



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-1880

Motion: 24-344

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Professional Services Agreement #ARG01-24, with Innov8 Ag Solutions, Inc. for agriculture technology improvements.

Scope: The overall goal is track soil health for 1000 acres for a Y:Y analysis. This will include:

- Two technical and data experts to oversee data coordination, construction, and assessment; deploy sensors and automation equipment.
- Utilize smart-based technology, connectivity solutions, and services to minimize ecological impacts and inform industry-wide best practices.
- Collaborate with County facilities and fleet services for efficient equipment transportation to farms.
- Provide annual memos showcasing on-farm technology accomplishments and opportunities.
- Offer bi-annual updates on the Community Floodplain Solutions webpage to disseminate projects findings.
- Obtain County approval prior to purchasing any equipment or software.

Duration: Execution through January 31, 2027.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Project expense is 100% paid for by the Ecology grant.

Expenditures	2024	2025	TOTAL
002.5094114101 Parks	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$600,000
Total	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$600,000
Revenue	2024	2025	TOTAL
415.3095110301 from ECY	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$600,000
Total	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$600,000

Authority Granted: Approve and authorize the County Executive to sign and execute the Professional Services Agreement AGRI 01-24 with Innov8 Ag Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$600,000 and further authorizes the County Executive to approve and sign contract amendments that in aggregate increase the original contract amount by no more than \$100,000.00, under SCC 3.04.140.

Background: The Snohomish County Agriculture Technology Improvements project began in 2021 as a collaboration between public and private entities, with a primary goal to establish essential infrastructure for the purpose of experimenting with cutting-edge technology and agriculture. This includes the utilization of advanced soil mapping, precision nutrient application methods, curbing excessive nutrient usage, and substantial reduction in water consumption, ranging from 50% to 75%. In 2023 Snohomish County Surface Water Management was awarded a Floodplains by design grant that includes funding for the Office of Agriculture to enhance and expand the project started in 2021.

Requested Action: For Council to consider the motion.