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PROJECT: Economic Development Services  
AMOUNT: \$100,000  
FUNDING SOURCE: 100.51916990410  
CONTRACT DURATION: January 1 to December 31, 2025

### AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made by and between SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (the “County”), and GREATER SEATTLE PARTNERS, a Washington nonprofit corporation (the “Contractor” or GSP). In consideration of the mutual benefits and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose of Agreement; Scope of Services. The purpose of this Agreement is to obtain economic development and technical assistance from the Contractor that stimulates economic growth throughout Snohomish County. The scope of services is as defined in **Schedule A** (Scope of Services and Deliverables) attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The services shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and with generally accepted practices prevailing in the Western Washington region, in the occupation or industry in which the Contractor practices or operates at the time the services are performed. The Contractor shall perform the work in a timely manner and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any materials or equipment used by the Contractor in connection with performing the services shall be of good quality. The Contractor represents that it is fully qualified to perform the services to be performed under this Agreement in a competent and professional manner.

The Contractor will prepare and present status reports and other information regarding performance of the Agreement as the County may request.

2. Term of Agreement; Time of Performance. This Agreement shall be effective when authorized and executed by both parties (the “Effective Date”) and shall terminate on December 31, 2025 (the “Expiration Date”). The Contractor may be compensated, following the Effective Date, for work performed by it consistent with this Agreement between January 1, 2025, and the Effective Date. The Contractor shall complete the work required by this Agreement no later than the Expiration Date.

3. Compensation; Year-End Report.

a. Services. The County will pay the Contractor for services as and when set forth in Section 3c of this Agreement.

b. Overhead and Expenses. The Contractor’s compensation for services as set forth in this Section 3 includes overhead and expenses and no separate claims for reimbursement of overhead or expenses will be allowed under this Agreement.

c. Invoices. No sooner than March 30, 2025, the Contractor shall submit to the County a properly executed invoice in the amount of not more than the Contract Maximum to be paid under this Agreement. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the County will pay the invoice within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

d. Report. As a part of the deliverables under this Agreement and in addition to regular contact between the County and the Contractor and reports as set forth in Schedule A, the Contractor shall deliver a year-end report to the County of the activities funded pursuant to this Agreement. The year-end report shall include a summary of activities of the Contractor undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

The year-end report is due as follows:

- December 15: Year-end report

When the due date for a report falls on a non-business day, the report shall be due to the County by the close of the next business day. For the purposes of this section, “delivery” shall mean either physical delivery to the County by the due date, receipt by the County in electronic format by the due date or a postmark showing the report was mailed to the County by no later than the due date.

If physically delivered or mailed, report shall be sent to:

Michael Fong  
Executive Director  
Office of the Executive  
Snohomish County  
3000 Rockefeller, M/S 407  
[Robert J. Drewel Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor]

Everett, WA 98201

If transmitted by email, report shall be sent to:

[Michael.Fong@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Michael.Fong@co.snohomish.wa.us)

The County may, by notice given to the Contractor hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to the report shall be delivered.

e. Contract Maximum. Total charges under this Agreement shall not exceed \$100,000.

4. Independent Contractor. The Contractor agrees that Contractor will perform the services under this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, or servant of the County. This Agreement neither constitutes nor creates an employer-employee relationship. The parties agree that the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits or rights enjoyed by employees of the County. The Contractor specifically has the right to direct and control Contractor's own activities in providing the agreed services in accordance with the specifications set out in this Agreement. The County shall only have the right to ensure performance. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to render the parties' partners or joint venturers.

The Contractor shall furnish, employ and have exclusive control of all persons to be engaged in performing the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement (the "Contractor personnel"), and shall prescribe and control the means and methods of performing such obligations by providing adequate and proper supervision. Such Contractor personnel shall for all purposes be solely the employees or agents of the Contractor and shall not be deemed to be employees or agents of the County for any purposes whatsoever. With respect to Contractor personnel, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for compliance with all rules, laws and regulations relating to employment of labor, hours of labor, working conditions, payment of wages and payment of taxes, including applicable contributions from Contractor personnel when required by law.

Because it is an independent contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for all obligations relating to federal income tax, self-employment or FICA taxes and contributions, and all other so-called employer taxes and contributions including, but not limited to, industrial insurance (workers' compensation). The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from any and all claims, valid or otherwise, made to the County because of these obligations.

The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the payment of all payroll taxes, use, sales, income, or other form of taxes, fees, licenses, excises, or payments required by any city, county, federal or state legislation which are now or may during the term of the Agreement be enacted as to all persons employed by the Contractor and as to all duties, activities and requirements by the Contractor in performance of the work under this Agreement. The Contractor shall assume exclusive liability therefor and shall meet all requirements thereunder pursuant to any rules or regulations that are now or may be promulgated in connection therewith.

5. Ownership. Any and all data, reports, analyses, documents, photographs, pamphlets, plans, specifications, surveys, films or any other materials created, prepared, produced, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors or consultants for delivery to the County under this Agreement shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. Such property shall constitute "work made for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the ownership of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights in such property shall vest in the County at the time of its creation. Ownership of the intellectual property includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights.

6. Changes. No changes or additions shall be made in this Agreement except as agreed to by both parties, reduced to writing and executed with the same formalities as are required for the execution of this Agreement.

7. Contact Persons.

The assigned contact person (or project manager) for the County for this Agreement shall be:

Name: Michael Fong  
Title: Executive Director  
Department: Office of the Executive  
Telephone:  
Email: [Michael.Fong@co.snohomsish.wa.us](mailto:Michael.Fong@co.snohomsish.wa.us)

The assigned contact person (or project manager) for the GSP for this Agreement shall be:

Name: Brian Surratt, President & CEO  
Title: President/CEO  
Telephone: 206.389.8650  
Email: BSurratt@greater-seattle.com

8. County Review and Approval. When the Contractor has completed any discrete portion of the services, the Contractor shall verify that the work is free from errors and defects and otherwise conforms to the requirements of this Agreement. The Contractor shall then notify the County that said work is complete. The County shall promptly review and inspect the work to determine whether the work is acceptable. If the County determines the work conforms to the requirements of this Agreement, the County shall notify the Contractor that the County accepts the work. If the County determines the work contains errors, omissions, or otherwise fails to conform to the requirements of this Agreement, the County shall reject the work by providing the Contractor with written notice describing the problems with the work and describing the necessary corrections or modifications to same. In such event, the Contractor shall promptly remedy the problem or problems and re-submit the work to the County. The Contractor shall receive no additional compensation for time spent correcting errors. Payment for the work will not be made until the work is accepted by the County. The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of work even after the County accepts the work.

If the Contractor fails or refuses to correct the Contractor's work when so directed by the County, the County may withhold from any payment otherwise due to the Contractor an amount that the County in good faith believes is equal to the cost the County would incur in correcting the errors, in re-procuring the work from an alternate source, and in remedying any damage caused by the Contractor's conduct.

9. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any of the rights, duties or obligations covered by this Agreement without prior express written consent of the County. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract, assign, or delegate any portion of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement to another party in violation of the preceding sentence shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

10. Records and Access; Audit; Ineligible Expenditures. The Contractor shall maintain adequate records to support billings. Said records shall be maintained for a period of seven (7) years after completion of this Agreement by the Contractor. The County or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access at reasonable times to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly related to this Agreement for the purposes of making audit examinations, obtaining excerpts, transcripts or copies, and ensuring compliance by the County with applicable laws. Expenditures under this Agreement, which are determined by audit to be ineligible for reimbursement and for which payment has been made to the Contractor, shall be refunded to the County by the Contractor. The Contractor shall use the funds that are the subject of this contract only for purposes set forth in this Contract.

11. Indemnification. To the maximum extent permitted by law and except to the extent caused by the sole negligence of the County and, if any funds for this Agreement are provided by the State, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and the State, their officers, officials, agents and employees, from and against any and all suits, claims, actions, losses, costs, penalties and damages of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of, in connection with, or incidental to the services and/or deliverables provided by or on behalf of the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall assume the defense of the County and, if applicable, the State and their officers and employees in all legal or claim proceedings arising out of, in connection with, or incidental to such services and/or deliverables and shall pay all defense expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and costs incurred by the County and, if applicable, the State, on account of such litigation or claims.

The above indemnification obligations shall include, but are not limited to, all claims against the County and, if applicable, the State by an employee or former employee of the Contractor or its subcontractors, and the Contractor, by mutual negotiation, expressly waives all immunity and limitation on liability, as respects only the County and, if applicable, the State, under any industrial insurance act, including Title 51 RCW, other worker's compensation act, disability benefit act, or other employee benefit act of any jurisdiction which would otherwise be applicable in the case of such claim.

In the event that the County or, if applicable, the State incurs any judgment, award and/or cost including attorneys' fees arising from the provisions of this section, or to enforce the provisions of this section, any such judgment, award, fees, expenses and costs shall be recoverable from the Contractor.

In addition to injuries to persons and damage to property, the term "claims," for purposes of this provision, shall include, but not be limited to, assertions that the use or transfer of any software, book, document, report, film, tape, or sound reproduction or material of any kind, delivered hereunder, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, and/or otherwise results in an unfair trade practice.

The indemnification, protection, defense, and save harmless obligations contained herein shall survive the expiration, abandonment or termination of this Agreement.

Nothing contained within this provision shall affect or alter the application of any other provision contained within this Agreement.

12. Insurance Requirements. The Contractor shall procure by the time of execution of this Agreement, and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, (i) insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the services hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees, and (ii) a current certificate of insurance and additional insured endorsement when applicable.

a. General. Each insurance policy shall be written on an "occurrence" form, except that Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions coverage, if applicable, may be written on a claims-made basis. If coverage is approved and purchased on a "claims-made" basis, the Contractor warrants continuation of coverage, either through policy renewals or the purchase of an extended discovery period, if such extended coverage is available, for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the work which is the subject of this Agreement.

By requiring the minimum insurance coverage set forth in this Section 12, the County shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risks that may be applicable to the Contractor under this Agreement. The Contractor shall assess its own risks and, if it deems appropriate and/or prudent, maintain greater limits and/or broader coverage.

b. No Limitation on Liability. The Contractor's maintenance of insurance as required by this Agreement shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Contractor to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the County's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

c. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. The Contractor shall maintain coverage at least as broad as, and with limits no less than:

(i) General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, and for those policies with aggregate

limits, a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit. CG 00 01 current edition, including Products and Completed Operations.

(ii) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. CA 0001 current edition, Symbol 1.

(iii) Workers' Compensation: To meet applicable statutory requirements for workers' compensation coverage of the state or states of residency of the workers providing services under this Agreement.

(iv) Employers' Liability or "Stop Gap" coverage: \$1,000,000.

d. Other Insurance Provisions and Requirements. The insurance coverages required in this Agreement for all liability policies except workers' compensation and Professional Liability, if applicable, must contain, or must be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

(i) The County, its officers, officials, employees, and agents are to be covered as additional insureds as respects liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor in connection with this Agreement. Such coverage shall be primary and non-contributory insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents. Additional Insured Endorsement shall be included with the certificate of insurance; "CG 2026 07/04" or its equivalent is required.

(ii) The Contractor's insurance coverage shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made and/or lawsuit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

(iii) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved by, the County. The deductible and/or self-insured retention of the policies shall not limit or apply to the Contractor's liability to the County and shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

(iv) Insurance coverage must be placed with insurers with a Best's Underwriting Guide rating of no less than A: VIII, or, if not rated in the Best's Underwriting Guide, with minimum surpluses the equivalent of Best's surplus size VIII. Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions insurance coverage, if applicable, may be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of B+: VII. Any exception must be approved by the County.

Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits until after forty-five (45) calendar days' prior written notice has been given to the County.

If at any time any of the foregoing policies fail to meet minimum requirements, the Contractor shall, upon notice to that effect from the County, promptly obtain a new policy, and shall submit the same to the County, with the appropriate certificates and endorsements, for approval.

e. Subcontractors. The Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements for each subcontractor. **Insurance coverages provided by subcontractors instead of the Contractor as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Agreement shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.**

13. County Non-Discrimination. It is the policy of the County to reject discrimination which denies equal treatment to any individual because of his or her race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability as provided in Washington's Law against Discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW, and the Snohomish County Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 2.460 SCC. These laws protect against specific forms of discrimination in employment, credit transactions, public accommodation, housing, county facilities and services, and county contracts.

The Contractor shall comply with the substantive requirements of Chapter 2.460 SCC, which are incorporated herein by this reference. Execution of this Agreement constitutes a certification by the Contractor of the Contractor's compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2.460 SCC. If the Contractor is found to have violated this provision, or to have furnished false or misleading information in an investigation or proceeding conducted pursuant to this Agreement or Chapter 2.460 SCC, this Agreement may be subject to a declaration of default and termination at the County's discretion. This provision shall not affect the Contractor's obligations under other federal, state, or local laws against discrimination.

14. Federal Non-discrimination. Snohomish County assures that no persons shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. No. 88-352), as amended, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Pub. L. No. 100-259) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any County sponsored program or activity. Snohomish County further assures that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

15. Employment of County Employees. SCC 2.50.075, "Restrictions on future employment of County employees," imposes certain restrictions on the subsequent employment and compensation of County employees. The Contractor represents and warrants to the County that it does not at the time of execution of this Agreement, and that it shall not during the term of this Agreement, employ a former or current County employee in violation of SCC 2.50.075. For breach or violation of these representations and warranties, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability.

16. Compliance with Other Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations in performing this Agreement.

17. Compliance with Grant Terms and Conditions. The Contractor shall comply with any and all conditions, terms and requirements of any federal, state or other grant, if any, that wholly or partially funds the Contractor's work hereunder.

18. Prohibition of Contingency Fee Arrangements. The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any



company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

19. Force Majeure. If either party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement as a direct result of an unforeseeable event beyond that party's reasonable control, including but not limited to an act of war, act of nature (including but not limited to earthquake and flood), embargo, riot, sabotage, labor shortage or dispute (despite due diligence in obtaining the same), or governmental restriction imposed subsequent to execution of the Agreement (collectively, a "force majeure event"), the time for performance shall be extended by the number of days directly attributable to the force majeure event. Both parties agree to use their best efforts to minimize the effects of such failures or delays.

20. Suspension of Work. The County may, at any time, instruct the Contractor in writing to stop work effective immediately, or as directed, pending either further instructions from the County to resume the work or a notice from the County of breach or termination under Section 21 of this Agreement.

21. Non-Waiver of Breach; Termination.

a. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, or to exercise any option conferred by this Agreement, in one or more instances shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of those covenants, agreements or options, and the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

b. If the Contractor breaches any of its obligations hereunder and fails to cure the same within fifteen (15) business days of written notice to do so by the County, the County may terminate this Agreement prior to the Expiration Date, in which case the County shall have the right to recover all amounts previously paid by the County pursuant to Section 3.

c. The County may terminate this Agreement prior to its Expiration Date upon fifteen (15) business days' written notice to the Contractor for any reason other than stated in subparagraph b above, in which case payment shall be made in accordance with Sections 3 and 8 hereof for the services reasonably and directly incurred by the Contractor in performing this Agreement prior to receipt of the termination notice.

d. Termination by the County hereunder shall not affect the rights of the County as against the Contractor provided under any other section or paragraph herein. The County does not, by exercising its rights under this Section 21, waive, release or forego any legal remedy for any violation, breach or non-performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement. At its sole option, the County may deduct from the final payment due the Contractor (i) any damages, expenses or costs arising out of any such violations, breaches or non-performance and (ii) any

other setoffs or credits including, but not limited to, the costs to the County of selecting and compensating another contractor to complete the work of the Agreement.

22. Notices. Except as provided for the reporting and invoicing purposes set forth in Section 3 hereof, all notices and other communications shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if given, and shall be deemed given, on the date on which the same has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the County:                Snohomish County Executive Office  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 411  
Everett, WA 98201  
Attention: Michael Fong

If to the Contractor:        Greater Seattle Partners  
1201 2nd Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA. 98101  
Attention: Brian Surratt, President & CEO

The County or the Contractor may, by notice to the other given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices or other communications shall be sent.

23. Confidentiality. The Contractor shall not disclose, transfer, sell or otherwise release to any third party any confidential information gained by reason of or otherwise in connection with the Contractor's performance under this Agreement. The Contractor may use such information solely for the purposes necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly give written notice to the County of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information.

24. Public Records Act. This Agreement and all public records associated with this Agreement shall be available from the County for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for

releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

25. Interpretation. This Agreement and each of the terms and provisions of it are deemed to have been explicitly negotiated by the parties. The language in all parts of this Agreement shall, in all cases, be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either of the parties hereto. The captions and headings of this Agreement are used only for convenience and are not intended to affect the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed so that wherever applicable the use of the singular number shall include the plural number, and vice versa, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

26. Complete Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. Any written or verbal agreements that are not set forth herein or incorporated herein by reference are expressly excluded.

27. Conflicts between Attachments and Text. Should any conflicts exist between any attached exhibit or schedule and the text or main body of this Agreement, the text or main body of this Agreement shall prevail.

28. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. The provisions of this Agreement are for the exclusive benefit of the County and the Contractor. This Agreement shall not be deemed to have conferred any rights, express or implied, upon any third parties.

29. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. The venue of any action arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for Snohomish County.

30. Severability. Should any clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph of this Agreement be declared invalid or void, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

31. Authority. Each signatory to this Agreement represents that he or she has full and sufficient authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the County or the Contractor, as the case may be, and that upon execution of this Agreement it shall constitute a binding obligation of the County or the Contractor, as the case may be.

32. Survival. Those provisions of this Agreement that by their sense and purpose should survive expiration or termination of the Agreement shall so survive.

33. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute on and the same Agreement.

*(Signature pages to follow)*

SNOHOMISH COUNTY:

GREATER SEATTLE PARTNERS:



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Michael Fong  
Executive Director  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brian Surratt  
President & CEO  
Date: 02/11/2025

Approved as to insurance/  
indemnification provisions:

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Risk Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Schedule A**

### **Greater Seattle Partners 2025**

#### **I. Purpose:**

A. The primary purpose of establishing this Agreement with Greater Seattle Partners (GSP) is to increase global trade, attract new businesses to Snohomish County, provide data and research, and market the County with the region to support inclusive growth, opportunity, and prosperity for the Puget Sound region.

#### **II. 2025 Contract Elements:**

A. Snohomish County will provide \$100,000 to GSP in 2025 respectively to support general economic development activity with the following expectations of the GSP:

#### **III. Snohomish County Involvement & Oversight**

A. GSP shall provide the County:

1. A seat on the GSP Executive Council
2. A seat on the GSP Board of Directors
3. A seat on one or more GSP Core Councils or committees, as desired (one rep per Council)

#### **IV. Providing Regional Economic Development Leadership**

A. GSP will work to increase global trade that benefits the central Puget Sound region to include the development of a regional export program.

B. GSP will work to attract businesses to the entire region covered by GSP, including Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties with a special focus on foreign direct investment.

C. GSP will implement its strategic plan for business recruitment and global trade that supports sustainable growth in all major geographies in the region, including both rural and urban areas.

D. GSP will implement a national and international marketing plan to support business and talent attraction.

E. GSP will provide leadership support of the regional economic recovery framework.

F. GSP will partner with cities and sub-regional organizations throughout the region to support economic development goals, including economic development teams in Snohomish County and its corresponding cities, as well as Snohomish County's designated Associate Development Organization (ADO)..

1. Competitive advantages, attributes, and talent/business attraction needs that are unique to Snohomish County will influence GSP's trade and recruitment strategies for lead generation and targeted development opportunities.
2. Participation in Core Councils will provide Snohomish County partners (including Snohomish County's designated ADO) with a forum to share subregional knowledge and express targeted needs for GSP's work.

## **V. Reporting Relationship and Service Sharing Agreements with the Associate Development Organization**

- A. GSP will partner with Snohomish County's designated ADO on business attraction, trade and promotion of the region to external audiences, and investment development. This shall include but not be limited to inbound and outbound coordination.
- B. GSP does not lead business retention and expansion (BRE) activity for Snohomish County or its jurisdictions. As GSP learns of BRE issues and opportunities through its own stakeholder outreach, GSP will communicate such issues and opportunities in a timely manner to Snohomish County's designated ADO (with clear deadlines and deliverables for all involved, if any are known).
- C. GSP will undertake business recruitment to support the employment of historically marginalized populations and underserved areas of the region with an emphasis on recruiting companies that provide sustainable wages, skill development, and career opportunities.
- D. GSP will meet with Snohomish County and the County's designated ADO to establish annual goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success toward achieving those goals.
- E. GSP will hold regularly scheduled meetings with Snohomish County's designated ADO to monitor overall progress towards jointly identified goals and prepare year-end reports to Snohomish County, as referenced below.

## **VI. Contract Duration:**

- A. Effective Date to December 31, 2025.

## **VII. Reporting Requirements**

- A. GSP will provide the following quarterly reports to the Executive Office
  1. April 15, 2025: Q1 (January 1 – March 31, 2025)
  2. July 15, 2025: Q2 (April 1 – June 30, 2025)
  3. October 15, 2025: Q3 (July 1 – September 30, 2025)
  4. December 16, 2025: Q4 and Final Report (October 1 – December 31, 2025)

**B.** GSP will provide the following updates to Snohomish County Council:

- 1.** July 15, 2025: for contract period January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025
- 2.** December 15, 2025: for contract period July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.