



**REQUEST for PROPOSAL # 941**  
PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND EXPERT SERVICES

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Clark County Washington

RELEASE DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025  
DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 by 11:00 am

Request for Proposal for:

**BIORETENTION FACILITY CBP3 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBMIT:**

One (1) Original  
Three (3) Complete Copies

of the Proposal to:

<b><u>UPS / FedEx or Hand Delivery</u></b>	<b><u>United States Postal Service (ONLY)</u></b>
Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing 1300 Franklin Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 650 Vancouver WA 98660 564-397-2323	Clark County ATTN: Office of Purchasing PO Box 5000 Vancouver WA 98666-5000 564-397-2323

**Office Hours:** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except Legal Holidays.

**No electronic submissions.**

**\*\*Proposals must be delivered to the Purchasing office – No Exceptions**

**\*\*Proposals must be date and time stamped by Purchasing staff by 1:30 pm on due date – No Exceptions**

**\*\*Proposal shall be sealed and clearly marked on the package cover with RFP #, Title & Company Name**

**Refer Questions to Project Manager:**

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## General Terms and Conditions

**ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS** - Contractors shall comply with all management and administrative requirements established by Washington Administrative Code (WAC), the Revised Code of the State of Washington (RCW), and any subsequent amendments or modifications, as applicable to providers licensed in the State of Washington.

ALL proposals submitted become the property of Clark County. It is understood and agreed that the prospective Proposer claims no proprietary rights to the ideas and written materials contained in or attached to the proposal submitted. Clark County has the right to reject or accept proprietary information.

**AUTHORSHIP** - Applicants must identify any assistance provided by agencies or individuals outside the proposers own organization in preparing the proposal. No contingent fees for such assistance will be allowed to be paid under any contract resulting from this RFP.

**CANCELLATION OF AWARD** - Clark County reserves the right to immediately cancel an award if the contractual agreement has not been entered into by both parties or if new state regulations or policy make it necessary to change the program purpose or content, discontinue such programs, or impose funding reductions. In those cases where negotiation of contract activities are necessary, Clark County reserves the right to limit the period of negotiation to sixty (60) days after which time funds may be unencumbered.

**CONFIDENTIALLY** - Proposer shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of information.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - All proposals submitted must contain a statement disclosing or denying any interest, financial or otherwise, that any employee or official of Clark County or the appropriate Advisory Board may have in the proposing agency or proposed project.

**CONSORTIUM OF AGENCIES** - Any consortium of companies or agencies submitting a proposal must certify that each company or agency of the consortium can meet the requirements set forth in the RFP.

**COST OF PROPOSAL & AWARD** - The contract award will not be final until Clark County and the prospective contractor have executed a contractual agreement. The contractual agreement consists of the following parts: (a) the basic provisions and general terms and conditions, (b) the special terms and conditions, (c) the project description and goals (Statement of Work), and (d) the budget and payment terms. Clark County is not responsible for any costs incurred prior to the effective date of the contract. Clark County reserves the right to make an award without further negotiation of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted in final form from a budgetary, technical, and programmatic standpoint.

**DISPUTES** - Clark County encourages the use of informal resolution to address complaints or disputes arising over any actions in implementing the provisions of this RFP. Written complaints should be addressed to Clark County – Purchasing, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, Washington 98666-5000.

**DIVERSITY IN EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS** - It is the policy of Clark County to require equal opportunity in employment and services subject to eligibility standards that may be required for a specific program. Clark County is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing equal opportunity in employment and in access to the provision of all county services. Clark County's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is available at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/hr/documents.html>. This commitment applies regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, or sexual orientation. Employment decisions are made without consideration of these or any other factors that are prohibited by law. In compliance with department of Labor Regulations implementing Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, no qualified handicapped individual shall be discriminated against in admission or access to any program or activity. The prospective contractor must agree to provide equal opportunity in the administration of the contract, and its subcontracts or other agreements.

**MUNICIPAL RESEARCH and SERVICE CENTER** - Clark County (WA) contracts with the Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) to maintain our Consultant, Small Works and Vendor rosters. To be eligible to participate in this Clark County public solicitation and the resulting contract, your business must be registered with the MRSC Rosters. Failure to register may result in your proposal being marked nonresponsive. Be sure to select Clark County in your application. If you have questions about the registration process, contact the MRSC Rosters at 206-436-3798 or <https://mrsrosters.org/businesses/business-membership/>

**INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION** - The prospective contractor guarantees that, in connection with this proposal, the prices and/or cost data have been arrived at

independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition. This does not preclude or impede the formation of a consortium of companies and/or agencies for purposes of engaging in jointly sponsored proposals.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** - Clark County has made this RFP subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34. Therefore, the proposer may, at the proposers option, extend identical prices and services to other public agencies wishing to participate in this RFP. Each public agency wishing to utilize this RFP will issue a purchase order (or contract) binding only their agency. Each contract is between the proposer and the individual agency with no liability to Clark County.

**LIMITATION** - This RFP does not commit Clark County to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

**LATE PROPOSALS** - A proposal received after the date and time indicated above will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS** - An oral presentation may be required of those prospective contractors whose proposals are under consideration. Prospective contractors may be informed that an oral presentation is desired and will be notified of the date, time and location the oral presentation is to be conducted.

**OTHER AUDIT/MONITORING REQUIREMENTS** - In addition, auditing or monitoring for the following purposes will be conducted at the discretion of Clark County: Fund accountability; Contract compliance; and Program performance.

**PRICE WARRANT** - The proposer shall warrant that the costs quoted for services in response to the RFP are not in excess of those which would be charged any other individual or entity for the same services performed by the prospective contractor, in a similar socioeconomic, geographical region.

**REQUEST for PROPOSALS** – This solicitation is an invitation by Clark County for Proposers to submit an offer, which may be subject to subsequent discussions and negotiations by the County and the Proposer. It is not a request for a competitive bid. A Proposal means any document, submittal, interview presentation, negotiation, and everything and anything provided in response to this RFP regardless of whether the submission is an oral or written submission.

Clark County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this RFP, to negotiate with any or all prospective contractors on modifications to proposals, to waive formalities, to postpone award, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP if it is in the best interest of Clark County to do so.

**PROTESTS** - Must be submitted to the Purchasing Department.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - May require limiting access to public work sites, public facilities, and public offices, sometimes without advance notice. The successful Proposer's employees and agents shall carry sufficient identification to show by whom they are employed and display it upon request to security personnel. County project managers have discretion to require the successful Proposer's employees and agents to be escorted to and from any public office, facility or work site if national or local security appears to require it.

**SUBCONTRACTING** - No activities or services included as a part of this proposal may be subcontracted to another organization, firm, or individual without the approval of Clark County. Such intent to subcontract shall be clearly identified in the proposal. It is understood that the contractor is held responsible for the satisfactory accomplishment of the service or activities included in a subcontract.

**VERBAL PROPOSALS** - Verbal proposals will not be considered in making the award of any contract as a result of this RFP.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE** – The contractor shall comply with R.C.W. Title 51- with minimum coverage limits of \$500,000 for each accident, or provide evidence that State law does not require such coverage.

FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMATS  
**Clark County ADA Office: V: 564-397-2322**  
[ADA@clark.wa.gov](mailto:ADA@clark.wa.gov)

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### Part I Proposal Requirements

Section IA	General Information
1. Introduction	<p>Clark County Public Works is seeking contracted services to determine the feasibility of developing a new community-based public-private partnership (CBP3) bioretention maintenance program in Clark County using a performance-based approach.</p> <p>This RFP addresses Phase 1 program development. The work is funded by a grant from Washington Department of Ecology. Clark County is a participant in Ecology’s Learning Network for Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships.</p> <p>Phase 1 includes conducting research and developing technical memorandums on legal considerations and procurement policies, as well as creating an engagement plan, training resources, and outreach materials to develop and market the new program for later implementation in Phase 2.</p> <p>A draft competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation and draft performance-based-contract template will also be developed as part of Phase 1, with the goal to hire one or more contractors to implement the new program during Phase 2.</p> <p>Clark County (WA) contracts with the Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) to maintain our Consultant, Small Works and Vendor Rosters. To be eligible to participate in this Clark County public solicitation and the resulting contract your business must be registered with the MRSC Rosters. Failure to register may result in your proposal being marked nonresponsive. Be sure to select Clark County in your application. If you have questions about the registration process, contact the MRSC Rosters at 206-436-3798 or <a href="https://mrscrosters.org/businesses/business-membership/">https://mrscrosters.org/businesses/business-membership/</a></p> <p>If your company contact details <i>are not</i> on the Plan Holder List at <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1">https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1</a> Attachment B, Letter of Interest must be submitted to participate in this RFP.</p> <p>Proposers shall respond to all sections to be considered.</p> <p>Clark County has made this Request for Proposal subject to Washington State statute RCW 39.34 Interlocal Cooperation Act. The proposer may opt to extend identical services and prices to qualified public agencies. Each contract is between the proposer and individual agency binding only their agency, with no liability to Clark County.</p>
2. Background	<p>Clark County owns and maintains approximately 600 vegetated bioretention facilities, with additional facilities constructed annually through private development and road projects. These facilities provide stormwater treatment for total suspended solids (TSS), dissolved copper, dissolved zinc, and total phosphorus. Recent studies indicate that bioretention treatment also helps reduce toxicity and remove 6PPD-quinone, a chemical especially harmful to certain fish species.</p> <p>While the county maintains these facilities according to the Ecology-approved Clark County Stormwater Manual and meets maintenance requirements in the Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit, resource constraints and lack of internal horticulture knowledge or landscape expertise have made it difficult to keep bioretention facilities maintained at an optimized level. Maintaining vegetation, soil, and mulch helps optimize infiltration, storage, and pollutant removal. Maintenance practices for vegetated stormwater facilities require specialized skills that differ from those typically performed by the county’s maintenance crews, who have more experience with maintaining traditional grey stormwater infrastructure.</p> <p>To support Phase 1 program development, the county entered a professional services agreement in 2024 to assess the current condition of existing bioretention facilities. This information will help determine the range of bioretention repair and maintenance needed, which may include the complete rebuilding or</p>

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	<p>conversion of bioretention facilities to alternative best management practices (BMPs), replanting or replenishing sparse vegetation, and developing a routine maintenance program for well-established sites that only need ongoing vegetation maintenance and inlet clearing to perform optimally.</p> <p>The program's goal is to leverage public-private partnerships to implement maintenance that ensures bioretention facilities treat stormwater effectively, provide flow control to mitigate stream erosivity, and exceed Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements.</p> <p>The county is also seeking ways to promote more equitable social and economic outcomes. This includes targeting small, minority-, and women-owned business enterprises (SMWBEs) so that a portion of the county's bioretention maintenance work will be performed by SWMBE contractors.</p> <p>Once implemented, this county-wide CBP3 program will enhance water quality and help reduce impairments in multiple watersheds, including Burnt Bridge Creek, Columbia Slope, East Fork Lewis River, Gibbons Creek, Lacamas Creek, North Fork Lewis River, Salmon Creek, Vancouver Lake/Lake River, Washougal River, and West Slope.</p>
<p>3. Scope of Project</p>	<p>The successful proposer will enter into a Professional Services Contract with Clark County to provide the services and deliverables described below and in Section IB.</p> <p>The tasks and deliverables are defined per grant (<b>Exhibit A</b>) Agreement No. WQC-2026-CICoPW-00363 under Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program. Delivery of this program must adhere to Ecology's terms and conditions as stated in the agreement.</p> <p><b>Task Title: CBP3 Program Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Develop a technical memorandum identifying the stormwater, community, and economic outcomes, performance measures, reporting approach, verification methods, contract model, and payment terms.</li> <li>B. Develop a draft geographical and temporal scope for the CBP3 program that defines the program implementation area, initial program duration, and timeframe of the maintenance agreement.</li> <li>C. Develop a technical memorandum summarizing plans to 1) coordinate with future private partners, including workforce development programs, and 2) gather feedback on the CBP3 program development from external organizations.</li> <li>D. Coordinate with county procurement, contracting, and legal staff to develop a technical memo summarizing legal considerations and barriers for CBP3 program development. This memorandum will include regulatory drivers, collective bargaining agreements, procurement rules, payment and invoicing mechanisms, risk management and cost recovery strategies, liability and insurance requirements.</li> <li>E. Develop a financial analysis that evaluates the financial value of the program, including a comparison to traditional procurement using a Cost-Benefit Analysis or Value-for-Money Analysis. The financial analysis will help determine the price that will be paid for performance measures achieved (e.g., cost per facility maintained or dollar per square foot basis).</li> </ul> <p>Identify revenue sources (e.g., grants, appropriated funds), explore governance and financing models, and evaluate the use of private financing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F. Develop a draft RFP to hire contractor(s) to implement Clark County's new CBP3 program. The RFP will include a high-level project description, desired outcomes, scope expectations, description of performance-based contracting and payment terms, and evaluation criteria to select final contractor(s).</li> </ul>

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	<p>G. Develop a draft performance-based contract that includes performance measures, financial assurances, outcome-based payment terms, a program management plan, monitoring, reporting and verification requirements.</p> <p>In addition, the contractor will compile the products from items A – G into an overall program guidance document.</p> <p><b>Task Title: CBP3 Program Launch</b></p> <p>A. Create a program website to provide information about the bioretention maintenance program. The website will be promoted through social media and other county communication channels.</p> <p>B. Develop training materials and conduct at least one in-person training session for the county’s workforce development program. This training will ensure that the selected contractor(s) in Phase 2 have access to the necessary tools, resources, and education to meet the required performance measures for bioretention maintenance.</p>
<p>4. Project Funding</p>	<p>Qualifications based selection, do not submit pricing.</p> <p>Funding will be provided by a grant from the Washington Department of Ecology.</p>
<p>5. Title VI Statement</p>	<p><b>Title VI Statement</b></p> <p>Clark County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.</p> <p>El Condado de Clark, de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d a 2000d-4) y el Reglamento, por la presente notifica a todos los postores que se asegurará afirmativamente de que cualquier contrato celebrado de conformidad con este anuncio, las empresas comerciales desfavorecidas tendrán la oportunidad plena y justa de presentar ofertas en respuesta a esta invitación y no serán discriminadas por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional en consideración a un laudo.</p> <p>For questions regarding Clark County Public Works’ Title VI Program, or for interpretation or translation services for non-English speakers, or otherwise making materials available in an alternate format, contact Clark County Public Works’ Title VI Coordinator via email at <a href="mailto:CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov">CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov</a> or phone at 564-397-4944. Hearing/speech impaired may call the Washington Relay Center at 711.</p> <p>La políza del condado de Clark es garantizar que ninguna persona por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional o sexo según lo dispuesto en el Title VI of the Civil Rights Act de 1964, según enmendada, sea excluida por participar en, ser negado los beneficios de, o ser discriminado por cualquier programa o actividad patrocinada por el condado. Para preguntas relacionadas con el programa de Title VI de Obras Públicas del condado de Clark, o para servicios de interpretación o traducción para personas que no hablan inglés. O para que los materiales estén disponibles en un formato alternativo, comuníquese con el coordinador del Title VI de Obras Públicas del condado de Clark por correo electrónico a <a href="mailto:CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov">CCPW-TitleVI@clark.wa.gov</a> o por teléfono a 564-397-4944. Las personas con problemas de audición / habla pueden llamar a Washington Relay Center al 711.</p> <p><i>Политика округа Кларк заключается в том, что никого нельзя отстранять от участия, лишать льгот или подвергать дискриминации по признаку расовой принадлежности, цвета кожи и национального происхождения в рамках любой деятельности округа Кларк, как это предусмотрено разделом VI Закона о гражданских правах 1964 г. и сопутствующими законами. Эта политика распространяется на всю деятельность округа Кларк, в том числе на его подрядчиков и всех, кто</i></p>

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<p>6. Timeline for Selection</p>	<p>The following dates are the <b>intended</b> timeline:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 800 1437 1360"> <tr> <td>Pre-submittal Meeting</td> <td>October 22, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for Questions and Answers</td> <td>October 28, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final date for Addendum, if needed</td> <td>October 29, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposals Due</td> <td>November 12, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposal Review/Evaluation Period</td> <td>November 13 – 21, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interviews (if needed)</td> <td>November 24 – 26, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Selection Committee Recommendation</td> <td>December 2, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contract Negotiation/Execution</td> <td>December 3, 2025 – January 30, 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contract Intended to Begin</td> <td>February 2, 2026</td> </tr> </table>	Pre-submittal Meeting	October 22, 2025	Deadline for Questions and Answers	October 28, 2025	Final date for Addendum, if needed	October 29, 2025	Proposals Due	November 12, 2025	Proposal Review/Evaluation Period	November 13 – 21, 2025	Interviews (if needed)	November 24 – 26, 2025	Selection Committee Recommendation	December 2, 2025	Contract Negotiation/Execution	December 3, 2025 – January 30, 2026	Contract Intended to Begin	February 2, 2026
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<p>7. Employment Verification</p>	<p>The Proposer, if awarded the Contract, shall register and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify program before execution of the Contract. The Contractor shall ensure all Contractor employees and any sub-contractor(s) assigned to perform work under this Agreement are eligible to work in the United States. The Contractor shall provide verification of compliance upon County request. Failure by Contractor to comply with this subsection shall be considered a material breach. (Sole Proprietors must submit a letter stating such.)</p>																		
<p><b>Section IB</b></p>	<p><b>Work Requirements</b></p>																		
<p>1. Required Services</p>	<p>The project requires production of technical memoranda, procurement and contracting templates, and outreach/training materials.</p> <p>The contractor must coordinate the project, provide meeting facilitation, conduct research, evaluate</p>																		

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<p>2.County Performed Work</p>	<p>Clark County has an ongoing contract with MacKay &amp; Sposito, Inc. to evaluate existing bioretention facilities and develop a comprehensive maintenance program addressing facilities in various categories of condition and future needs. The maintenance program will be complete by February 26, 2026.</p> <p>The final maintenance plan is intended to become the Scope of Work for the draft RFP and contract documents produced under this CBP3 Program Development RFP.</p> <p>Clark County staff will be the lead contact for grant-related communication with the Department of Ecology. County staff will produce and submit quarterly grant progress reports and reimbursement requests, and will be responsible for performing all grant administration and close-out tasks.</p>																								
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6. Debarred/ Suspended	<p>Federally or Washington State debarred or suspended suppliers may not participate in this Request for Proposal.</p> <p>All proposers must fill out, sign and submit the “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters” form with their proposal to be eligible to participate.</p>												
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(ADA) Information	and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing <a href="mailto:ADA@clark.wa.gov">ADA@clark.wa.gov</a> or by calling 564-397-2322.
8. Public Disclosure	<p>This procurement is subject to the Washington Public Records Act (the "Act"), chapter 42.56 RCW. Once in the County's possession, all of the RFP Submittals shall be considered public records and available for public records inspection and copying, unless exempt under the Act.</p> <p>If a Respondent or Proposer considers any portion of an RFP Submittal to be protected under the law, whether in electronic or hard copy form, the Respondent or Proposer shall clearly identify each such portion with the word "PROPRIETARY". The County will notify the Respondent or Proposer in writing of the request and allow the Respondent or Proposer ten (10) days to obtain a court order enjoining release of the record(s). If the Respondent or Proposer does not take such action within the ten (10) day period, the County will release the portions of the RFP Submittal deemed subject to disclosure. All Respondents and Proposers who provide RFP Submittals for this procurement accept the procedures described above and agree that the County shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses that the party may incur from the disclosure of records to a third party who requests them.</p>
9. Insurance/ Bond	<p><b>A. <u>Waiver of Subrogation</u></b> All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against County, its elected or appointed officers, agents, officials, employees and volunteers or shall specifically allow Contractor or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of subrogation prior to a loss. Contractor hereby waives its own right of subrogation against County and shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.</p> <p><b>B. <u>Proof of Insurance</u></b> Proof of Insurance shall be provided prior to the starting of the contract performance. Proof will be on an ACORD Certificate(s) of Liability Insurance, which the Proposer shall provide to Clark County. Each certificate will show the coverage, deductible and policy period. Policies shall be endorsed to state that coverage will not be suspended, voided, canceled or reduced without a 30-day written notice by mail to the County. It is the Proposers responsibility to provide evidence of continuing coverage during the overlap periods of the policy and the contract.</p> <p><b>C. <u>Worker's Compensation</u></b> As required by the industrial insurance laws of the State of Washington.</p> <p><b>D. <u>Automobile</u></b> If the Proposer or its employees use motor vehicles in conducting activities under this Contract, liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage shall be provided by the Proposer through a commercial automobile insurance policy. The policy shall cover all owned and non-owned vehicles. Such insurance shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate limit. If the Proposer does not use motor vehicles in conducting activities under this Contract, then written confirmation to that effect on Proposer letterhead shall be submitted by the Proposer.</p> <p><b>E. <u>Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance</u></b> Written under ISO Form CG0001 or its latest equivalent with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate for each one-year policy period. Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 and General Aggregate \$2,000,000. This policy must renew annually. This coverage may be any combination of primary, umbrella or excess liability coverage affording total liability limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. However, if other policies are added they must be a follow-form policy in language, renewal date, and have no more exclusions than the underlying coverage. Products and Completed Operations coverage shall be provided for a period of three years following Substantial Completion of the Work. The deductible will not be more than \$50,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Contractor's liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources regardless of coverage status due to cancellation, reservation of rights, or other no-</p>

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	<p>coverage-enforce reason. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability or Cross Liability. Clark County needs to be listed as additional insured.</p> <p><b><u>F. Professional Liability (aka Errors and Omissions)</u></b> The Proposer shall obtain, at Proposers expense, and keep in force during the term of this contract Professional Liability insurance policy to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity. Such insurance shall provide a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The deductible will not be more than \$25,000 unless prior arrangements are made with Clark County on a case-by-case basis; the criterion is the Proposers liquidity and ability to pay from its own resources. It should be an “Occurrence Form” policy. If the policy is “Claims Made”, then Extended Reporting Period Coverage (Tail coverage) shall be purchased for three (3) years after the end of the contract.</p> <p><b><u>G. Pollution and Asbestos Liability</u></b> If hazardous material is encountered during any construction, the Project Manager must be notified immediately, and if any work is done to remove it, any Proposer performing work shall obtain and keep in effect during the term of the contract, Pollution Liability Insurance, including Asbestos Liability covering bodily injury, property damage, environmental damage, including any related clean-up costs. Combined single limit should be a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.</p> <p><b><u>H. Umbrella Liability Coverage</u></b> Umbrella Coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be provided and will apply over all liability policies without exception, including Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability.</p> <p><b><u>I. Additional Insured</u></b> Clark County, its officers, employees and agents, will be named on all policies of contractor and any subcontractors as an additional insured, with no restrictions or limitations concerning products and completed operations. This coverage shall be primary coverage and noncontributory to any coverage maintained by Clark County. The contractor shall provide Clark County with verification of insurance and endorsements required by this agreement. Clark County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. All insurance shall be obtained from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Washington.</p> <p>All policies must have a Best’s Rating of A-VII or better.</p>
<p>10. Plan Holders List</p>	<p>All proposers are required to be listed on the plan holders list.          ✓ Prior to submission of proposal, confirm your organization is on the Plan Holders List below:</p> <p>To view the Plan Holders List, click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser.          Clark County RFP site: <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/purchasing-overview">https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/purchasing-overview</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your organization is NOT listed, submit Attachment B - Letter of Interest to ensure your inclusion.</li> <li>• Proposals received by Clark County by proposers not included on the Plan Holders List may be considered non-responsive.</li> </ul>

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**Part II Proposal Preparation and Submittal**

<b>Section IIA</b>	<b>Pre-Submittal Meeting / Clarification</b>
1. Pre-Submittal Meeting	<p>A pre-submittal meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 1:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Proposers shall email Jeff Schnabel at <a href="mailto:jeff.schnabel@clark.wa.gov">jeff.schnabel@clark.wa.gov</a> to request the meeting invite.</p>
2. Proposal Clarification	<p>Questions and Requests for Clarification regarding this Request for Proposal must be directed in writing, via email, to the person listed on the cover page.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting such questions/clarifications is October 28, 2025 by 5:00 pm PST.</p> <p>An addendum will be issued no later than October 29, 2025 to all recorded holders of the RFP if a substantive clarification is in order.</p> <p>The Questions &amp; Answers/Clarifications are available for review at the link below. Each proposer is strongly encouraged to review this document prior to submitting their proposal.</p> <p>Clark County RFP site: <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1">https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1</a></p>
<b>Section IIB</b>	<b>Proposal Submission</b>
1. Proposals Due	<p>Sealed proposals must be received no later than the date, time and location specified on the cover of this document.</p> <p><b>The outside of the envelope/package shall clearly identify:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. RFP Number and;</b></li> <li><b>2. TITLE and;</b></li> <li><b>3. Name and Address of the Proposer.</b></li> </ol> <p>Responses received after submittal time will not be considered and will be returned to the Proposer - unopened.</p> <p>Proposals received with insufficient copies (as noted on the cover of this document) cannot be properly disseminated to the Review Committee and other reviewers for necessary action, therefore, may not be accepted.</p>
2. Proposal	<p>Proposals must be clear, succinct and not exceed fifteen 15 pages, <u>excluding</u> resumes, coversheet and debarment form. Proposers who submit more than the pages indicated may not have the additional pages of the proposal read or considered.</p> <p>For purposes of review and in the interest of the County, the County encourages the use of submittal materials (i.e. paper, dividers, binders, brochures, etc.) that contain post-consumer recycled content and are <u>readily recyclable</u>.</p> <p>The County discourages the use of materials that cannot be readily recycled such as PVC (vinyl) binders, spiral bindings, and plastic or glossy covers or dividers. Alternative bindings such as</p>

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	<p>reusable/recyclable binding posts, reusable binder clips or binder rings, and recyclable cardboard/paperboard binders are examples of preferable submittal materials.</p> <p>Proposers are encouraged to print/copy on both sides of a single sheet of paper wherever applicable; if sheets are printed on both sides, it is considered to be two pages. Color is acceptable, but content should not be lost by black-and-white printing or copying.</p> <p>All submittals will be evaluated on the completeness and quality of the content. Only those Proposers providing complete information as required will be considered for evaluation. The ability to follow these instructions demonstrates attention to detail.</p> <p>Additional support documents, such as sales brochures, should not be included with each copy unless otherwise specified.</p>
<b>Section IIC</b>	<b>Proposal Content</b>
1. Cover Sheet	This form is to be used as your proposal Cover Sheet. See Cover Sheet - Attachment A.
2. Project Team	Include the title and a short summary of each project team member expertise and capabilities, with the option to attach resumes for key team members.
3. Management Approach	Successful RFP proposers will include clear, logical methodologies and timelines for completing the scope of work. To achieve this, the project team should outline their approach including important technical considerations, and an idea of how to achieve key tasks and deliverables in the designated time frame.
4. Respondent's Capabilities	<p>Please describe your team's readiness to proceed on this scope of work including the expertise and capabilities of the application team, necessary partnerships, or subcontractors to successfully complete this work.</p> <p>Please include three (3) references and a specific work history example describing a past Community-Based Public-Private Partnership effort and/or development of performance-based contracts.</p>
5. Project Approach and Understanding	Describe how you understand the project and your approach to completing the project.
6. Proposed Cost	<b>This is a qualifications-based selection process. Do not submit cost or pricing with proposal.</b>

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**Part III Proposal Evaluation & Contract Award**

Section IIIA	Proposal Review and Selection																		
1. Evaluation and Selection:	Proposals received in response to this RFP will be evaluated by a Review Committee.																		
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<b>Section IIIB</b>	<b>Contract Award</b>
1. Consultant Selection	<p>The County will determine the most qualified proposer based on the evaluation criteria listed using predetermined weights, the attributes of the Proposers and the overall responsiveness of the Proposal. If the County does not reach a favorable agreement with the top Proposer, the County shall terminate negotiations and begin negotiations with the next qualified Proposer. If the County is unable to reach agreeable terms with either Proposer, they may opt to void the RFP and determine next steps.</p> <p>Clark County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to negotiate with any or all prospective contractors on modifications to proposals, to waive formalities, to postpone award, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP. Clark County reserves the right to award the contract based on the best interests of the County.</p>
2. Contract Development	<p>The proposal and all responses provided by the successful Proposer may become a part of the final contract.</p> <p>The form of contract shall be the County's Contract for Professional Services.</p>
3. Award Review	<p>The public may view Request for Proposal documents by submitting a public records request at <a href="http://www.clark.wa.gov">www.clark.wa.gov</a>.</p>
4. Orientation/Kick-off Meeting	<p>A kickoff meeting will be scheduled shortly after the final contract is executed.</p>

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**Attachment A: COVER SHEET**

General Information:

<b>Legal Name of Proposing Firm</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City   State   Zip Code</b>	
<b>Contact Person   Title</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Program Location (if different than above)</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Tax Identification Number</b>	

**ADDENDUM:**

Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of Addenda by checking the appropriate box(es).

None     1     2     3     4     5     6

***NOTE: Failure to do so, shall render the proposer non-responsive and therefore be rejected.***

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this proposal is accurate and complete and that I have the legal authority to commit this agency to a contractual agreement. I realize the final funding for any service is based upon funding levels, and the approval of the Clark County Council and required approvals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Proposing Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



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**Attachment B: LETTER OF INTEREST**

<b>Legal Name of Proposing Firm</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City   State   Zip Code</b>	
<b>Contact Person   Title</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Program Location (if different than above)</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	

- All proposers are required to be included on the plan holders list.
- If your organization is NOT listed, submit the ‘Letter of Interest’ to ensure your inclusion.

Email Letter of Interest to: [Koni.Odell@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Koni.Odell@clark.wa.gov) and [Misty.Davis@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Misty.Davis@clark.wa.gov)

Clark County web link: <https://clark.wa.gov/internal-services/request-proposal-1>

**This document will only be used to add a proposer to the plan holders list. Submitting this document does not commit proposer to provide services to Clark County, nor is it required to be submitted with proposal.**

**Proposals may be considered non-responsive if the Proposer is not listed on the plan holders list.**

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**Attachment C**



Clark County, Washington

**Certification Regarding  
Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters**

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal, State or local department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Sec. 1001, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name & Title of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

**EXHIBIT A**



**Agreement No. WQC-2026-CICoPW-00363**

**WATER QUALITY COMBINED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

**AND**

**CLARK COUNTY – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

This is a binding Agreement entered into by and between the state of Washington, Department of Ecology, hereinafter referred to as “ECOLOGY,” and Clark County – Public Works Department, hereinafter referred to as the “RECIPIENT,” to carry out with the provided funds activities described herein.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Project Title:	Clark County Bioretention Facility CBP3 Program Development
Total Cost:	\$356,989.00
Total Eligible Cost:	\$356,989.00
Ecology Share:	\$356,989.00
Recipient Share:	\$0.00
The Effective Date of this Agreement is:	02/05/2025
The Expiration Date of this Agreement is no later than:	06/30/2027
Project Type:	Stormwater Activity

Project Short Description:

This project will lead to improved water quality in multiple Clark County watersheds, including Burnt Bridge Creek, Salmon Creek, and Lacamas Creek by improving the performance of existing bioretention facilities through design of a community-based public-private partnership (CBP3) maintenance program. Once implemented, this county-wide program should enhance flow control and improve the removal of total suspended solids (TSS), dissolved metals, and total phosphorous.

Project Long Description:

Stormwater runoff significantly impairs Clark County’s watersheds. To address these impairments, the RECIPIENT and Ecology have developed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Salmon Creek (bacteria and turbidity) and the East Fork Lewis River (temperature and bacteria). Lacamas Creek has a TMDL in development (dissolved oxygen, bacteria, pH, temperature), and Burnt Bridge Creek is impaired by bacteria, dissolved oxygen, temperature. Water

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quality and aquatic habitat conditions are further degraded by other stormwater runoff pollutants, such as 6PPD-quinone.

The RECIPIENT owns and maintains approximately 600 vegetated bioretention facilities, with more constructed annually through private development and road projects. These facilities provide treatment for total suspended solids (TSS), dissolved copper, dissolved zinc, and excess total phosphorous. Recent studies indicate that bioretention treatment also helps reduce toxicity and remove 6PPD-quinone, a chemical especially harmful to certain fish species.

While the RECIPIENT maintains these facilities according to the Western Washington Stormwater Manual, and meets maintenance permit requirements, resource constraints and lack of internal horticulture knowledge or landscape expertise have made it difficult to keep bioretention facilities maintenance at an optimized level to ensure effective stormwater treatment. Maintaining vegetation, soil, and mulch helps optimize infiltration, storage, and pollutant removal. Maintenance practices for vegetated stormwater facilities require specialized skills that differ from those typically performed on grey stormwater infrastructure by the RECIPIENT's maintenance crews, who have more experience with maintaining traditional grey stormwater infrastructure.

Through this Phase 1 program development, the RECIPIENT will conduct research to determine the feasibility of developing a new community-based public-private partnership (CBP3) bioretention maintenance program in Clark County using a performance-based approach. This process includes conducting research and developing technical memorandums on legal considerations and procurement policies, creating an engagement plan, training resources, and outreach materials to market the new program for implementation in Phase 2. A competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation and draft performance-based-contract template will also be developed with the goal to hire one or more contractors to implement the new program during Phase 2.

To support Phase 1 program development, the RECIPIENT entered a professional services agreement in 2024 to assess the current condition of existing bioretention facilities. This information will help determine the range of bioretention repair and maintenance need ed, which may include the complete rebuilding or conversion of bioretention facilities to alternative best management practices (BMPs), replanting or replenishing sparse vegetation, and developing a routine maintenance program for well-established sites that only need ongoing vegetation maintenance and inlet clearing to perform optimally. The program's goal is to leverage public-private partnerships to implement maintenance to ensure bioretention facilities treat stormwater effectively, provide flow control to mitigate stream erosivity, and exceed Phase I Permit requirements.

The RECIPIENT is also seeking ways to promote more equitable social and economic outcomes. This includes targeting small, minority-, and women-owned business enterprises (SMWBEs) so that a portion of the County's bioretention maintenance work will be performed by SWMBE contractors. Once implemented, this county-wide CBP3 program will enhance water quality and help reduce impairments in multiple watersheds, including Burnt Bridge Creek, Columbia Slope, East Fork Lewis River, Gibbons Creek, Lacamas Creek, North Fork Lewis River, Salmon Creek, Vancouver Lake/Lake River, Washougal River, and West Slope.

#### Overall Goal:

This project will help protect and restore water quality in Washington State by developing a CBP3 program framework to optimize maintenance and performance of existing bioretention facilities to reduce stormwater impacts from infrastructure and development.

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**RECIPIENT INFORMATION**

Organization Name: Clark County – Public Works Department

Federal Tax ID: 91-6001299

UEI Number: JNQEQSEEC1E5

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<b>Financial Manager</b>	<p>Sarah Ponte</p> <p>PO Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600 Email: SPON461@ecy.wa.gov Phone: (564) 669-4701</p>

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**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

RECIPIENT agrees to furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, materials, services, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in this Agreement.

RECIPIENT acknowledges that they had the opportunity to review the entire Agreement, including all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Scope of Work, attachments, and incorporated or referenced documents, as well as all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines mentioned in this Agreement. Furthermore, the RECIPIENT has read, understood, and accepts all requirements contained within this Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties, and there are no other understandings or representations other than as set forth, or incorporated by reference, herein.

No subsequent modifications or amendments to this agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing, signed by authorized representatives of the RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY and made a part of this agreement. ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts without the concurrence of either party.

This Agreement shall be subject to the written approval of Ecology’s authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved.

The signatories to this Agreement represent that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and bind their respective organizations to this Agreement.

Washington State  
Department of Ecology

Clark County – Public Works Department

By:  8/21/2025  
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On behalf of  
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By:  8/20/2025  
Signed by:  
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Jon Kenning, PhD Date  
Water Quality  
Program Manager

Kathleen Otto Date  
County Manager

Template Approved to Form by  
Attorney General's Office



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Amber Smith

Signed by:  
*Amber Smith*  
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8/6/2025

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Date

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Project Title: Clark County Bioretention Facility CBP3 Program Development

Recipient Name: Clark County – Public Works Department

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 1 **Task Cost:** \$14,386.00

Task Title: Grant and Loan Administration

Task Description:

A. The RECIPIENT shall carry out all work necessary to meet ECOLOGY grant or loan administration requirements. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Maintenance of project records; submittal of requests for reimbursement and corresponding backup documentation; progress reports; and the EAGL (Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans) recipient closeout report (including photos, if applicable). If the RECIPIENT elects to use a contractor to complete project elements, the RECIPIENT shall retain responsibility for the oversight and management of this funding agreement.

B. The RECIPIENT shall keep documentation that demonstrates the project is in compliance with applicable procurement, contracting, and interlocal agreement requirements; permitting requirements, including application for, receipt of, and compliance with all required permits, licenses, easements, or property rights necessary for the project; and submittal of required performance items. This documentation shall be available upon request.

C. The RECIPIENT shall maintain effective communication with ECOLOGY and maintain up-to-date staff contact information in the EAGL system. The RECIPIENT shall carry out this project in accordance with any completion dates outlined in this agreement.

Task Goal Statement:

Properly managed and fully documented project that meets ECOLOGY’s grant or loan administrative requirements .

Task Expected Outcome:

- \* Timely and complete submittal of requests for reimbursement, quarterly progress reports, and Recipient Closeout Report.
- \* Properly maintained project documentation.

Recipient Task Coordinator: Marlena Milosevich

**Grant and Loan Administration**

**Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
1.1	Progress Reports that include descriptions of work accomplished, project challenges or changes in the project schedule. Submitted at least quarterly.	
1.2	Recipient Closeout Report (EAGL Form)	

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## SCOPE OF WORK

Task Number: 2 **Task Cost:** \$279,069.00

Task Title: CBP3 Program Development

### Task Description:

The RECIPIENT shall ensure the following items are completed and provide the associated deliverables to ECOLOGY. The RECIPIENT must approve all materials prior to submitting them to ECOLOGY for acceptance.

The RECIPIENT will prepare and submit performance-based program development documents to ECOLOGY that include the following at a minimum, and consider and incorporate ECOLOGY feedback as appropriate:

A. The RECIPIENT will develop a technical memorandum identifying the stormwater, community, and economic outcomes, performance measures, reporting approach, verification methods, contract model, and payment terms.

B. The RECIPIENT will develop a draft geographical and temporal scope for the CBP3 program that defines the program implementation area, initial program duration, and timeframe of the maintenance agreement.

C. The RECIPIENT will develop a technical memorandum summarizing plans to 1) coordinate with future private partners, including workforce development programs, and 2) gather feedback on the CBP3 program development from external organizations.

D. The RECIPIENT will coordinate with internal procurement, contracting, and legal staff to develop a technical memo summarizing legal considerations and barriers for CBP3 program development. This memorandum will include regulatory drivers, collective bargaining agreements, procurement rules, payment and invoicing mechanisms, risk management and cost recovery strategies, liability and insurance requirements.

E. The RECIPIENT will develop a financial analysis that evaluates the financial value of the program, including a comparison to traditional procurement using a Cost-Benefit Analysis or Value-for-Money Analysis. The financial analysis will help determine the price that will be paid for performance measures achieved (e.g., cost per facility maintained or dollar per square foot basis). The RECIPIENT will identify revenue sources (e.g., grants, appropriated funds), explore governance and financing models, and evaluate the use of private financing.

F. The RECIPIENT will develop a draft RFP to hire contractor(s) to implement Clark County's new CBP3 program. The RFP will include a high-level project description, desired outcomes, scope expectations, description of performance-based contracting and payment terms, and evaluation criteria to select final contractor(s).

G. The RECIPIENT will develop a draft performance-based contract that includes performance measures, financial assurances, outcome-based payment terms, a program management plan, monitoring, reporting, and verification requirements.

### Task Goal Statement:

The RECIPIENT will compile and submit performance-based program development documents and deliverables to ECOLOGY, consider ECOLOGY comments as appropriate, and respond to ECOLOGY comments in a timely manner.

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**Task Expected Outcome:**

Development of performance-based program development documents that will support the development of a draft RFP and draft performance-based contract.

**CBP3 Program Development**

**Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
2.1	Signed and dated consultant contract documents, if procuring services for the program development. The contract must include ECOLOGY’s standard contract clauses and/or specification insert. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.2	Technical Memorandum summarizing stormwater, community, and economic outcomes, performance measures; reporting; and verification. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.3	Draft geographical and temporal scope. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.4	Technical memorandum summarizing plans to coordinate with potential private partners—including workforce development programs—and to gather feedback on CBP3 program development from external organizations. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.5	Technical Memo summarizing legal considerations and barriers for CBP3 program development. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.6	Technical Memorandum summarizing the financial analysis, revenue sources, funding, and financing. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.7	Draft RFP for CBP3 contractor(s). Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
2.8	Draft performance-based contract template for contractor(s). Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	

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**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 3 **Task Cost:** \$63,534.00

Task Title: CBP3 Program Launch

Task Description:

The RECIPIENT shall ensure the following items are completed and provide the associated deliverables to ECOLOGY. The RECIPIENT must approve all materials prior to submitting them to ECOLOGY for acceptance.

The RECIPIENT will prepare and submit outreach materials to ECOLOGY that include the following at a minimum, and consider and incorporate ECOLOGY feedback as appropriate:

- A. The RECIPIENT will create a program website to provide information about the bioretention maintenance program. The website will be promoted through social media and other RECIPIENT communication channels.
  
- B. The RECIPIENT will develop training materials and conduct at least one in-person training session for the RECIPIENT’s workforce development program. This training will ensure that the selected contractor(s) have access to the necessary tools, resources, and education to meet the required performance measures for bioretention maintenance.

Task Goal Statement:

The RECIPIENT will complete all CBP3 Program launch deliverables and notify ECOLOGY upon their completion.

Task Expected Outcome:

The RECIPIENT will develop a program website, create training materials, and deliver at least one in-person training session to support communication, engagement, and recruitment related to the CBP3 Program.

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### CBP3 Program Launch

#### Deliverables

Number	Description	Due Date
3.1	Program website URL and a summary or screenshot demonstrating its content and functionality. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
3.2	Outreach materials (e.g., social media content and County notifications). Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
3.3	Training materials for workforce development participants, such as presentations, handouts, and instructional guides. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	
3.4	Documentation of workforce training session(s), including the agenda, presentation slides, and a participation feedback summary. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	

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**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 4 **Task Cost:** \$0.00

Task Title: Project Close Out

Task Description:

The RECIPIENT must ensure the following items are completed and provide the associated deliverables to ECOLOGY. The RECIPIENT must approve all materials prior to submitting them to ECOLOGY for acceptance.

A. The RECIPIENT will submit the Recipient Closeout Report (RCOR) in EAGL in accordance with Task 1.

B. The RECIPIENT will submit an Outcomes Summary using the ECOLOGY template.

Task Goal Statement:

The RECIPIENT will complete all close out submittals in a timely manner.

Task Expected Outcome:

\* Timely and complete submittal of Recipient Closeout Report and Outcomes Summary.

**Project Close Out**

**Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
4.1	Outcomes Summary. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY.	

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**BUDGET**

**Funding Distribution EG250575**

**NOTE:** *The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.*

Funding Title: CBP3 Funding Type: Grant  
 Funding Effective Date: 02/05/2025 Funding Expiration Date: 06/30/2027

Funding Source:

Title: CBP3-SFY25

Fund: FD

Type: State

Funding Source %: 100%

Description: The Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3) Program funds the development of CBP3s, performance-based contracts, and other forms of alternative procurement to accelerate stormwater project delivery through the assessment and process described in the Washington State CBP3 Guidebook for Municipal Stormwater Managers.

Approved Indirect Costs Rate: Approved State Indirect Rate: 30%

Recipient Match %: 0%

InKind Interlocal Allowed: No

InKind Other Allowed: No

Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant? No

<b>CBP3</b>	<b>Task Total</b>
Grant and Loan Administration	\$ 14,386.00
CBP3 Program Development	\$ 279,069.00
CBP3 Program Launch	\$ 63,534.00
Project Close Out	\$ 0.00

**Total: \$ 356,989.00**



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**Funding Distribution Summary**

**Recipient / Ecology Share**

Funding Distribution Name	Recipient Match %	Recipient Share	Ecology Share	Total
CBP3	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 356,989.00	\$ 356,989.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 356,989.00</b>	<b>\$ 356,989.00</b>

**AGREEMENT SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

N/A

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

WQC-2024—Water Quality Program Special Terms and Conditions (Update June 2023)

**SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise provided, the following terms will have the respective meanings for all purposes of this agreement:

“Administration Charge” means a charge established in accordance with Chapter 90.50A RCW and Chapter 173-98 WAC, to be used to pay Ecology’s cost to administer the State Revolving Fund by placing a percentage of the interest earned in an Administrative Charge Account.

“Administrative Requirements” means the effective edition of ECOLOGY's Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans at the signing of this agreement.

“Annual Debt Service” for any calendar year means for any applicable bonds or loans including the loan, all interest plus all principal due on such bonds or loans in such year.

“Average Annual Debt Service” means, at the time of calculation, the sum of the Annual Debt Service for the remaining years of the loan to the last scheduled maturity of the loan divided by the number of those years.

“Accrued Interest” means the interest incurred as loan funds are disbursed.

“Acquisition” means the purchase or receipt of a donation of fee or less than fee interests in real property. These interests include, but are not limited to, conservation easements, access/trail easements, covenants, water rights, leases, and mineral rights.

“Build American Buy American (BABA)” means a portion of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and establishes a domestic content procurement preference for all Federal financial assistance obligated for infrastructure projects after May 14, 2022.

“Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)” means funding to improve drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

“Centennial Clean Water Program” means the state program funded from various state sources.

“Contract Documents” means the contract between the RECIPIENT and the construction contractor for construction of the project.

“Construction Materials” means an article, material, or supply (other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; aggregate binding agents or additives; or non-permanent products) that is or consists primarily of, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall.

“Cost Effective Analysis” means a comparison of the relative cost-efficiencies of two or more potential ways of solving a water

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quality problem as described in Chapter 173-98-730 WAC.

“Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage Act” means the federal law mandating on-site workers on public works projects be paid certain wages, benefits, and overtime (also known as “prevailing wage” on all government-funded construction, alteration, and repair projects.

“Defeasance” or “Defeasance” means the setting aside in escrow or other special fund or account of sufficient investments and money dedicated to pay all principal of and interest on all or a portion of an obligation as it comes due.

“Effective Date” means the earliest date on which eligible costs may be incurred.

“Effective Interest Rate” means the total interest rate established by Ecology that includes the Administrative Charge.

“Estimated Loan Amount” means the initial amount of funds loaned to the RECIPIENT.

“Estimated Loan Repayment Schedule” means the schedule of loan repayments over the term of the loan based on the Estimated Loan Amount and the estimated schedule for completion of the project.

“Equivalency” means the amount of State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding each funding cycle equivalent to the EPA grant to Ecology.

“Equivalency Project” means State Revolving Fund (SRF) funded project(s) designated by ECOLOGY to receive federal funding and meet additional federal requirements.

“Expiration Date” means the latest date on which eligible costs may be incurred.

“Final Accrued Interest” means the interest accrued beginning with the first disbursement of funds to the RECIPIENT through such time as the loan is officially closed out and a final loan repayment schedule is issued.

“Final Loan Amount” means all principal of and accrued interest on the loan from the Project Start Date through the Project Completion Date.

“Final Loan Repayment Schedule” means the schedule of loan repayments over the term of the loan based on the Final Loan Amount and the initiation of operation or completion date, whichever comes first.

“Forgivable Principal” means the portion of a loan that is not required to be paid back by the borrower.

“General Obligation Debt” means an obligation of the RECIPIENT secured by annual ad valorem taxes levied by the RECIPIENT and by the full faith, credit, and resources of the RECIPIENT.

“General Obligation Payable from Special Assessments Debt” means an obligation of the RECIPIENT secured by a valid general obligation of the Recipient payable from special assessments to be imposed within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of the electors of the RECIPIENT on all the taxable property within the boundaries of the RECIPIENT.

“Gross Revenue” means all of the earnings and revenues received by the RECIPIENT from the maintenance and operation of the Utility and all earnings from the investment of money on deposit in the Loan Fund, except (i) Utility Local Improvement Districts (ULID) Assessments, (ii) government grants, (iii) RECIPIENT taxes, (iv) principal proceeds of bonds and other obligations, or (v) earnings or proceeds (A) from any investments in a trust, Defeasance, or escrow fund created to Defeasance or refund Utility obligations or (B) in an obligation redemption fund or account other than the Loan Fund until commingled with other earnings and revenues of the Utility or (C) held in a special account for the purpose of paying a rebate to the United States Government under the Internal Revenue Code.

“Guidelines” means the ECOLOGY's Funding Guidelines that that correlate to the State Fiscal Year in which the project is funded.

“Initiation of Operation Date” means the actual date the facility financed with proceeds of the loan begins to operate for its intended purpose. (For loans only)

“Iron and Steel Products” means products made primarily of iron or steel including but may not be limited to: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

“Loan” means the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan or Centennial Clean Water Fund (Centennial) Loan made pursuant to this loan agreement.

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“Loan Amount” means either an Estimated Loan Amount or a Final Loan Amount, as applicable.

“Loan Fund” means the special fund created by the RECIPIENT for the repayment of the principal of and interest on the loan .

“Loan Security” means the mechanism by which the RECIPIENT pledges to repay the loan.

“Loan Term” means the repayment period of the loan.

“Maintenance and Operation Expense” means all reasonable expenses incurred by the RECIPIENT in causing the Utility to be operated and maintained in good repair, working order, and condition including payments to other parties, but will not include any depreciation or RECIPIENT levied taxes or payments to the RECIPIENT in lieu of taxes.

“Manufactured Products” means, items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

“Produced in the United States” means for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting state through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

“Net Revenue” means the Gross Revenue less the Maintenance and Operation Expense.

“Original Engineer’s Estimate” means the engineer’s estimate of construction costs included with bid documents.

“Prevailing Wage” means hourly wage, usual benefits, and overtime paid in the largest city in each county, to the majority of workers, laborers, and mechanics performing the same work. The rate is established separately for each county.

“Principal and Interest Account” means, for a loan that constitutes Revenue-Secured Debt, the account created in the loan fund to be first used to repay the principal of and interest on the loan.

“Project” means the project described in this agreement.

“Project Completion Date” means the date specified in the agreement on which the Scope of Work will be fully completed and is the last day eligible costs can be incurred. This term is only used in loan agreements.

“Project Schedule” means that schedule for the project specified in the agreement.

“Revenue-Secured Debt” means an obligation of the RECIPIENT secured by a pledge of the revenue of a utility and one not a general obligation of the RECIPIENT.

“Reserve Account” means, for a loan that constitutes a Revenue Secured Debt and if specifically identified as a term and condition of the funding agreement, the account of that name created in the loan fund to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the loan.

“Risk-Based Determination” means an approach to sub-recipient monitoring and oversight based on risk factors associated to a RECIPIENT or project.

“Scope of Work” means the tasks and activities constituting the project.

“Section 319” means the section of the Clean Water Act that provides funding to address nonpoint sources of water pollution .

“Senior Lien Obligations” means all revenue bonds and other obligations of the RECIPIENT outstanding on the date of execution of this loan agreement (or subsequently issued on a parity therewith, including refunding obligations) or issued after the date of execution of this loan agreement having a claim or lien on the Gross Revenue of the Utility prior and superior to the claim or lien of the loan, subject only to Maintenance and Operation Expense.

“State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (Revolving Fund)” means the water pollution control revolving fund established by Chapter 90.50A.020 RCW.

“Termination Date” means the effective date of ECOLOGY’s termination of the agreement.

“Termination Payment Date” means the date on which the RECIPIENT is required to repay to ECOLOGY any outstanding balance of the loan and all accrued interest.

“Total Eligible Project Cost” means the sum of all costs associated with a water quality project that have been determined to be eligible for ECOLOGY grant or loan funding, including any required recipient match.

“Total Project Cost” means the sum of all costs associated with a water quality project, including costs that are not eligible for ECOLOGY grant or loan funding.

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“Unique Entity Identity Identifier (UEI)” means a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned by SAM.gov. to an entity doing business with or receiving funds from the federal government. This number replaces the DUNS number.

“ULID” means any utility local improvement district of the RECIPIENT created for the acquisition or construction of additions to and extensions and betterments of the Utility.

“ULID Assessments” means all assessments levied and collected in any ULID. Such assessments are pledged to be paid into the Loan Fund (less any prepaid assessments permitted by law to be paid into a construction fund or account). ULID Assessments will include principal installments and any interest or penalties which may be due.

“Utility” means the sewer system, stormwater system, or the combined water and sewer system of the RECIPIENT, the Net Revenue of which is pledged to pay and secure the loan.

## SECTION 2: CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF WATER QUALITY COMBINED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING.

The Water Quality Financial Assistance Funding Guidelines are included in this agreement by reference and are available on ECOLOGY’s Water Quality Program website.

A. Accounting Standards: The RECIPIENT shall maintain accurate records and accounts for the project (PROJECT Records) in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), including standards related to the reporting of infrastructure assets or in accordance with the standards in Chapter 43.09.200 RCW “Local Government Accounting – Uniform System of Accounting.”

B. Architectural and Engineering Services: The RECIPIENT certifies by signing this agreement that the requirements of Chapter 39.80 RCW, “Contracts for Architectural and Engineering Services,” have been, or shall be, met in procuring qualified architectural/engineering services. The RECIPIENT shall identify and separate eligible and ineligible costs in the final architectural/engineering services contract and submit a copy of the contract to ECOLOGY.

C. Acquisition: The following provisions shall be in force only if the project described in this agreement is an acquisition project:

a. Evidence of Land Value and Title. The RECIPIENT shall submit documentation of the cost of the property rights and the type of ownership interest that has been acquired.

b. Legal Description of Real Property Rights Acquired. The legal description of the real property rights purchased with funding assistance provided through this agreement (and protected by a recorded conveyance of rights to the State of Washington) shall be incorporated into the agreement before final payment.

c. Conveyance of Rights to the State of Washington. Upon purchase of real property rights (both fee simple and lesser interests), the RECIPIENT shall execute the document necessary to convey certain rights and responsibilities to ECOLOGY, on behalf of the State of Washington. The documents required will depend on the project type, the real property rights being acquired, and whether or not those rights are being acquired in perpetuity (see options below). The RECIPIENT shall use language provided by ECOLOGY, to record the executed document in the County where the real property lies, and to provide a copy of the recorded document to ECOLOGY.

### Documentation Options:

1. Deed of Right. The Deed of Right conveys to the people of the state of Washington the right to preserve, protect, and/or use the property for public purposes consistent with the fund source. RECIPIENTS shall use this document when acquiring real property rights that include the underlying land. This document may also be applicable for those easements where the RECIPIENT has acquired a perpetual easement for public purposes. The RECIPIENT must obtain ECOLOGY approval on the draft language prior to executing the deed of right.

2. Assignment of Rights. The Assignment of Rights document transfers certain rights such as access and enforcement to ECOLOGY. The RECIPIENT shall use this document when an easement or lease is being acquired for water quality and habitat conservation. The Assignment of Rights requires the signature of the underlying landowner and must be incorporated by reference in the easement document.

3. Easements and Leases. The RECIPIENT may incorporate required language from the Deed of Right or Assignment of Rights directly into the easement or lease document, thereby eliminating the requirement for a separate document. Language

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will depend on the situation; therefore, the RECIPIENT must obtain ECOLOGY approval on the draft language prior to executing the easement or lease.

d. Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance.

1. Federal Acquisition Policies. See Section 4 of this agreement for requirements specific to Section 319 and SRF funded projects.

2. State Acquisition Policies. When state funds are part of this agreement, the RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy of the State of Washington, Chapter 8.26 RCW, and Chapter 468-100 WAC.

3. Housing and Relocation. In the event that housing and relocation costs, as required by federal law set out in subsection (1) above and/or state law set out in subsection (2) above, are involved in the execution of this project, the RECIPIENT agrees to provide any housing and relocation assistance required.

e. Hazardous Substances.

1. Certification. The RECIPIENT shall inspect, investigate, and conduct an environmental audit of the proposed acquisition site for the presence of hazardous substances, as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(10), and certify:

i. No hazardous substances were found on the site, or

ii. Any hazardous substances found have been treated and/or disposed of in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and the site is deemed “clean.”

2. Responsibility. Nothing in this provision alters the RECIPIENT's duties and liabilities regarding hazardous substances as set forth in RCW 70.105D.

3. Hold Harmless. The RECIPIENT will defend, protect and hold harmless ECOLOGY and any and all of its employees and/or agents, from and against any and all liability, cost (including but not limited to all costs of defense and attorneys' fees) and any and all loss of any nature from any and all claims or suits resulting from the presence of, or the release or threatened release of, hazardous substances on the property the RECIPIENT is acquiring.

f. Restriction On Conversion Of Real Property And/Or Facilities To Other Uses

The RECIPIENT shall not at any time convert any real property (including any interest therein) or facility acquired, developed, maintained, renovated, and/or restored pursuant to this agreement to uses other than those purposes for which funds were approved without prior approval of ECOLOGY. For acquisition projects that are term limited, such as one involving a lease or a term-limited restoration, renovation or development project or easement, this restriction on conversion shall apply only for the length of the term, unless otherwise provided in written documents or required by applicable state or federal law. In such case, the restriction applies to such projects for the length of the term specified by the lease, easement, deed, or landowner agreement.

D. Best Management Practices (BMP) Implementation: If the RECIPIENT installs BMPs that are not approved by ECOLOGY prior to installation, the RECIPIENT assumes the risk that part or all of the reimbursement for that activity may be delayed or ineligible. For more details regarding BMP Implementation, please reference the Water Quality Financial Assistance Funding Guidelines available on ECOLOGY's Water Quality Program funding website.

E. Electronic Fund Transfers: Payment will be issued through Washington State's Office of Financial Management's Statewide Payee Desk. To receive payment you must register as a statewide vendor by submitting a statewide vendor registration form and an IRS W-9 form at website, <https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services>. If you have questions about the vendor registration process or electronic fund transfers, you can contact Statewide Payee Help Desk at (360) 407-8180 or email [PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov).

F. Equipment Purchase: Equipment purchases over \$5,000 and not included in the scope of work or the Ecology approved construction plans and specifications, must be pre-approved by ECOLOGY's project manager before purchase. All equipment purchases over \$5,000 and not included in a contract for work being completed on the funded project, must also be reported on the Equipment Purchase Report in EAGL.

G. Funding Recognition: The RECIPIENT must inform the public about any ECOLOGY or EPA funding participation in this

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project through the use of project signs, acknowledgement in published materials, reports, the news media, websites, or other public announcements. Projects addressing site-specific locations must utilize appropriately sized and weather-resistant signs. Contact your Ecology Project Team to determine the appropriate recognition for your project.

H. Growth Management Planning: The RECIPIENT certifies by signing this agreement that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, “Growth Management Planning by Selected Counties and Cities.” If the status of compliance changes, either through RECIPIENT or legislative action, the RECIPIENT shall notify ECOLOGY in writing of this change within 30 days.

I. Interlocal: The RECIPIENT certifies by signing this agreement that all negotiated interlocal agreements necessary for the project are, or shall be, consistent with the terms of this agreement and Chapter 39.34 RCW, “Interlocal Cooperation Act.” The RECIPIENT shall submit a copy of each interlocal agreement necessary for the project to ECOLOGY upon request.

J. Lobbying and Litigation: Costs incurred for the purposes of lobbying or litigation are not eligible for funding under this agreement.

K. Post Project Assessment Survey: The RECIPIENT agrees to participate in a brief survey regarding the key project results or water quality project outcomes and the status of long-term environmental results or goals from the project approximately three years after project completion. A representative from ECOLOGY’s Water Quality Program may contact the RECIPIENT to request this data. ECOLOGY may also conduct site interviews and inspections, and may otherwise evaluate the project, as part of this assessment.

L. Project Status Evaluation: ECOLOGY may evaluate the status at any time. ECOLOGY’s Project Manager and Financial Manager will meet with the RECIPIENT to review spending trends, completion of outcome measures, and overall project administration and performance. If the RECIPIENT fails to make satisfactory progress toward achieving project outcomes, ECOLOGY may change the scope of work, reduce grant funds, or increase oversight measures.

M. Technical Assistance: Technical assistance for agriculture activities provided under the terms of this agreement shall be consistent with the current U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service (“NRCS”) Field Office Technical Guide for Washington State and specific requirements outlined in the Water Quality Funding Guidelines. Technical assistance, proposed practices, or project designs that do not meet these standards may be eligible if approved in writing by ECOLOGY.

### SECTION 3: CONDITIONS APPLY TO SECTION 319 AND CENTENNIAL CLEAN WATER FUNDED PROJECTS BEING USED TO MATCH SECTION 319 FUNDS.

The RECIPIENT must submit the following documents to ECOLOGY before this agreement is signed by ECOLOGY:

1. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Form is available on the Water Quality Program website and must be completed and submitted to Ecology. (This form is used for Section 319 (federal) funds only)
2. “Section 319 Initial Data Reporting” form must be completed in EAGL.

A. Data Reporting: The RECIPIENT must complete the “Section 319 Initial Data Reporting” form in EAGL before this agreement can be signed by Ecology. This form is used to gather general information about the project for EPA.

B. Funding Recognition and Outreach: In addition to Section 2.F. of these Special Terms and Conditions, the RECIPIENT shall provide signage that informs the public that the project is funded by EPA. The signage shall contain the EPA logo and follow usage requirements available at <http://www2.epa.gov/stylebook/using-epa-seal-and-logo>. To obtain the appropriate EPA logo or seal graphic file, the RECIPIENT may send a request to their Ecology Financial Manager.

To increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, RECIPIENTS are encouraged to provide their outreach strategies communication in non-English languages. Translation costs for this purpose are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable. (Applies to both the Section 319 funded projects and the Centennial match projects)

The RECIPIENT shall use the following paragraph in all reports, documents, and signage developed under this agreement: (Applies to Section 319 funded projects only)

“This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under an assistance agreement to the Washington State Department of Ecology. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views

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and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does the mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.”

C. Load Reduction Reporting: The RECIPIENT shall complete the “Section 319 Annual Load Reduction Reporting” form in EAGL by January 15 of each year and at project close-out. ECOLOGY may hold reimbursements until the RECIPIENT has completed the form. This form is used to gather information on best management practices (BMPs) installed and associated pollutant load reductions that were funded as a part of this project.

D. Time Extension: The RECIPIENT may request a one-time extension for up to 12 months. However, the time extension cannot exceed the time limitation established in EPA’s assistance agreement. In the event a time extension is requested and approved by ECOLOGY, the RECIPIENT must complete all eligible work performed under this agreement by the expiration date. (For Section 319 funded projects only)

#### SECTION 4: CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL FEDERAL FUNDING AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING SECTION 319, State Revolving Fund (SRF) Equivalency Projects, and SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE MUNICIPAL GRANT (OSG)

A. Acquisitions: RECIPIENTS shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 84 Stat. 1894 (1970)--Public Law 91-646, as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act, PL 100-17-1987, and applicable regulations and procedures of the federal agency implementing that Act.

B. Audit Requirements: In accordance with 2 CFR 200.501(a), the RECIPIENT agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if their organization expends \$750,000 or more in total Federal funds in their fiscal year. The RECIPIENT must submit the form SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package within 9 months of the end of the fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from an independent auditor. The SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package MUST be submitted using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse’s Internet Data Entry System available at: <https://facweb.census.gov/>.

C. Archaeological Resources and Historic Properties (Section 106): This requires completion of the Ecology Cultural Resources Review Form, coordination with Ecology Cultural Resources staff, and receipt of the Ecology Final Determination prior to any property acquisition and above and below ground disturbing activities.

D. Architectural and Engineering Services Procurement: The RECIPIENT must procure architectural and engineering services in accordance with the federal requirements in Chapter 11 of Title 40, U.S.C. (see <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title40/subtitle1/chapter11&edition=prelim>).

E Build America, Buy America (BABA – Pub. L. No. 117-58, 70901-52) (Federally funded SRF Equivalency projects only): The RECIPIENT identified by ECOLOGY as receiving federal equivalency funding agrees to comply with all federal requirements applicable to the assistance received (including those imposed by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”/BIL), Public Law No. 117-58) which the RECIPIENT understands includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements: that all the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the Project are to be produced in the United States (“Build America, Buy America Requirements”) unless (i) the RECIPIENT has requested and obtained a waiver from the cognizant Agency pertaining to the Project or the Project is otherwise covered by a general applicability waiver; or (ii) all of the contributing Agencies have otherwise advised the RECIPIENT in writing that the Build America, Buy America Requirements are not applicable to the project.

RECIPIENT shall comply with all record keeping and reporting requirements under all applicable legal authorities, including any reports required by the funding authority (such as EPA and/or a state), such as performance indicators of program deliverables, information on costs and project progress. The RECIPIENT identified by ECOLOGY as receiving federal equivalency funding, understands that (i) each contract and subcontract related to the project is subject to audit by appropriate federal and state entities and (ii) failure to comply with the applicable legal requirements and this Agreement may result in a default hereunder that results in a repayment of the assistance agreement in advance of termination and/or repayment of assistance, and/or other remedial actions.

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EPA has granted an adjustment period waiver of the requirements of Section 70914(a) of the BIL, pursuant to Section 70914(b)(1) (public interest waiver), for eligible projects financed by SRF projects that have initiated project design planning prior to May 14, 2022, the statutory effective date of the BABA requirements. This action permits the use of non-domestic manufactured products and construction materials in such projects funded by a Clean Water or Drinking Water SRF that may otherwise be prohibited under the BABA requirements of Section 70914. This action permits the use of non-domestic manufactured products and construction materials in such projects funded by a Clean Water or Drinking Water SRF that may otherwise be prohibited under the BABA requirements of Section 70914. Sections 70917(a) and (b) of BIL provide a savings provision for existing statutory requirements that meet or exceed BABA requirements. The statutory American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 608 and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Section 1452(a)(4) has previously applied to SRF projects and will continue to do so as part of BABA requirements.

Where manufactured products used in the project are required to be produced in the United States, manufactured product shall mean manufactured in the United States, and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation. The manufactured products included cover the majority of potential water infrastructure products, including complex products made up of a variety of material types and components. For water infrastructure projects, commonly manufactured products would include, but not be limited to, pumps, motors, blowers, aerators, generators, instrumentation and control systems, gauges, meters, measurement equipment, treatment equipment, dewatering equipment, actuators, and many other mechanical and electrical items.

F. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): General Compliance, 40 CFR, Part 33. The RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) 40CFR, Part 33 in procurement under this agreement.

Six Good Faith Efforts, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C. The RECIPIENT agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services, and supplies under this agreement. Records documenting compliance with the following six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- 1) Ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises 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 shall include placing Disadvantaged Business Enterprises on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- 2) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- 3) Consider, in the contracting process, whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. For Indian Tribal, State, and Local Government RECIPIENTS, this shall include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the competitive process.
- 4) Encourage contracting with a consortium of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- 5) Use services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- 6) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the five good faith efforts steps in paragraphs 1 through 5 above.

The RECIPIENT agrees to submit ECOLOGY's Contractor Participation Report Form D with each payment request. Contract Administration Provisions, 40 CFR, Section 33.302. The RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.



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**Non-discrimination Provision.** The RECIPIENT shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this agreement. The RECIPIENT shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the RECIPIENT to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this agreement which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.

This does not preclude the RECIPIENT from enacting broader nondiscrimination protections.

The RECIPIENT shall comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, including but not limited to, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Chapter 49.60 RCW, Washington’s Law Against Discrimination, and 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In the event of the RECIPIENT’s noncompliance or refusal to comply with any applicable nondiscrimination law, regulation, or policy, this agreement may be rescinded, canceled, or terminated in whole or in part and the RECIPIENT may be declared ineligible for further funding from ECOLOGY. The RECIPIENT shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance.

The RECIPIENT shall include the following terms and conditions in contracts with all contractors, subcontractors, engineers, vendors, and any other entity for work or services pertaining to this agreement.

“The Contractor will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor will carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under Environmental Protection Agency financial agreements. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract which may result in termination of this Contract or other legally available remedies.”

Bidder List, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c). The RECIPIENT agrees to create and maintain a bidders list. The bidders list shall include the following information for all firms that bid or quote on prime contracts, or bid or quote subcontracts, including both MBE/WBEs and non-MBE/WBEs.

1. Entity's name with point of contact
2. Entity's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address
3. The procurement on which the entity bid or quoted, and when
4. Entity's status as an MBE/WBE or non-MBE/WBE

**G. Electronic and information Technology (EIT) Accessibility:** RECIPIENTs shall ensure that loan funds provided under this agreement for costs in the development or purchase of EIT systems or products provide individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations and an equal and effective opportunity to benefit from or participate in a program, including those offered through electronic and information technology as per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, codified in 40 CFR Part 7.

Systems or products funded under this agreement must be designed to meet the diverse needs of users without barriers or diminished function or quality. Systems shall include usability features or functions that accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities, including those who use assistive technology.

**H. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Form,** available on the Water Quality Program website.

**I. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act:** The RECIPIENT shall 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 (15 USC 2225a, 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, or to find other information about the Act. Pursuant to 15 USC 2225a.

**J. Prevailing Wage (Davis-Bacon Act):** The RECIPIENT agrees, by signing this agreement, to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements. This applies to the construction, alteration, and repair of treatment works carried out, in whole or in part, with assistance made available by the State Revolving Fund as authorized by Section 513, title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1372). Laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors shall be paid wages not less often than once a week and at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a

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character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

The RECIPIENT shall obtain the wage determination for the area in which the project is located prior to issuing requests for bids, proposals, quotes, or other methods for soliciting contracts (solicitation). These wage determinations shall be incorporated into solicitations and any subsequent contracts. The RECIPIENT shall ensure that the required EPA contract language regarding Davis-Bacon Wages is in all contracts and subcontracts more than \$2,000. The RECIPIENT shall maintain records sufficient to document compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and make such records available for review upon request. Wage determinations and instructions for their use can be found at <https://sam.gov/>.

The RECIPIENT also agrees, by signing this agreement, to comply with State Prevailing Wages on Public Works, Chapter 39.12 RCW, as applicable. Compliance may include the determination whether the project involves “public work” and inclusion of the applicable prevailing wage rates in the bid specifications and contracts. The RECIPIENT agrees to maintain records sufficient to evidence compliance with Chapter 39.12 RCW and make such records available for review upon request. Where conflicts arise between the State prevailing wage rates and Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements the more stringent requirement shall govern. Washington State prevailing wage rates can be found at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/>

K. Trafficking in Persons: The RECIPIENT and RECIPIENT employees that are private entities shall not engage in forms of trafficking in persons. This includes, but is not limited to, the procurement of a commercial sex act or forced labor. The RECIPIENT shall notify ECOLOGY immediately of any information received from any source alleging a violation under this provision.

L. Unique Entity Identity Identifier (UEI): The RECIPIENT agrees to register with and make their registration public in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). The RECIPIENT will be assigned a UEI and agree to include their UEI Number under their organization’s information in EAGL. The UEI number must be entered into EAGL before a funding agreement is signed.

#### SECTION 5: CONDITIONS APPLY TO STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN FUNDED PROJECTS ONLY.

The RECIPIENT must submit the following documents/forms to ECOLOGY before this agreement is signed by ECOLOGY:

1. Financial Capability Assessment Documentation (upon request)
2. Opinion of RECIPIENT’s Legal Council – Form available on the Ecology website must be completed and uploaded to the General Uploads form in EAGL.
3. Authorizing Ordinance or Resolution – Must be uploaded to the General Uploads form in EAGL.
4. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Form (Required for all federally funded SRF Equivalency projects – Form available on the Ecology website must be completed and uploaded to the General Uploads form in EAGL.
5. CWSRF Federal Reporting Information form – Must be completed in EAGL.
6. Fiscal Sustainability Plan (Asset Management) Certification Form (Only required if the project includes construction of a wastewater or stormwater facility construction) – Must be completed in EAGL.
7. Cost and Effectiveness Analysis Certification Form (Required for all projects receiving SRF Loan funding) – Must be completed in EAGL.
8. State Environmental Review Process (SERP) Documentation (Required for treatment works projects only) – Must be uploaded to the Environmental and Cultural Review form in EAGL.

A. Alteration and Eligibility of Project: During the term of this agreement, the RECIPIENT (1) shall not materially alter the design or structural character of the project without the prior written approval of ECOLOGY and (2) shall take no action which would adversely affect the eligibility of the project as defined by applicable funding program rules and state statutes, or which would cause a violation of any covenant, condition, or provision herein.

B. American Iron and Steel (Buy American – P.L 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act 2014, Section 436): This loan provision applies to projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a “treatment works” as defined in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1381 et seq.) The RECIPIENT shall ensure that all iron and steel products

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used in the project are produced in the United States. Iron and Steel products means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The RECIPIENT may request waiver from this requirement from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The RECIPIENT must coordinate all waiver requests through ECOLOGY. This provision does not apply if the engineering plans and specifications for the project were approved by ECOLOGY prior to January 17, 2014. ECOLOGY reserves the right to request documentation of RECIPIENT'S compliance with this provision.

C. Authority of RECIPIENT: This agreement is authorized by the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington, including the RECIPIENT's authority, and by the RECIPIENT pursuant to the authorizing ordinance or resolution. The RECIPIENT shall submit a copy of the authorizing ordinance or resolution to the ECOLOGY Financial Manager before this agreement shall be signed by ECOLOGY.

D. Equivalency Projects: ECOLOGY designated equivalency project and alternative designated equivalency project RECIPIENTs agree to accept federal funds and the federal requirements that accompany the funds. This includes all the requirements in Section 4 and this Section.

E. Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification: The RECIPIENT shall submit a completed Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification before this agreement is signed by ECOLOGY. The Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification is available from the ECOLOGY Financial Manager or on the Water Quality Program website.

F. Funding Recognition and Outreach: The RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the EPA SRF Signage Guidance to enhance public awareness of EPA assistance agreements nationwide. Signage guidance can be found at:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-grants-and-loans/Facility-project-resources>.

G. Insurance: The RECIPIENT shall at all times carry fire and extended insurance coverage, public liability, and property damage, and such other forms of insurance with responsible insurers and policies payable to the RECIPIENT on such of the buildings, equipment, works, plants, facilities, and properties of the Utility as are ordinarily carried by municipal or privately-owned utilities engaged in the operation of like systems, and against such claims for damages as are ordinarily carried by municipal or privately-owned utilities engaged in the operation of like systems, or it shall self-insure or participate in an insurance pool or pools with reserves adequate, in the reasonable judgment of the RECIPIENT, to protect it against loss.

H. Litigation Authority: No litigation is now pending, or to the RECIPIENT's knowledge, threatened, seeking to restrain, or enjoin:

- (i) the execution of this agreement; or
- (ii) the fixing or collection of the revenues, rates, and charges or the formation of the ULID and the levy and collection of ULID Assessments therein pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the loan (for revenue secured lien obligations); or
- (iii) the levy and collection of the taxes pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the loan (for general obligation-secured loans and general obligation payable from special-assessment-secured loans); or
- (iv) in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority under which the agreement, the loan, or the project are authorized. Neither the corporate existence, or boundaries of the RECIPIENT nor the title of its present officers to their respective offices is being contested. No authority or proceeding for the execution of this agreement has been repealed, revoked, or rescinded.

I. Loan Interest Rate and Terms: This loan agreement shall remain in effect until the date of final repayment of the loan, unless terminated earlier according to the provisions herein.

When the Project Completion Date has occurred, ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT shall execute an amendment to this loan agreement which details the final loan amount (Final Loan Amount), and ECOLOGY shall prepare a final loan repayment schedule. The Final Loan Amount shall be the combined total of actual disbursements made on the loan and all accrued interest to the computation date.

The Estimated Loan Amount and the Final Loan Amount (in either case, as applicable, a "Loan Amount") shall bear interest

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based on the interest rate identified in this agreement as the “Effective Interest Rate,” per annum, calculated on the basis of a 365-day year. Interest on the Estimated Loan Amount shall accrue from and be compounded monthly based on the date that each payment is mailed to the RECIPIENT. The Final Loan Amount shall be repaid in equal installments, semiannually, over the term of this loan “Loan Term” as outlined in this agreement.

J. Loan Repayment:

Sources of Loan Repayment

1. Nature of RECIPIENT's Obligation. The obligation of the RECIPIENT to repay the loan from the sources identified below and to perform and observe all other agreements and obligations on its part, contained herein, shall be absolute and unconditional, and shall not be subject to diminution by setoff, counterclaim, or abatement of any kind. To secure the repayment of the loan from ECOLOGY, the RECIPIENT agrees to comply with all the covenants, agreements, and attachments contained herein.
2. For General Obligation. This loan is a General Obligation Debt of the RECIPIENT.
3. For General Obligation Payable from Special Assessments. This loan is a General Obligation Debt of the RECIPIENT payable from special assessments to be imposed within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of the electors of the RECIPIENT on all the taxable property within the boundaries of the RECIPIENT.
4. For Revenue-Secured: Lien Position. This loan is a Revenue-Secured Debt of the RECIPIENT’s Utility. This loan shall constitute a lien and charge upon the Net Revenue junior and subordinate to the lien and charge upon such Net Revenue of any Senior Lien Obligations.

In addition, if this loan is also secured by Utility Local Improvement Districts (ULID) Assessments, this loan shall constitute a lien upon ULID Assessments in the ULID prior and superior to any other charges whatsoever.

5. Other Sources of Repayment. The RECIPIENT may repay any portion of the loan from any funds legally available to it.
6. Defeasance of the Loan. So long as ECOLOGY shall hold this loan, the RECIPIENT shall not be entitled to, and shall not affect, an economic Defeasance of the loan. The RECIPIENT shall not advance refund the loan.

If the RECIPIENT defeases or advance refunds the loan, it shall be required to use the proceeds thereof immediately upon their receipt, together with other available RECIPIENT funds, to repay both of the following:

- (i) The Loan Amount with interest
- (ii) Any other obligations of the RECIPIENT to ECOLOGY under this agreement, unless in its sole discretion ECOLOGY finds that repayment from those additional sources would not be in the public interest.

Failure to repay the Loan Amount plus interest within the time specified in ECOLOGY’s notice to make such repayment shall incur Late Charges and shall be treated as a Loan Default.

7. Refinancing or Early Repayment of the Project. So long as ECOLOGY shall hold this loan, the RECIPIENT shall give ECOLOGY thirty days written notice if the RECIPIENT intends to refinance or make early repayment of the loan.

Method and Conditions on Repayments

1. Semiannual Payments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, the first semiannual payment of principal and interest on this loan shall be due and payable no later than one year after the project completion date or initiation of operation date, whichever comes first.

Thereafter, equal payments shall be due every six months.

If the due date for any semiannual payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or designated holiday for Washington State agencies, the payment shall be due on the next business day for Washington State agencies.

Payments shall be mailed to:

Department of Ecology

Cashiering Unit

P.O. Box 47611

Olympia WA 98504-7611

In lieu of mailing payments, electronic fund transfers can be arranged by working with ECOLOGY’s Financial Manager.

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No change to the amount of the semiannual principal and interest payments shall be made without a mutually signed amendment to this agreement. The RECIPIENT shall continue to make semiannual payments based on this agreement until the amendment is effective, at which time the RECIPIENT's payments shall be made pursuant to the amended agreement.

2. Late Charges. If any amount of the Final Loan Amount or any other amount owed to ECOLOGY pursuant to this agreement remains unpaid after it becomes due and payable, ECOLOGY may assess a late charge. The late charge shall be one percent per month on the past due amount starting on the date the debt becomes past due and until it is paid in full.

3. Repayment Limitations. Repayment of the loan is subject to the following additional limitations, among others: those on defeasance, refinancing and advance refunding, termination, and default and recovery of payments.

4. Prepayment of Loan. So long as ECOLOGY shall hold this loan, the RECIPIENT may prepay the entire unpaid principal balance of and accrued interest on the loan or any portion of the remaining unpaid principal balance of the Loan Amount. Any prepayments on the loan shall be applied first to any accrued interest due and then to the outstanding principal balance of the Loan Amount. If the RECIPIENT elects to prepay the entire remaining unpaid balance and accrued interest, the RECIPIENT shall first contact ECOLOGY's Revenue/Receivable Manager of the Fiscal Office.

#### K. Loan Security

Due Regard: For loans secured with a Revenue Obligation: The RECIPIENT shall exercise due regard for Maintenance and Operation Expense and the debt service requirements of the Senior Lien Obligations and any other outstanding obligations pledging the Gross Revenue of the Utility, and it has not obligated itself to set aside and pay into the loan Fund a greater amount of the Gross Revenue of the Utility than, in its judgment, shall be available over and above such Maintenance and Operation Expense and those debt service requirements.

Where collecting adequate gross utility revenue requires connecting additional users, the RECIPIENT shall require the sewer system connections necessary to meet debt obligations and expected operation and maintenance expenses.

Levy and Collection of Taxes (if used to secure the repayment of the loan): For so long as the loan is outstanding, the RECIPIENT irrevocably pledges to include in its budget and levy taxes annually within the constitutional and statutory tax limitations provided by law without a vote of its electors on all of the taxable property within the boundaries of the RECIPIENT in an amount sufficient, together with other money legally available and to be used therefore, to pay when due the principal of and interest on the loan, and the full faith, credit and resources of the RECIPIENT are pledged irrevocably for the annual levy and collection of those taxes and the prompt payment of that principal and interest.

Not an Excess Indebtedness: For loans secured with a general obligation pledge or a general obligation pledge on special assessments: The RECIPIENT agrees that this agreement and the loan to be made do not create an indebtedness of the RECIPIENT in excess of any constitutional or statutory limitations.

Pledge of Net Revenue and ULID Assessments in the ULID (if used to secure the repayment of this loan): For so long as the loan is outstanding, the RECIPIENT irrevocably pledges the Net Revenue of the Utility, including applicable ULID Assessments in the ULID, to pay when due the principal of and interest on the loan.

Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) Assessment Collection (if used to secure the repayment of the loan): All ULID Assessments in the ULID shall be paid into the Loan Fund and used to pay the principal of and interest on the loan.

L. Maintenance and Operation of a Funded Utility: The RECIPIENT shall, at all times, maintain and keep the funded Utility in good repair, working order, and condition.

M. Opinion of RECIPIENT's Legal Counsel: The RECIPIENT must submit an "Opinion of Legal Counsel to the RECIPIENT" to ECOLOGY before this agreement will be signed. ECOLOGY will provide the form.

N. Prevailing Wage (Davis-Bacon Act): The RECIPIENT agrees, by signing this agreement, to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements. This applies to the construction, alteration, and repair of treatment works carried out, in whole or in part, with assistance made available by the State Revolving Fund as authorized by Section 513, title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1372). Laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors shall be paid wages not less often than once a week and at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

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The RECIPIENT shall obtain the wage determination for the area in which the project is located prior to issuing requests for bids, proposals, quotes, or other methods for soliciting contracts (solicitation). These wage determinations shall be incorporated into solicitations and any subsequent contracts. The RECIPIENT shall ensure that the required EPA contract language regarding Davis-Bacon Wages is in all contracts and subcontracts more than \$2,000. The RECIPIENT shall maintain records sufficient to document compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and make such records available for review upon request.

The RECIPIENT also agrees, by signing this agreement, to comply with State Prevailing Wages on Public Works, Chapter 39.12 RCW, as applicable. Compliance may include the determination whether the project involves “public work” and inclusion of the applicable prevailing wage rates in the bid specifications and contracts. The RECIPIENT agrees to maintain records sufficient to evidence compliance with Chapter 39.12 RCW and make such records available for review upon request.

O. Progress Reports: RECIPIENTS funded with State Revolving Fund Loan or Forgivable Principal shall include the following verification statement in the “General Comments” text box of each progress report.

“We verified that we are in compliance with all the requirements as outlined in our funding agreement(s) with the Department of Ecology. This includes but is not limited to:

- The Davis-Bacon Act, 29 CFR , prevailing wage requirements, certified weekly payroll, etc.
- The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), 40 CFR, Part 33
- The American Iron and Steel Act (Buy American)
- The Build America Buy America Act (BABA) (equivalency projects only)”

P. Representations and Warranties: The RECIPIENT represents and warrants to ECOLOGY as follows:

Application: Material Information. All information and materials submitted by the RECIPIENT to ECOLOGY in connection with its loan application were, when made, and are, as of the date the RECIPIENT signs this agreement, true and correct. There is no material adverse information relating to the RECIPIENT, the project, the loan, or this agreement known to the RECIPIENT, which has not been disclosed in writing to ECOLOGY.

Existence; Authority. It is a duly formed and legally existing municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state of Washington or a federally recognized Indian Tribe. It has full corporate power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform all of its obligations under this agreement and to undertake the project identified herein.

Certification. Each payment request shall constitute a certification by the RECIPIENT to the effect that all representations and warranties made in this loan agreement remain true as of the date of the request and that no adverse developments, affecting the financial condition of the RECIPIENT or its ability to complete the project or to repay the principal of or interest on the loan, have occurred since the date of this loan agreement. Any changes in the RECIPIENT’s financial condition shall be disclosed in writing to ECOLOGY by the RECIPIENT in its request for payment.

Q. Sale or Disposition of Funded Utility: The RECIPIENT shall not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any of the works, plant, properties, facilities, or other part of the funded Utility or any real or personal property comprising a part of the funded Utility unless:

1. The facilities or property transferred are not material to the operation of the funded Utility, or have become unserviceable, inadequate, obsolete, or unfit to be used in the operation of the funded Utility or are no longer necessary, material, or useful to the operation of the funded Utility; or
2. The aggregate depreciated cost value of the facilities or property being transferred in any fiscal year comprises no more than three percent of the total assets of the funded Utility; or
3. The RECIPIENT receives from the transferee an amount equal to an amount which will be in the same proportion to the net amount of Senior Lien Obligations and this LOAN then outstanding (defined as the total amount outstanding less the amount of cash and investments in the bond and loan funds securing such debt) as the Gross Revenue of the funded Utility from the portion of the funded Utility sold or disposed of for the preceding year bears to the total Gross Revenue for that period.
4. Expressed written agreement by the ECOLOGY.

The proceeds of any transfer under this paragraph must be used (1) to redeem promptly, or irrevocably set aside for the

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redemption of, Senior Lien Obligations and to redeem promptly the loan, and (2) to provide for part of the cost of additions to and betterments and extensions of the Utility.

R. Sewer-Use Ordinance or Resolution for Funded Wastewater Facility Projects: If not already in existence, the RECIPIENT shall adopt and shall enforce a sewer-use ordinance or resolution. Such ordinance or resolution shall be submitted to ECOLOGY upon request.

The sewer use ordinance must include provisions to:

- 1) Prohibit the introduction of toxic or hazardous wastes into the RECIPIENT's sewer system.
- 2) Prohibit inflow of stormwater into separated sewer systems.
- 3) Require that new sewers and connections be properly designed and constructed.

S. Termination and Default:

Termination and Default Events

1. For Insufficient ECOLOGY or RECIPIENT Funds. ECOLOGY may terminate this loan agreement for insufficient ECOLOGY or RECIPIENT funds.
2. For Failure to Commence Work. ECOLOGY may terminate this loan agreement for failure of the RECIPIENT to commence project work.
3. Past Due Payments. The RECIPIENT shall be in default of its obligations under this loan agreement when any loan repayment becomes 60 days past due.
4. Other Cause. The obligation of ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT is contingent upon satisfactory performance in full by the RECIPIENT of all its obligations under this loan agreement. The RECIPIENT shall be in default of its obligations under this loan agreement if, in the opinion of ECOLOGY, the RECIPIENT has unjustifiably failed to perform any obligation required of it by this loan agreement.

Procedures for Termination. If this loan agreement is terminated prior to project completion, ECOLOGY shall provide to the RECIPIENT a written notice of termination at least five working days prior to the effective date of termination (the "Termination Date"). The written notice of termination by the ECOLOGY shall specify the Termination Date and, when applicable, the date by which the RECIPIENT must repay any outstanding balance of the loan and all accrued interest (the "Termination Payment Date").

Termination and Default Remedies

No Further Payments. On and after the Termination Date, or in the event of a default event, ECOLOGY may, at its sole discretion, withdraw the loan and make no further payments under this agreement.

Repayment Demand. In response to an ECOLOGY initiated termination event, or in response to a loan default event, ECOLOGY may at its sole discretion demand that the RECIPIENT repay the outstanding balance of the Loan Amount and all accrued interest.

Interest after Repayment Demand. From the time that ECOLOGY demands repayment of funds, amounts owed by the RECIPIENT to ECOLOGY shall accrue additional interest at the rate of one percent per month, or fraction thereof.

Accelerate Repayments. In the event of a default, ECOLOGY may, in its sole discretion, declare the principal of and interest on the loan immediately due and payable, subject to the prior lien and charge of any outstanding Senior Lien Obligation upon the Net Revenue. That is, the loan is not subject to acceleration so long as any Senior Lien Obligations are outstanding.

Repayments not made immediately upon such acceleration will incur Late Charges.

Late Charges. All amounts due to ECOLOGY and not paid by the RECIPIENT by the Termination Payment Date or after acceleration following a default event, as applicable, shall incur late charges.

Intercept State Funds. In the event of a default event and in accordance with Chapter 90.50A.060 RCW, "Defaults," any state funds otherwise due to the RECIPIENT may, at ECOLOGY's sole discretion, be withheld and applied to the repayment of the loan.

Property to ECOLOGY. In the event of a default event and at the option of ECOLOGY, any personal property (equipment) acquired under this agreement may, in ECOLOGY's sole discretion, become ECOLOGY's property. In that circumstance,

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ECOLOGY shall reduce the RECIPIENT's liability to repay money by an amount reflecting the fair value of such property. Documents and Materials. If this agreement is terminated, all finished or unfinished documents, data studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other materials prepared by the RECIPIENT shall, at the option of ECOLOGY, become ECOLOGY property. The RECIPIENT shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

Collection and Enforcement Actions. In the event of a default event, the state of Washington reserves the right to take any actions it deems necessary to collect the amounts due, or to become due, or to enforce the performance and observance of any obligation by the RECIPIENT, under this agreement.

Fees and Expenses. In any action to enforce the provisions of this agreement, reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and other reasonable expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonably allocated costs of legal staff) shall be awarded to the prevailing party as that term is defined in Chapter 4.84.330 RCW.

Damages. Notwithstanding ECOLOGY's exercise of any or all the termination or default remedies provided in this agreement, the RECIPIENT shall not be relieved of any liability to ECOLOGY for damages sustained by ECOLOGY and/or the state of Washington because of any breach of this agreement by the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY may withhold payments for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due ECOLOGY from the RECIPIENT is determined.

T. User-Charge System for Funded Utilities: The RECIPIENT certifies that it has the legal authority to establish and implement a user-charge system and shall adopt a system of user-charges to assure that each user of the funded utility shall pay its proportionate share of the cost of operation and maintenance, including replacement during the design life of the project. The user-charge system will include provisions for a connection charge.

In addition, the RECIPIENT shall regularly evaluate the user-charge system, at least annually, to ensure the system provides adequate revenues necessary to operate and maintain the funded utility, to establish reserves to pay for replacement, and to repay the loan.

## GENERAL FEDERAL CONDITIONS

**If a portion or all of the funds for this agreement are provided through federal funding sources or this agreement is used to match a federal grant award, the following terms and conditions apply to you.**

### A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:

1. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR, by signing this agreement, certifies that it is not suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or otherwise excluded from contracting with the federal government, or from receiving contracts paid for with federal funds. If the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is unable to certify to the statements contained in the certification, they must provide an explanation as to why they cannot.
2. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR shall provide immediate written notice to ECOLOGY if at any time the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact ECOLOGY for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
4. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under the applicable Code of Federal Regulations, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction.
5. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR further agrees by signing this agreement, that it will include this clause titled



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“CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION” without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

6. Pursuant to 2CFR180.330, the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction complies with certification of suspension and debarment requirements.
7. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required in the Code of Federal Regulations may result in the delay or negation of this funding agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.
8. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees to keep proof in its agreement file, that it, and all lower tier recipients or contractors, are not suspended or debarred, and will make this proof available to ECOLOGY before requests for reimbursements will be approved for payment. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR must run a search in <http://www.sam.gov> and print a copy of completed searches to document proof of compliance.

## B. FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) REPORTING

### REQUIREMENTS:

CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT must complete the FFATA Data Collection Form (ECY 070-395) and return it with the signed agreement to ECOLOGY.

Any CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT that meets each of the criteria below must report compensation for its five top executives using the FFATA Data Collection Form.

- Receives more than \$30,000 in federal funds under this award.
- Receives more than 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from federal funds.
- Receives more than \$25,000,000 in annual federal funds.

Ecology will not pay any invoices until it has received a completed and signed FFATA Data Collection Form. Ecology is required to report the FFATA information for federally funded agreements, including the required Unique Entity Identifier in [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) <http://www.sam.gov> within 30 days of agreement signature. The FFATA information will be available to the public at [www.usaspending.gov](http://www.usaspending.gov) <http://www.usaspending.gov>.

For more details on FFATA requirements, see [www.frs.gov](http://www.frs.gov) <http://www.frs.gov>.

## C. FEDERAL FUNDING PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT:

As required by 2 CFR 200.216, federal grant or loan recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment, video surveillance services or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in [Public Law 115-232](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-115publ232/pdf/PLAW-115publ232.pdf) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-115publ232/pdf/PLAW-115publ232.pdf>, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE

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Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Recipients, subrecipients, and borrowers also may not use federal funds to purchase certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889, are recorded in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](https://sam.gov/SAM/) <<https://sam.gov/SAM/>> exclusion list.

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#### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY GRANTS and LOANS

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#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- a) RECIPIENT shall follow the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans – EAGL Edition." (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/2301002.html>)
- b) RECIPIENT shall complete all activities funded by this Agreement and be fully responsible for the proper management of all funds and resources made available under this Agreement.
- c) RECIPIENT agrees to take complete responsibility for all actions taken under this Agreement, including ensuring all subgrantees and contractors comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. ECOLOGY reserves the right to request proof of compliance by subgrantees and contractors.
- d) RECIPIENT's activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval by ECOLOGY for the extent and character of all work and services.

#### 2. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties. No subsequent modification(s) or amendment(s) of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties. ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts and administrative information without the concurrence of either party.

#### 3. ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED TECHNOLOGY

The RECIPIENT must comply with the Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer, OCIO Policy no. 188, Accessibility (<https://ocio.wa.gov/policy/accessibility>) as it relates to "covered technology." This requirement applies to all products supplied under the Agreement, providing equal access to information technology by individuals with disabilities, including and not limited to web sites/pages, web-based applications, software systems, video and audio content, and electronic documents intended for publishing on Ecology's public web site.

#### 4. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

RECIPIENT shall take all reasonable action to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to archaeological and historic archaeological sites, historic buildings/structures, traditional cultural places, sacred sites, or other cultural resources, hereby referred to as Cultural Resources.

The RECIPIENT must agree to hold harmless ECOLOGY in relation to any claim related to Cultural Resources discovered, disturbed, or damaged due to the RECIPIENT's project funded under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall:

- a) Contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan to discuss any Cultural Resources requirements for their project:
  - Cultural Resource Consultation and Review should be initiated early in the project planning process and must be completed prior to expenditure of Agreement funds as required by applicable State and Federal requirements.
  - \* For state funded construction, demolition, or land acquisitions, comply with Governor Executive Order 21-02, Archaeological and Cultural Resources.

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- For projects with any federal involvement, comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).
- b) If required by the ECOLOGY Program, submit an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) to ECOLOGY prior to implementing any project that involves field activities. ECOLOGY will provide the IDP form.

RECIPIENT shall:

- Keep the IDP at the project site.
- Make the IDP readily available to anyone working at the project site.
- Discuss the IDP with staff, volunteers, and contractors working at the project site.
- Implement the IDP when Cultural Resources or human remains are found at the project site.
- c) If any Cultural Resources are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.
  - Immediately stop work and notify the ECOLOGY Program, who will notify the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 586-3065, any affected Tribe, and the local government.
- d) If any human remains are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.
  - Immediately stop work and notify the local Law Enforcement Agency or Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 790-1633, and then the ECOLOGY Program.
- e) Comply with RCW 27.53, RCW 27.44, and RCW 68.50.645, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws protecting Cultural Resources and human remains.

## 5. ASSIGNMENT

No right or claim of the RECIPIENT arising under this Agreement shall be transferred or assigned by the RECIPIENT.

## 6. COMMUNICATION

RECIPIENT shall make every effort to maintain effective communications with the RECIPIENT's designees, ECOLOGY, all affected local, state, or federal jurisdictions, and any interested individuals or groups.

## 7. COMPENSATION

- a) Any work performed prior to effective date of this Agreement will be at the sole expense and risk of the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY must sign the Agreement before any payment requests can be submitted.
- b) Payments will be made on a reimbursable basis for approved and completed work as specified in this Agreement.
- c) RECIPIENT is responsible to determine if costs are eligible. Any questions regarding eligibility should be clarified with ECOLOGY prior to incurring costs. Costs that are conditionally eligible require approval by ECOLOGY prior to expenditure.
- d) RECIPIENT shall not invoice more than once per month unless agreed on by ECOLOGY.
- e) ECOLOGY will not process payment requests without the proper reimbursement forms, Progress Report and supporting documentation. ECOLOGY will provide instructions for submitting payment requests.
- f) ECOLOGY will pay the RECIPIENT thirty (30) days after receipt of a properly completed request for payment.
- g) RECIPIENT will receive payment through Washington State's Office of Financial Management's Statewide Payee Desk. To receive payment you must register as a statewide vendor by submitting a statewide vendor registration form and an IRS W-9 form at website, <https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services>. If you have questions about the vendor registration process, you can contact Statewide Payee Help Desk at (360) 407-8180 or email [PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov).
- h) ECOLOGY may, at its sole discretion, withhold payments claimed by the RECIPIENT if the RECIPIENT fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.
- i) Monies withheld by ECOLOGY may be paid to the RECIPIENT when the work described herein, or a portion thereof, has been completed if, at ECOLOGY's sole discretion, such payment is reasonable and approved according to this Agreement, as appropriate, or upon completion of an audit as specified herein.

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j) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days after the expiration date of this Agreement, all financial, performance, and other reports required by this Agreement. Failure to comply may result in delayed reimbursement.

#### 8. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

RECIPIENT agrees to comply fully with all applicable federal, state and local laws, orders, regulations, and permits related to this Agreement, including but not limited to:

- a) RECIPIENT agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the United States and the State of Washington which affect wages and job safety.
- b) RECIPIENT agrees to be bound by all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.
- c) RECIPIENT certifies full compliance with all applicable state industrial insurance requirements.
- d) RECIPIENT agrees to secure and provide assurance to ECOLOGY that all the necessary approvals and permits required by authorities having jurisdiction over the project are obtained. RECIPIENT must include time in their project timeline for the permit and approval processes.

ECOLOGY shall have the right to immediately terminate for cause this Agreement as provided herein if the RECIPIENT fails to comply with above requirements.

If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

#### 9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY agree that any officer, member, agent, or employee, who exercises any function or responsibility in the review, approval, or carrying out of this Agreement, shall not have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, nor affect the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is a part, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

#### 10. CONTRACTING FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

RECIPIENT may contract to buy goods or services related to its performance under this Agreement. RECIPIENT shall award all contracts for construction, purchase of goods, equipment, services, and professional architectural and engineering services through a competitive process, if required by State law. RECIPIENT is required to follow procurement procedures that ensure legal, fair, and open competition.

RECIPIENT must have a standard procurement process or follow current state procurement procedures. RECIPIENT may be required to provide written certification that they have followed their standard procurement procedures and applicable state law in awarding contracts under this Agreement.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to inspect and request copies of all procurement documentation, and review procurement practices related to this Agreement. Any costs incurred as a result of procurement practices not in compliance with state procurement law or the RECIPIENT's normal procedures may be disallowed at ECOLOGY's sole discretion.

#### 11. DISPUTES

When there is a dispute with regard to the extent and character of the work, or any other matter related to this Agreement the determination of ECOLOGY will govern, although the RECIPIENT shall have the right to appeal decisions as provided for below:

- a) RECIPIENT notifies the funding program of an appeal request.
- b) Appeal request must be in writing and state the disputed issue(s).
- c) RECIPIENT has the opportunity to be heard and offer evidence in support of its appeal.
- d) ECOLOGY reviews the RECIPIENT's appeal.
- e) ECOLOGY sends a written answer within ten (10) business days, unless more time is needed, after concluding the review.

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The decision of ECOLOGY from an appeal will be final and conclusive, unless within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision, the RECIPIENT furnishes to the Director of ECOLOGY a written appeal. The decision of the Director or duly authorized representative will be final and conclusive.

The parties agree that this dispute process will precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Appeals of the Director's decision will be brought in the Superior Court of Thurston County. Review of the Director's decision will not be taken to Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office.

Pending final decision of a dispute, the RECIPIENT agrees to proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement and in accordance with the decision rendered.

Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to limit the parties' choice of another mutually acceptable method, in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

## 12. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA STANDARDS

a) RECIPIENT shall prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for a project that collects or uses environmental measurement data. RECIPIENTS unsure about whether a QAPP is required for their project shall contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan. If a QAPP is required, the RECIPIENT shall:

- Use ECOLOGY's QAPP Template/Checklist provided by the ECOLOGY, unless ECOLOGY Quality Assurance (QA) officer or the Program QA coordinator instructs otherwise.
- Follow ECOLOGY's Guidelines for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Studies, July 2004 (Ecology Publication No. 04-03-030).
- Submit the QAPP to ECOLOGY for review and approval before the start of the work.

b) RECIPIENT shall submit environmental data that was collected on a project to ECOLOGY using the Environmental Information Management system (EIM), unless the ECOLOGY Program instructs otherwise. The RECIPIENT must confirm with ECOLOGY that complete and correct data was successfully loaded into EIM, find instructions at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/eim>.

c) RECIPIENT shall follow ECOLOGY's data standards when Geographic Information System (GIS) data is collected and processed. Guidelines for Creating and Accessing GIS Data are available at:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Research-Data/Data-resources/Geographic-Information-Systems-GIS/Standards>. RECIPIENT, when requested by ECOLOGY, shall provide copies to ECOLOGY of all final GIS data layers, imagery, related tables, raw data collection files, map products, and all metadata and project documentation.

## 13. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder will be in the Superior Court of Thurston County.

## 14. INDEMNIFICATION

ECOLOGY will in no way be held responsible for payment of salaries, consultant's fees, and other costs related to the project described herein, except as provided in the Scope of Work.

To the extent that the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington permit, each party will indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against any liability for any or all injuries to persons or property arising from the negligent act or omission of that party or that party's agents or employees arising out of this Agreement.

## 15. INDEPENDENT STATUS

The employees, volunteers, or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement will continue to be employees, volunteers, or agents of that party and will not for any purpose be employees, volunteers, or agents of the other party.

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## 16. KICKBACKS

RECIPIENT is prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed or otherwise involved in this Agreement to give up any part of the compensation to which he/she is otherwise entitled to or receive any fee, commission, or gift in return for award of a subcontract hereunder.

## 17. MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE)

RECIPIENT is encouraged to solicit and recruit, to the extent possible, certified minority-owned (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in purchases and contracts initiated under this Agreement.

Contract awards or rejections cannot be made based on MWBE participation; however, the RECIPIENT is encouraged to take the following actions, when possible, in any procurement under this Agreement:

- a) Include qualified minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists whenever they are potential sources of goods or services.
- b) Divide the total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities, to permit maximum participation by qualified minority and women's businesses.
- c) Establish delivery schedules, where work requirements permit, which will encourage participation of qualified minority and women's businesses.
- d) Use the services and assistance of the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) (866-208-1064) and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as appropriate.

## 18. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of inconsistency in this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) applicable federal and state statutes and regulations; (b) The Agreement; (c) Scope of Work; (d) Special Terms and Conditions; (e) Any provisions or terms incorporated herein by reference, including the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans"; (f) Ecology Funding Program Guidelines; and (g) General Terms and Conditions.

## 19. PRESENTATION AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

ECOLOGY reserves the right to approve RECIPIENT's communication documents and materials related to the fulfillment of this Agreement:

- a) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide a draft copy to ECOLOGY for review and approval ten (10) business days prior to production and distribution.
- b) RECIPIENT shall include time for ECOLOGY's review and approval process in their project timeline.
- c) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide ECOLOGY two (2) final copies and an electronic copy of any tangible products developed.

Copies include any printed materials, and all tangible products developed such as brochures, manuals, pamphlets, videos, audio tapes, CDs, curriculum, posters, media announcements, or gadgets with a message, such as a refrigerator magnet, and any online communications, such as web pages, blogs, and twitter campaigns. If it is not practical to provide a copy, then the RECIPIENT shall provide a description (photographs, drawings, printouts, etc.) that best represents the item.

Any communications intended for public distribution that uses ECOLOGY's logo shall comply with ECOLOGY's graphic requirements and any additional requirements specified in this Agreement. Before the use of ECOLOGY's logo contact ECOLOGY for guidelines.

RECIPIENT shall acknowledge in the communications that funding was provided by ECOLOGY.

## 20. PROGRESS REPORTING

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- a) RECIPIENT must satisfactorily demonstrate the timely use of funds by submitting payment requests and progress reports to ECOLOGY. ECOLOGY reserves the right to amend or terminate this Agreement if the RECIPIENT does not document timely use of funds.
- b) RECIPIENT must submit a progress report with each payment request. Payment requests will not be processed without a progress report. ECOLOGY will define the elements and frequency of progress reports.
- c) RECIPIENT shall use ECOLOGY's provided progress report format.
- d) Quarterly progress reports will cover the periods from January 1 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and October 1 through December 31. Reports shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter being reported.
- e) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of the project, unless an extension has been approved by ECOLOGY, all financial, performance, and other reports required by the Agreement and funding program guidelines. RECIPIENT shall use the ECOLOGY provided closeout report format.

## 21. PROPERTY RIGHTS

- a) Copyrights and Patents. When the RECIPIENT creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property under this Agreement, the RECIPIENT may copyright or patent the same but ECOLOGY retains a royalty free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the material(s) or property, and to authorize others to use the same for federal, state, or local government purposes.
- b) Publications. When the RECIPIENT or persons employed by the RECIPIENT use or publish ECOLOGY information; present papers, lectures, or seminars involving information supplied by ECOLOGY; or use logos, reports, maps, or other data in printed reports, signs, brochures, pamphlets, etc., appropriate credit shall be given to ECOLOGY.
- c) Presentation and Promotional Materials. ECOLOGY shall have the right to use or reproduce any printed or graphic materials produced in fulfillment of this Agreement, in any manner ECOLOGY deems appropriate. ECOLOGY shall acknowledge the RECIPIENT as the sole copyright owner in every use or reproduction of the materials.
- d) Tangible Property Rights. ECOLOGY's current edition of "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans," shall control the use and disposition of all real and personal property purchased wholly or in part with funds furnished by ECOLOGY in the absence of state and federal statutes, regulations, or policies to the contrary, or upon specific instructions with respect thereto in this Agreement.
- e) Personal Property Furnished by ECOLOGY. When ECOLOGY provides personal property directly to the RECIPIENT for use in performance of the project, it shall be returned to ECOLOGY prior to final payment by ECOLOGY. If said property is lost, stolen, or damaged while in the RECIPIENT's possession, then ECOLOGY shall be reimbursed in cash or by setoff by the RECIPIENT for the fair market value of such property.
- f) Acquisition Projects. The following provisions shall apply if the project covered by this Agreement includes funds for the acquisition of land or facilities:
  1. RECIPIENT shall establish that the cost is fair value and reasonable prior to disbursement of funds provided for in this Agreement.
  2. RECIPIENT shall provide satisfactory evidence of title or ability to acquire title for each parcel prior to disbursement of funds provided by this Agreement. Such evidence may include title insurance policies, Torrens certificates, or abstracts, and attorney's opinions establishing that the land is free from any impediment, lien, or claim which would impair the uses intended by this Agreement.
- g) Conversions. Regardless of the Agreement expiration date, the RECIPIENT shall not at any time convert any equipment, property, or facility acquired or developed under this Agreement to uses other than those for which assistance was originally approved without prior written approval of ECOLOGY. Such approval may be conditioned upon payment to ECOLOGY of that portion of the proceeds of the sale, lease, or other conversion or encumbrance which monies granted pursuant to this Agreement bear to the total acquisition, purchase, or construction costs of such property.



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## 22. RECORDS, AUDITS, AND INSPECTIONS

RECIPIENT shall maintain complete program and financial records relating to this Agreement, including any engineering documentation and field inspection reports of all construction work accomplished.

All records shall:

- a) Be kept in a manner which provides an audit trail for all expenditures.
- b) Be kept in a common file to facilitate audits and inspections.
- c) Clearly indicate total receipts and expenditures related to this Agreement.
- d) Be open for audit or inspection by ECOLOGY, or by any duly authorized audit representative of the State of Washington, for a period of at least three (3) years after the final grant payment or loan repayment, or any dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide clarification and make necessary adjustments if any audits or inspections identify discrepancies in the records.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to audit, or have a designated third party audit, applicable records to ensure that the state has been properly invoiced. Any remedies and penalties allowed by law to recover monies determined owed will be enforced.

Repetitive instances of incorrect invoicing or inadequate records may be considered cause for termination.

All work performed under this Agreement and any property and equipment purchased shall be made available to ECOLOGY and to any authorized state, federal or local representative for inspection at any time during the course of this Agreement and for at least three (3) years following grant or loan termination or dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide right of access to ECOLOGY, or any other authorized representative, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and any other conditions under this Agreement.

## 23. RECOVERY OF FUNDS

The right of the RECIPIENT to retain monies received as reimbursement payments is contingent upon satisfactory performance of this Agreement and completion of the work described in the Scope of Work.

All payments to the RECIPIENT are subject to approval and audit by ECOLOGY, and any unauthorized expenditure(s) or unallowable cost charged to this Agreement shall be refunded to ECOLOGY by the RECIPIENT.

RECIPIENT shall refund to ECOLOGY the full amount of any erroneous payment or overpayment under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall refund by check payable to ECOLOGY the amount of any such reduction of payments or repayments within thirty (30) days of a written notice. Interest will accrue at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year from the time ECOLOGY demands repayment of funds.

Any property acquired under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, may become ECOLOGY's property and the RECIPIENT's liability to repay monies will be reduced by an amount reflecting the fair value of such property.

## 24. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

## 25. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)

RECIPIENT must demonstrate to ECOLOGY's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (Chapter 43.21C RCW and Chapter 197-11 WAC) have been or will be met. Any reimbursements are subject to this provision.

## 26. SUSPENSION

When in the best interest of ECOLOGY, ECOLOGY may at any time, and without cause, suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by written notice from ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT. RECIPIENT shall resume performance on the next business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified by ECOLOGY.

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## 27. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

In order to sustain Washington's natural resources and ecosystems, the RECIPIENT is fully encouraged to implement sustainable practices and to purchase environmentally preferable products under this Agreement.

- a) Sustainable practices may include such activities as: use of clean energy, use of double-sided printing, hosting low impact meetings, and setting up recycling and composting programs.
- b) Purchasing may include such items as: sustainably produced products and services, EPEAT registered computers and imaging equipment, independently certified green cleaning products, remanufactured toner cartridges, products with reduced packaging, office products that are refillable, rechargeable, and recyclable, 100% post-consumer recycled paper, and toxic free products.

For more suggestions visit ECOLOGY's web page, Green Purchasing,

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Sustainable-purchasing>.

## 28. TERMINATION

### a) For Cause

ECOLOGY may terminate for cause this Agreement with a seven (7) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, at the sole discretion of ECOLOGY, for failing to perform an Agreement requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**Failure to Commence Work.** ECOLOGY reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if RECIPIENT fails to commence work on the project funded within four (4) months after the effective date of this Agreement, or by any date mutually agreed upon in writing for commencement of work, or the time period defined within the Scope of Work.

**Non-Performance.** The obligation of ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT is contingent upon satisfactory performance by the RECIPIENT of all of its obligations under this Agreement. In the event the RECIPIENT unjustifiably fails, in the opinion of ECOLOGY, to perform any obligation required of it by this Agreement, ECOLOGY may refuse to pay any further funds, terminate in whole or in part this Agreement, and exercise any other rights under this Agreement.

Despite the above, the RECIPIENT shall not be relieved of any liability to ECOLOGY for damages sustained by ECOLOGY and the State of Washington because of any breach of this Agreement by the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY may withhold payments for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due ECOLOGY from the RECIPIENT is determined.

### b) For Convenience

ECOLOGY may terminate for convenience this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason when it is the best interest of ECOLOGY, with a thirty (30) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, except as noted below. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**Non-Allocation of Funds.** ECOLOGY's ability to make payments is contingent on availability of funding. In the event funding from state, federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date and prior to the completion or expiration date of this Agreement, ECOLOGY, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, or renegotiate the Agreement, subject to new funding limitations or conditions. ECOLOGY may also elect to suspend performance of the Agreement until ECOLOGY determines the funding insufficiency is resolved. ECOLOGY may exercise any of these options with no notification or restrictions, although ECOLOGY will make a reasonable attempt to provide notice.

In the event of termination or suspension, ECOLOGY will reimburse eligible costs incurred by the RECIPIENT through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT. In no

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event shall ECOLOGY’s reimbursement exceed ECOLOGY’s total responsibility under the Agreement and any amendments . If payments have been discontinued by ECOLOGY due to unavailable funds, the RECIPIENT shall not be obligated to repay monies which had been paid to the RECIPIENT prior to such termination.

RECIPIENT’s obligation to continue or complete the work described in this Agreement shall be contingent upon availability of funds by the RECIPIENT's governing body.

c) By Mutual Agreement

ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, by mutual written agreement.

d) In Event of Termination

All finished or unfinished documents, data studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the RECIPIENT under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, will become property of ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude ECOLOGY from demanding repayment of all funds paid to the RECIPIENT in accordance with Recovery of Funds, identified herein.

29. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

RECIPIENT shall ensure that in all subcontracts entered into by the RECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement, the state of Washington is named as an express third party beneficiary of such subcontracts with full rights as such .

30. WAIVER

Waiver of a default or breach of any provision of this Agreement is not a waiver of any subsequent default or breach, and will not be construed as a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated as such in writing by the authorized representative of ECOLOGY.

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