the recipient meets the requirements of 40 CFR 30.22(b) or 40 CFR 31.21(c), as applicable. Additionally, recipients must liquidate all obligations incurred within 90 calendar days of the project period end date. Therefore, recipients must submit the final request for payment, and refund to EPA any balance of unobligated cash advanced within 90 calendar days after the end of the project period.

2. Cost Principles/Indirect Costs for Local Governments & Interstate Agencies

The cost principles of OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments," relocated to 2 CFR Part 225, is applicable, as appropriate, to this award.

If the recipient does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it agrees that it will prepare its indirect cost rate proposal and/or cost allocation plan in accordance with OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments." For proposal preparation, the recipient may use the appropriate completeness checklist located at: <http://www.aqd.nbc.gov/indirect/indirect.asp>.

The local government recipient whose cognizant federal agency has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must develop and submit its indirect cost rate proposal to its cognizant agency within six (6) months after the close of the governmental unit's fiscal year. If the cognizant federal agency has not been identified by the OMB, the local government recipient must still develop (and when required, submit) its proposal within that period.

The interstate agency recipient must send its proposal to its cognizant federal agency within six (6) months after the end of its fiscal year. If EPA is the cognizant federal agency of either the interstate agency or the local government, the recipient must send its indirect cost rate proposal within six (6) months after the end of its fiscal year to:

Regular Mail

Office of Grants and Debarment
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, MC 3903R
Washington, DC 20460
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Control Desk

Mail Courier (e.g. FedEx, UPS, etc.)

Office of Grants and Debarment
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 5th floor
Washington, DC 20004
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Control Desk

Electronic submissions of proposals may be mailed to OGD_IndirectCost@epa.gov.

Recipients are entitled to reimbursement of indirect costs, subject to any statutory or regulatory administrative cost limitations, if they have a current rate agreement or have submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval. Recipients are responsible for maintaining an approved indirect cost rate throughout the life of the award. Recipients are responsible for submitting any subsequent rate proposals to the appropriate cognizant agency no later than 180 days after the end of the recipient's fiscal year. Recipients may draw down grant funds once a provisional or final rate has been approved, and only for indirect costs incurred during the period specified in the rate agreement. Recipients are not entitled to indirect costs for any period in which the rate has expired. Recipients may not draw down grant funds for any indirect costs which were not incurred during the period of the approved rate agreement.

Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the award amount, without EPA approval. Recipients may request supplemental amendments (to grants which have not expired or been closed out) for additional funding to cover increased indirect costs. EPA approval of a supplemental amendment is subject to the availability of funds.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 31.26, recipient agrees to comply with the audit requirements prescribed in the Single Audit Act Amendments, and revised OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," including Subpart C Section 305(b) which addresses the restriction on auditors preparing indirect cost proposals.

3. Financial Status Report (FSR) and Federal Cash Transactions Reports

FINAL FSR

The Financial Status Report (FSR), Standard Form 269A (or Standard Form 269 if program income is generated), for this award is due to EPA no later than 90 days after the budget period expires.

For agreements with multiple budget activities, separate FSRs must be provided for each of the activities, sites, or budgets, as applicable.

FEDERAL CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORTS

The recipient will provide timely reporting of cash disbursements and balances through annual submission (within fifteen (15) working days following December 31 of any given calendar year) of a Federal Cash Transactions Report (SF-272).

The Final FSR and Federal Cash Transactions Reports may be faxed to (702) 798-2423 or mailed to:

US Environmental Protection Agency
Las Vegas Finance Center
P.O. Box 98515
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8515

For additional information, please contact Marge Pumphrey at (702) 798-2492 or email: Pumphrey.Margaret@epa.gov.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 30.62 or 40 CFR 31.43 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

4. Audit Requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

5. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel> to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

6. Recycled Paper

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION HOSPITALS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962) any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds shall comply with the requirements set forth. Regulations issued under RCRA Section 6002 apply to any acquisition of an item where the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. RCRA Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by EPA. These guidelines are listed in 40 CFR 247.

STATE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

In accordance with 40 CFR 30.16, State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals, and non-profit organizations that receive direct Federal funds shall give preference in their procurement programs funded with Federal funds to the purchase of recycled products pursuant to EPA's guidelines.

STATE TRIBAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECIPIENTS:

In accordance with the polices set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007), the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

7. Lobbying

ALL RECIPIENTS:

The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.

PART 30 RECIPIENTS:

All contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the Appendix at Title 40 CFR Part 30.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

8. Lobbying and Litigation

ALL RECIPIENTS:

Pursuant to EPA's annual Appropriations Act, the chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall require that no grant funds have been used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law.

Recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of Federal grant funds for litigation against the United States. Any Part 30 recipients shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21 or A-122), which prohibits the use of Federal grant funds to participate in various forms of lobbying or other political activities.

9. Suspension and Debarment

Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (Doing Business with Other Persons)." Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information as required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipient may access the Excluded Parties List System at www.epls.gov. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

10. Drug-Free Workplace Certification for all EPA Recipients

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/40cfr36_06.html.

11. Management Fees

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

12. Reimbursement Limitation

If the recipient expends more than the amount of federal funding in its EPA approved budget in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk. EPA is not legally obligated to reimburse the recipient for costs incurred in excess of the EPA approved budget.

13. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

To implement requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

a. We, as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: (1) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below; or (2) has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below through conduct that is either: (a) associated with performance under this award; or (b) imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR part 1532. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below.

b. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a of this award term: (1) implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and (2) is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

c. You must include the requirements of the Prohibition Statement below in any subaward you make to a private entity.

Prohibition Statement - You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

14. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements (Effective May 27, 2008)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

A recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE (MBE/WBE) participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

Accepting the Fair Share Objectives/Goals of Another Recipient

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement is over \$250,000; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's non-TAG assistance agreements from EPA in the current fiscal year is over \$250,000. The recipient accepts the applicable MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals negotiated with EPA by the **Washington Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises** as follows:

MBE: PURCHASED GOODS 8%; PURCHASED SERVICES 10%; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 10%
WBE: PURCHASED GOODS 4%; PURCHASED SERVICES 4%; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 4%

By signing this financial assistance agreement, the recipient is accepting the fair share objectives/goals stated above and attests to the fact that it is purchasing the same or similar construction, supplies, services and equipment, in the same or similar relevant geographic buying market as **Washington Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises**.

Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals, 40 CFR, Section 33.404

The recipient has the option to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals. If the recipient wishes to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals, the recipient agrees to submit proposed MBE/WBE objectives/goals based on an availability analysis, or disparity study, of qualified MBEs and WBEs in their relevant geographic buying market for construction, services, supplies and equipment.

The submission of proposed fair share goals with the supporting analysis or disparity study means that the recipient is **not** accepting the fair share objectives/goals of another recipient. The recipient agrees to submit proposed fair share objectives/goals, together with the supporting availability analysis or disparity study, to the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator within 120 days of its acceptance of the financial assistance award. EPA will respond to the proposed fair share objective/goals within 30 days of receiving the submission. If proposed fair share objective/goals are not received within the 120 day time frame, the

recipient may not expend its EPA funds for procurements until the proposed fair share objective/goals are submitted.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to ensure that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Sections 33.502 and 33.503

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A, "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal fiscal year reporting period the recipient receives the award, and continuing until the project is completed. **Only procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted toward a recipient's MBE/WBE accomplishments.** The reports must be submitted **semiannually** for the periods ending March 31st and September 30th for:

- Recipients of financial assistance agreements that capitalize revolving loan programs (CWSRF, DWSRF, Brownfields); and
- All other recipients not identified as annual reporters (40 CFR Part 30 and 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart A and Subpart B recipients are annual reporters).

The reports are due within 30 days of the end of the semiannual reporting periods (April 30th and October 30th). Reports should be sent to the EPA Region 10, Grants Administration Unit, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, Mailcode: OMP-145, Seattle, WA 98101. For further information, please contact Greg Luchey at (206) 553-2967, email: Luchey.Greg@epa.gov. Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. Your grant cannot be officially closed without all MBE/WBE reports.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained from the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page on the Internet at www.epa.gov/osbp.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create

and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

15. Payment to Consultants

EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. As of January 1, 2008, the limit is \$571.15 per day \$71.39 per hour. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR Parts 30 or 31, as applicable, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction, and control of the individuals who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 CFR 30.27(b) or 40 CFR 31.36(j), as applicable, for additional information.

NOTE: For future years' limits, the recipient may find the annual salary for Level IV of the Executive Schedule on the following Internet site: <http://www.opm.gov/oca>. Select "Salary and Wages", and select "Executive Schedule". The annual salary is divided by 2087 hours to determine the maximum hourly rate, which is then multiplied by 8 to determine the maximum daily rate.

16. Subawards

a. The recipient agrees to:

- (1) Establish all subaward agreements in writing;
- (2) Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a subrecipient);
- (3) Ensure that any subawards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
- (4) Ensure that any subawards are awarded to eligible subrecipients and that proposed subaward costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
- (5) Ensure that any subawards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
- (6) Monitor the performance of their recipients and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the subaward;
- (7) Obtain EPA's consent before making a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country; and
- (8) Obtain approval from EPA for any new subaward work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.

b. Any questions about subrecipient eligibility or other issues pertaining to subawards should be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. Additional information regarding subawards may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf>. Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and subrecipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf> and <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>.

c. The recipient is responsible for selecting its subrecipients and, if applicable, for conducting subaward competitions.

Programmatic Conditions

West Coast Estuaries Initiative TWG Programmatic Terms and Conditions

1. Quality Assurance Requirements

Acceptable Quality Assurance documentation must be submitted to the EPA Project Officer within 30

days of the acceptance of this agreement or another date as negotiated with the EPA Project Officer. No work involving direct measurements or data generation, environmental modeling, compilation of data from literature or electronic media, and data supporting the design, construction, and operation of environmental technology shall be initiated under this project until the EPA Project Officer, in concert with the EPA Quality Assurance Manager, has approved the quality assurance document. (See 40 CFR 30.54 or 31.45, as appropriate.) Additional information on these requirements can be found at the EPA Office of Grants and Debarment website: <http://www.epa.gov/oqd/grants/assurance.htm>.

2. Information Technology

Recipients are required to institute standardized reporting requirements into their work plans and include such costs in their budgets. All environmental data will be required to be entered into the Agency's Storage and Retrieval data system (STORET) and recipients may need to purchase appropriate ORACLE software. STORET is a repository for water quality, biological, and other physical data used by state environmental agencies, EPA and other federal agencies, universities, private citizens, and many other organizations. It is highly recommended that the grant recipient attend EPA sponsored STORET training as soon as practical and as training is available. Information regarding training sessions sponsored by EPA will be provided by the EPA Project Officer. More information about STORET can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/STORET>.

3. Semi-Annual Performance Reports

The recipient shall submit performance reports every six (6) months during the life of the project. Reports are due 30 calendar days after the end of each reporting period. Reports shall be submitted to the EPA Project Officer and may be provided electronically.

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 30.51(d) and 40 CFR Part 31.40, as appropriate, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include brief information on each of the following areas:

- (a) a comparison of actual accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the period;
- (b) the reasons for slippages if established outputs/outcomes were not met;
- (c) additional pertinent information, including when appropriate, analysis and information of cost overruns or high unit costs.

In addition to the semi-annual performance reports, the recipient shall immediately notify the EPA Project Officer of developments that have a significant impact on the award-supported activities. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 30.51(f) and 40 CFR Part 31.40(d), as appropriate, the recipient agrees to inform the EPA Project Officer as soon as problems, delays or adverse conditions become known which will materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement work plan. This notification shall include a statement of the action taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.

4. Final Performance Report

In addition to the periodic performance reports, the recipient shall submit a final performance report, which is due 90 calendar days after the expiration or termination of the award. The report shall be submitted to the EPA Project Officer and may be provided electronically. The report shall generally contain the same information as in the periodic reports, but should cover the entire project period. After completion of the project, the EPA Project Officer may waive the requirement for a final performance report if the EPA Project Officer deems such a report is inappropriate or unnecessary.

5. Recognition of EPA Funding

Reports, documents, signage, videos, or other media, developed as part of projects funded by this assistance agreement shall contain the following statement:

"This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement WS-96073401 to Whatcom County. 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."

6. Cooperative Agreements

Regarding Cooperative Agreements and the potential for "substantial involvement" with this project on the part of EPA: Project management and execution will be monitored by EPA representatives throughout the assistance agreement's project and budget period. EPA technical assistance and coordination will be routinely available as requested/needed by the grant recipient. This agreement will be overseen by the EPA project officer with technical support and assistance from the EPA project monitor.

7. National Conference Attendance

Attendance is required at a minimum of two annual National Targeted Watersheds Grantee Conferences during the assistance agreement's project and budget period. Costs associated with travel to the annual National Targeted Watersheds Grantee Conference are allowable under this assistance agreement.

8. Copyrighted Material

In accordance with 40 CFR 31.34 for State, local and Indian Tribal governments or 40 CFR 30.36 for other recipients, EPA has the right to reproduce, publish, use, and authorize others to use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes.

Examples of a Federal purpose include but are not limited to: (1) Use by EPA and other Federal employees for official Government purposes; (2) Use by Federal contractors performing specific tasks for the Government; (3) Publication in EPA documents provided the document does not disclose trade secrets (e.g. software codes) and the work is properly attributed to the recipient through citation or otherwise; (4) Reproduction of documents for inclusion in Federal depositories; (5) Use by State, tribal and local governments that carry out delegated Federal environmental programs as "co-regulators" or act as official partners with EPA to carry out a national environmental program within their jurisdiction and; (6) Limited use by other grantees to carry out Federal grants provided the use is consistent with the terms of EPA's authorization to the other grantee to use the copyrighted works or other data.

Under Item 6, the grantee acknowledges that EPA may authorize another grantee(s) to use the copyrighted works or other data developed under this grant as a result of:

- a. the selection of another grantee by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the copyrighted works or other data or;
- b. termination or expiration of this agreement.

In addition, EPA may authorize another grantee to use copyrighted works or other data developed with Agency funds provided under this grant to perform another grant when such use promotes efficient and effective use of Federal grant funds.

END OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT #WS-96073601-0