



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-0519

**Motion:** 24-172

**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 SWMCC 04-24 with the Institute for Environmental Health, Inc. for Limnology Laboratory Services.

**Scope:** The proposed agreement is for laboratory testing services to analyze water samples for tracking lake health, identifying pollution sources, developing, and implementing restoration plans, evaluation, and resolution actions, and complying with State and Federal water quality requirements.

**Duration:** The Agreement shall be effective upon execution and shall terminate on April 30, 2027. The agreement may be extended or renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

The total charges under the agreement, all fees and expenses included, shall not exceed \$105,500, for the initial term. Fees for this service will come from Fund 415 Professional Services, and Revenue will come from SWM Service Charges.

**Authority Granted:** Approve and authorize the County Executive to sign Professional Services Agreement SWMCC04-24 with Institute for Environmental Health, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$105,500 and further authorizes the Director of Conservation and Natural Resources to approve contract amendments that in aggregate increase the original contract amount by no more than 20%, under SCC 3.04.140(4).

**Background:** Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) developed a Snohomish County Lake Management program to work with County residents and lake scientists to protect and restore the water quality and ecology of Snohomish County Lakes. Regular monitoring and laboratory testing of lake conditions is used to determine and assess the current water quality of each lake. This also assists in identifying any long-term quality trends, protect and restore the water quality and ecology of Snohomish County Lakes.

Snohomish County has determined a need for assistance from a consultant to perform laboratory testing of water samples to monitor water quality within Snohomish County, and published RFP-24-016TB. The Institute for Environmental Health, Inc. responded and was selected following established Federal, State, and County policies and practices.

**Action Requested:** For Council to consider the motion.