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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 23-073

APPROVING THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY FOR THE POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Snohomish Health District was integrated into Snohomish
County effective December 31, 2022, and now operates as the Snohomish County
Health Department; and

WHEREAS, prior to its integration into Snohomish County, the Snohomish Health
District entered into an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department
of Ecology for the Snohomish Health District to provide pollution prevention assistance
work; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2023, the Snohomish County Council passed
Ordinance 23-013 approving an interagency agreement with the Department of Ecology
for this program through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Snohomish
County Health Department wish to continue this partnership an additional two years
through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on September 6, 2023, to
enter into this agreement attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as findings of
fact and conclusions as if set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The County Council hereby approves and authorizes the County
Executive, or designee, to execute the interagency agreement between Snohomish
County and the Washington State Department of Ecology for pollution prevention
assistance in substantially the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED this 6th day of September 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington


Chairperson

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ATTEST:

M. Deunlar
Deputy Clerk of the Council

- APPROVED
- EMERGENCY
- VETOED

DATE: September 18, 2023

[Signature]
County Executive

ATTEST:

Melissa Geraghty

Approved as to form only:

[Signature] 06-30-2023
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

EXHIBIT A



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY
State of Washington

IAA No. C2400029

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (IAA)

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

AND

Snohomish County

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (“Agreement” or “IAA”) is made and entered into by and between the state of Washington, Department of Ecology, hereinafter referred to as “**ECOLOGY**,” and Snohomish County hereinafter referred to as the “**CONTRACTOR**,” pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter [39.34](#) of the Revised Code Washington, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT is for the **CONTRACTOR** to provide Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Specialists who will provide technical assistance and education outreach to small businesses in an effort to prevent pollution of waters of the state as part of the Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership (formerly known as the Local Source Control (LSC) Partnership).

WHEREAS, **ECOLOGY** has legal authority (RCW 70A.214 and RCW 70A.300) and the **CONTRACTOR** has legal authority (RCW 70.05) that allows each party to undertake the actions in this agreement.

THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The **CONTRACTOR** shall furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material and/or service(s) and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of the work set forth in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, and Appendix B, *Budget Detail*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The period of performance of this IAA will commence on **July 1, 2023**, and be completed by **June 30, 2025**, unless the Agreement is terminated sooner as provided herein. Amendments extending the period of performance, if any, shall be at the sole discretion of **ECOLOGY**.

3. COMPENSATION

Compensation for the work provided in accordance with this IAA has been established under the terms of RCW 39.34.130 and RCW 39.26.180(3). This is a performance-based agreement, under which payment is based on the successful completion of expected deliverables.

Compensation for this agreement will be release in two 1-year phases. Phase One is limited to 50 percent of the project budget and Phase Two can be up to the remaining percentage of the project budget. On or before August 15, 2024, Ecology will evaluate available funding and the CONTRACTOR's performance and progress towards meeting contract deliverables and spending. To release the second-year funding the CONTRACTOR, by June 30, 2024, must:

1. Complete a minimum of 40% of the total site visit deliverables, and
2. Utilize 40% of the total compensation award.

If performance obligations have been met and funding is available per ECOLOGY's determination, the full year 2 budget award will be considered available. Should the CONTRACTOR fail to make satisfactory progress or funding is limited, ECOLOGY will determine the appropriate additional funding to release for year 2 of the contract. ECOLOGY will consider various factors in determining year 2 funding including, but not limited to, available funding, performance to date, staff vacancies, time and costs spent on unique program elements, and potential circumstances beyond the CONTRACTOR's control.

The source of funds for this IAA is **Model Toxics Control Operating Account (23P), Model Toxics Capital Account (23N)**. Both parties agree to comply with all applicable rules and regulations associated with these funds.

The parties have determined that the cost of accomplishing the work identified herein will not exceed Six hundred seventy-six thousand, eight hundred ninety-two dollars and sixty-three cents (\$676,892.63), including any indirect charges. Payment for satisfactory performance of the work shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree via an amendment to a higher amount. Compensation for services shall be based on the terms and tasks set forth in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*. ECOLOGY will not make payment until it has reviewed and accepted the work.

Travel expenses (meals, lodging, and mileage) will be reimbursed according to current state rates at the time of travel, not to exceed the budget (see Appendix B, *Budget Detail*).

Purchase of source control tools or equipment (e.g., spill kits, plastic drum covers) and promotional items for distribution to businesses under this contract must be listed in *Goods and Services budget* or *Equipment budget* in Appendix B. Any purchases of equipment or good and services over \$1,000.00 not specifically listed in Appendix B must be pre-approved by ECOLOGY. When the agreement expires, or when the equipment is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose (whichever comes first) the disposition of equipment shall be at ECOLOGY's sole discretion.

Indirect rates will be paid as indicated in Appendix B, *Budget Detail*. Changes to the indirect rate may be considered by ECOLOGY. CONTRACTOR shall provide supporting documentation necessitating the change to ECOLOGY. ECOLOGY's approval will be communicated by e-mail. An increase in indirect rate does not increase the total contract award. Changes are handled by adjusting the budget between categories listed in Appendix B. Changes to the total budget cost of the contract shall require an amendment. The budget referenced in Appendix B may be adjusted between categories with ECOLOGY's preapproval, and if the total budget is not exceeded.

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Entity Name: Snohomish County

ECOLOGY may, at its sole discretion, terminate or suspend this Contract, or withhold payments claimed by the CONTRACTOR for services rendered, if the CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.

4. BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Payment requests shall be submitted on state form, Invoice Voucher A19-1A. Invoice voucher shall reference the Agreement (IAA) number and clearly identify those items that relate to performance under this Agreement. Invoices shall describe and document to ECOLOGY's satisfaction a description of the work performed, the progress of the work, and related costs. Each invoice shall bill for actual hours worked during the quarter. The actual hours billed may be higher (if the total budget compensation award is not exceeded) or lower than the FTE estimate in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*. Attach supporting documentation to the invoice. See Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Sections IV, V and X for additional information (and Section XI, Small Change Voucher Program if applicable).

Send invoices to:

State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
Attn: Andrew Maher
4601 N. MONROE ST.
SPOKANE, WA 99205

OR

Electronically submit invoices to:
Andrew Maher at anma461@ecy.wa.gov AND
Kristine Ray at kray461@ecy.wa.gov

Payment requests will be submitted on a Quarterly basis. Invoices must be submitted by the dates outlined in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section X, Table 8. Upon expiration of this Agreement, any claim for payment not already made shall be submitted to ECOLOGY within 30 days after the expiration date or the end of the fiscal year, whichever is earlier.

Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of submission of a properly completed invoice (form A19-1A) with supportive documentation. All expenses invoiced shall be supported with copies of invoices paid.

Payment will be issued through Washington State's Office of Financial Management's Statewide Payee Desk. To receive payment, CONTRACTOR 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>. For questions about the vendor registration process, contact Statewide Payee Help Desk at (360) 407-8180 or email PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov.

5. ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

6. ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

7. ASSURANCES

Parties to this Agreement agree that all activity pursuant to this agreement will be in accordance with all the applicable current federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

8. CONFORMANCE

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. DISPUTES

Parties to this Agreement shall employ every effort to resolve a dispute themselves without resorting to litigation. In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement that cannot be resolved among the parties, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner. Each party to this Agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board shall review the facts, agreement terms, and applicable statutes and rules, and then make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Board shall be final and binding on the parties hereto, unless restricted by law. The cost of resolution will be borne by each party paying its own cost. As an alternative to this process, if state agencies, either of the parties may request intervention by the Governor, as provided by RCW 43.17.330, in which event the Governor's process will control. The parties may mutually agree to a different dispute resolution process.

10. FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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 completion or expiration date of this Agreement, ECOLOGY, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, for convenience or to renegotiate the Agreement subject to new funding limitations and 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 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 CONTRACTOR through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by ECOLOGY and the CONTRACTOR. In no event shall ECOLOGY's reimbursement exceed ECOLOGY's total responsibility under the agreement and any amendments.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington and any applicable federal laws. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to conform to those laws. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be the Superior Court for Thurston County.

12. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

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

13. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of an inconsistency in the terms of this Agreement, or between its terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a. Applicable federal and state of Washington statutes, regulations, and rules.
- b. Mutually agreed upon written amendments to this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement, number C2400029.
- d. Appendix A, *Statement of Work*.
- e. Appendix B, *Budget Detail*.
- f. Appendix C, *Special Terms and Conditions*.
- g. Any other provisions or term of this Agreement, including materials incorporated by reference or otherwise incorporated.

14. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The parties to this Agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the service(s) described herein. These materials shall be subject to inspection, review, or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents, and other materials relevant to this Agreement must be retained for six years after expiration of this Agreement. The Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors, and any persons duly authorized by the parties shall have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections for all materials related to this Agreement. All materials are subject to state public disclosure laws.

15. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each party of this Agreement hereby assumes responsibility for claims and/or damages to persons and/or property resulting from any act or omissions on the part of itself, its employees, its officers, and its agents. Neither party will be considered the agent of the other party to this Agreement.

16. RIGHTS IN DATA

Unless otherwise provided, data which originates from this Agreement shall be "work made for hire" as defined by the United States Copyright Act, Title 17 U.S.C. section 101 and shall be owned by state of Washington, ECOLOGY. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, and register these items, and the ability to transfer these rights.

17. 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, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this Agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

18. SUBCONTRACTORS

CONTRACTOR agrees to take complete responsibility for all actions of any Subcontractor used under this Agreement for the performance. When federal funding is involved, there will be additional CONTRACTOR and subcontractor requirements and reporting.

Prior to performance, all subcontractors who will be performing services under this Agreement must be identified, including their name, the nature of services to be performed, address, telephone, WA State Department of Revenue Registration Tax number (UBI), federal tax identification number (TIN), and anticipated dollar value of each subcontract. Identify whether subcontractor is certified with OMWBE, WA Veterans, or is a WA small business. Provide such information to ECOLOGY's Agreement manager.

19. SUSPENSION FOR CONVENIENCE

ECOLOGY may suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by providing written notice to the CONTRACTOR a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the suspension date. CONTRACTOR shall resume performance on the first business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified in writing by ECOLOGY prior to the expiration of the suspension period.

20. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

If for any cause, either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within fifteen (15) business days. If failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.

21. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) calendar day prior written notification to the other party. 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.

22. WAIVER

A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement unless stated to be such in a written amendment to this Agreement signed by an authorized representative of the parties.

23. AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The representative for each of the parties shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications, notifications, and billings questions regarding the performance of this Agreement. The parties agree that if there is a change in representatives, they will promptly notify the other party in writing of such change, such changes do not need an amendment.

The ECOLOGY Representative is:

Name: Andrew Maher
Address: 4601 N. Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205
Phone: (509) 290-7806 cell
Email: anma461@ecy.wa.gov

The Snohomish County Representative is:

Name: Jeff Hutchison
Address: 3020 Rucker Avenue, Suite 104
Everett, WA 98201
Phone: (425) 339-8763
Email: Jeffrey.hutchison@co.snohomish.wa.us
Fax: (425) 339-5254

24. ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties below, having read this Agreement in its entirety, including all attachments, do agree in each and every particular as indicated by their signatures below.

**State of Washington
Department of Ecology**

By:



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Heather R. Bartlett

Print Name

Deputy Director

Title

Snohomish County

By:

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Lacey Harper

Print Name

Executive Director

Title

Approved as to form:

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APPENDIX A STATEMENT OF WORK

Section I. Introduction

This Statement of Work is for the 2023 – 2025 biennial Interagency Agreement (IAA) for the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership, which is overseen by the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECOLOGY), Hazardous Waste & Toxic Reduction Program.

The mission of the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership is:

“We protect Washington’s residents and environment by helping small businesses reduce toxic chemical use, safely manage dangerous waste, and keep stormwater free of pollutants.”

The CONTRACTOR, through their Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) program, will conduct multimedia source control site visits and pollution prevention activities to businesses that are small quantity generators (SQGs) of dangerous waste. In this context an SQG is any business, non-profit, facility, school, or other organization that generates less than 220 pounds of dangerous waste per calendar month and less than 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste per calendar month. The site visits, along with other pollution prevention activities conducted by the CONTRACTOR, will be designed to reduce or eliminate dangerous waste and other pollutants at the source through best management practices that prevent spills and discharges to ground, air, and water (especially to industrial wastewater and stormwater).

To further facilitate the reduction or elimination of toxic chemical use at the source, the CONTRACTOR will seek and discuss opportunities to assist businesses with switching processes, products, or equipment to use effective safer alternatives. This program will be known as the “Product Replacement Program” or PRP.

PPA work is expected to fall within these general proportions:	
Technical Assistance (TA) Visits (Approximately 10 – 15% of TA Visits may involve PRP) (See Section III)	65%
Unique Program Elements (See Section II)	20%
Training (See Section VIII)	10%
Other (admin, staff meetings, etc.)	5%

The CONTRACTOR is expected to:

- Interact with other partners within the PPA Partnership to provide technical assistance and training and share resources and experiences.
- Set up alerts to receive notifications when requests for information have been made on the PPA Partnership SharePoint Discussion Board.
- Ensure at least one staff member is available to provide timely information and feedback to ECOLOGY’s PPA Coordinator and to attend mandatory meetings and trainings. Feedback on Partnership goals, direction, and projects will occasionally be requested via online surveys and email requests.

- Act in a professional and ethical manner and shall avoid any conflict of interest that might influence the CONTRACTOR’s actions or judgement.
- Disclose immediately to ECOLOGY any interest, direct or indirect, that might be construed as prejudicial in any way to the professional judgment of the CONTRACTOR in rendering service under this Agreement.

Key staff, estimated FTE, and their roles are identified in Table 1. Please note, this is an estimate of time dedicated to this contract over the full two years of the contract; quarterly invoicing must reflect actual hours worked even if hours are higher or lower than the FTE estimate.

Table 1: Key Staff

Staff Name	Estimated FTE	Role
Jeff Hutchison	0.10	Contract Management
JR Myers	0.02	Budgeting
Aran Enger	0.10	PPA Specialist (Lead)
Garry Mulgrew	0.75	PPA Specialist
Lauren Newman	0.75	PPA Specialist
Michael Marsh	0.75	PPA Specialist
Geetha Venigalla	0.02	Billing

Section II. Unique Program Elements

The CONTRACTOR will conduct the unique program elements for their PPA program as outlined in Table 2, below.

Table 2: Unique Program Elements

Unique Program Element	Description	Deliverable(s)
New Specialist Training Discussion Panel	Participate in up to 12 panel discussions hosted by Ecology to help train new specialists. Ecology will host the discussion panels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer questions from new specialists; Share your experience and tips for success. • Participate in 90% of the scheduled discussion panels.
Mentoring	Provide guidance to new specialists (outside your jurisdiction) to ensure all checklist areas are covered and issues are addressed in a professional and timely manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor all assigned new PPA specialists, outside your jurisdiction, up to 5.

Section III. Technical Assistance Visits

The CONTRACTOR will conduct technical assistance site visits to small quantity generators of dangerous wastes, and to businesses or organizations that have the potential to pollute stormwater. Approximately 60% of the visits will be Initial Visits. If Initial Visits fall below 60%, combined Initial Visits and Follow-Up Visits must account for at least 80% of the total visits. While necessary, efforts should be made to minimize Screening Visits.

- An **Initial Visit** occurs at the actual site and results in a completed “Basic Checklist” (or enough data gathered to complete data entry into the LSC Database). It will either be the first complete visit to a site OR the first visit in two (2) or more years.
- A **Screening Visit** is an attempted visit to the site, but the business declined or put off the visit, OR you were interrupted during the visit and were unable to gather complete data, OR you discover that the facility does not exist anymore OR you discover that the business does not qualify for a visit under the PPA program (e.g., it is a medium or large quantity generator).
- A **Follow-Up Visit** should occur within 90 days of the Initial Visit. Follow-up should generally be done through an on-site visit. However, a phone conversation, mail or email exchange may count as a Follow-Up Visit if it includes confirmation that the issues that were identified in the initial visit were resolved. Follow-Up Visits must be conducted to resolve High Priority Environmental Issues (See Section Below).

Table 3: Total Number of Technical Assistance Visits

Number of Total Visits	700
Target for Initial Visits (60% of Total)	420

Business sectors, organizations, waste streams, and/or geographical area that will provide a focus for the 2023 – 2025 technical assistance visits are listed in Table 4.

ECOLOGY may direct a portion of technical assistance visits towards specific priority sources or contaminants.

Table 4: Technical Assistance Targets

Technical Assistance Targets	Rationale for Selection
North Snohomish County	One of 3 districts that will focus on all our targeted business sectors.
South Snohomish County	One of 3 districts that will focus on all our targeted business sectors.
East Snohomish County	One of 3 districts that will focus on all our targeted business sectors.

High Priority Environmental Issues

The below list is ECOLOGY’s High Priority Environmental Issues list because they have the potential to directly impact human health and/or the environment. If one or more of these issues are found during a site visit, a Follow-Up Visits is justified but not necessarily required. The severity of the issue will help determine if a Follow-Up Visit is necessary. A Follow-Up Visit to a business for other (non-high priority) issues is at the discretion of the CONTRACTOR.

When unable to resolve High Priority Environmental Issues, the Pollution Prevention Specialists will refer the issue to ECOLOGY or another appropriate agency. Serious concerns about impacts to human health and/or the environment warrant a consultation with ECOLOGY or other regulatory agencies to determine whether the issue needs to be referred.

High Priority Environmental Issues List:

- Hazardous waste being improperly designated.
- Hazardous waste being improperly disposed.
- Hazardous products / wastes being improperly stored.
- Compromised dangerous waste containers need to be repaired or replaced.
- Illegal plumbing connection.
- Illicit discharge of wastewater to storm drain.
- Improperly stored containerized materials.
- Improperly stored non-containerized materials.
- Leaks and spills in dangerous waste storage areas.

Visit Guidance

The following guidance applies to technical assistance visits, unless otherwise discussed with ECOLOGY:

Prior to the Visit:

- Coordinate with other entities that may be conducting business visits in the area to reduce potential “inspection fatigue”.
- Check with ECOLOGY Urban Waters Staff (where applicable) to ensure that the business is not currently being visited by Urban Waters Staff.
- Research site and issues prior to the visit using a combination of data sources such as LSC Database for previous visits or visit to similar businesses, industry resources, news articles, etc.
- To the extent possible, verify the site is not a medium or large quantity generator.
- Check to see if a sector specific Checklist or Tip Sheet is available on the PPA Partnership SharePoint site to help guide the visit.

During the Visit:

- Provide technical assistance on proper management of dangerous waste, prevention of stormwater pollution, spill prevention, and reduction of hazardous substance use (when applicable).
- Ensure, at a minimum, all items on the Basic Checklist are reviewed.
- If while at the site, it becomes apparent the business is a medium or large quantity generator, either complete the visit and count it as a screening visit, OR formally refer the dangerous waste portion to ECOLOGY to count it as a full initial visit.
 - This site should not be scheduled for future visits, unless it is likely their generator status has changed to qualify as an SQG.
- If appropriate, encourage businesses to participate in local green business programs, such as the EnviroStars business certification program, EnviroCertified, or other green business programs.
- If a Product Replacement Program (PRP) opportunity exists for the business, discuss the opportunity, terms and conditions, and steps to qualify as outlined in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section V, Product Replacement Program.

- Discuss spill response preparedness and offer spill kit for developing a plan. Funds can be used to purchase spill kits to provide to businesses. Occasionally, ECOLOGY will provide spill kits through a bulk order if funding is available.
- Photograph observed issues for before and after photos to use in writing up case studies.
- Activities that may be beneficial during the visit include, but are not limited to:
 - Walking the site (interior and exterior).
 - Checking storm drains.
 - Checking for illicit connections.
 - Checking dumpster and waste storage.
 - Providing handouts with technical information and guidance.
 - Ensuring necessary permits are in place.

End of Visit / After Visit:

- Provide written follow-up to the business to document the results of the visit. This can be done by leaving a copy of the checklist or other documentation with the business at the end of the visit, by using a commitment postcard (format available in Education & Outreach Documents on PPA Partnership SharePoint), or by sending follow-up letters/emails, or alternatively by sending a “thank you” postcard if no issues were identified.
- If necessary, coordinate with other agencies (e.g., the fire marshal, code enforcement, stormwater, wastewater treatment, and/or moderate risk waste staff) to ensure that the information you are providing is consistent with the other agency’s regulations and/or best management practices.
- PPA Specialists will make referrals to ECOLOGY as needed and report results.

Section IV: Partnership Branding and Outreach

When unique outreach or education materials are developed by the CONTRACOTR using PPA Partnership funds, a draft must be sent to ECOLOGY for review and approval. To the extent feasible, the CONTRACTOR must utilize the Partnership’s branding tools and templates available to produce these materials. The intent of this requirement is to facilitate a unified branding image and consistent messaging across the Partnership. The Partnership logo and other branding resources are available on the PPA Partnership SharePoint site.

It may be appropriate to include funding acknowledgement on some outreach materials. The CONTRACTOR will consult with ECOLOGY’s PPA Partnership Coordinator to determine whether funding acknowledgement is required.

Finalized materials which may be useful to other Partnership contractors should be provided for upload to the Education & Outreach Document Library on the PPA Partnership SharePoint Site.

Each CONTRACTOR must maintain a PPA webpage which meets the minimum requirements. See PPA Partnership SharePoint site for requirements (Link in Appendix A, *Statement of Work* section XII Resources).

Section V: Product Replacement Program (PRP)

The Product Replacement Program (PRP) is designed to eliminate Persistent, Bio-accumulative, Toxic (PBT) chemicals from use in commerce. The PRP removes and replaces PBT chemicals present in products, processes, or technologies to help prevent toxics from entering the environment. One of the best and most effective ways to prevent further environmental contamination, protect water quality, and reduce

human health risk, is to eliminate these toxic chemicals at the sources. The PRP assists businesses with switching to safer alternatives.

PPA contractors are integral to the PRP. The CONTRACTOR will seek and discuss opportunities to assist businesses with switching processes, products, or equipment to use effective safer alternatives.

The CONTRACTOR will assist ECOLOGY with the following programs:

- Replacement of dry-cleaning technology that uses perchloroethylene by visiting dry cleaners, discussing the program, assisting with required paperwork, and completing the final visit after new machine installations. Guidelines for this program are outlines in separate documents and posted on the PPA Partnership SharePoint.
- Degreasers in parts washing systems in the automotive repair sector by visiting automotive repair facilities, discussing the program, assisting with required paperwork, and completing the final visit after new machine installation. Guidelines for this program are outlines in separate documents and posted on the PPA Partnership SharePoint.
- Promoting proper management and recycling of mercury containing thermostats through the national program Thermostat-Recycle.Org

Additional takeback and replacement programs ECOLOGY is exploring for addition to the PRP include, but are not limited to:

- BPA Thermal receipts replacement program to replace thermal receipts which contain BPA.
- Flame retardants in foam and equipment at gymnasiums, play centers, and recreations facilities.
- PCB containing light ballasts in public schools.
- Public School Laboratory Clean-Outs
- PFAS-containing firefighting foam takeback program. Currently ECOLOGY is working directly with fire departments, but this program may be expanded to businesses with PFAS-containing fire suppression systems.

ECOLOGY, in collaboration with the PPA Partnership, will develop procedures and criteria, which must be met for a business to receive reimbursement for any of the chemicals or products included in the PRP. PRP payments for reimbursement to the business will come directly from ECOLOGY and are not included with the CONTRACTOR's funding compensation associated with this contract.

The PRP reimbursement payment will be made through direct disbursement from ECOLOGY to the business implementing the product or equipment replacement. To facilitate these payments, the CONTRACTOR must assist ECOLOGY in maintaining records indicating how the business qualified for the PRP reimbursement per the PRP program's eligibility criteria. Eligibility criteria will be developed by ECOLOGY and the Product Replacement Program Committee for each type of reimbursement offered.

The CONTRACTOR will provide technical assistance to the businesses to help ensure the business qualifies for a PRP reimbursement payment from ECOLOGY by completing the following steps, unless otherwise specified in guidelines developed specific to an individual reimbursement. Specific requirements for individual reimbursement programs will be maintained on the PPA Partnership SharePoint site.

- CONTRACTOR conducts technical assistance visit and provides business with recommendations to reduce or eliminate a qualifying chemical or product. These recommendations must be recorded in the LSC Database.

- CONTRACTOR must communicate to the businesses that it may take up to 4 months to receive payment from ECOLOGY after purchase and that the business must respond to inquiries from ECOLOGY or the Office of Financial Management (OFM) in a timely manner to avoid delays in payment.
- CONTRACTOR assists businesses as needed with paperwork required to apply for reimbursement, including a state payee registration form.
- Business purchases approved product or equipment and converts fully to utilization of new product or equipment in accordance with the eligibility criteria for the PRP reimbursement.
- Business submits receipts for the product or equipment purchase and installation to ECOLOGY’s PRP Coordinator. This submittal may be facilitated through the CONTACTOR’s representative for some PRP projects.
- CONTACTORS may be requested by ECOLOGY to verify through a site visit and review of records that product or equipment has been installed per PPA Specialist or ECOLOGY recommendations, old product or equipment has been legally disposed of or decommissioned, and all other eligibility criteria have been met.

For information about an optional voucher program that the CONTRACTOR can provide directly to a business, see Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section XI, Small Change Voucher Program.

Section VI: Timeline

Table 5: Timeline

Time Period	Goal for # of Site Visits	Unique Program Element Activities	Technical Assistance Target Activities
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	105 Initial Visits. 70 Screening / Follow-Up Visits	Mentor assigned PPA specialists. Participate in new specialist discussion panels.	All identified business sectors within Snohomish County
January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024	105 Initial Visits. 70 Screening / Follow-Up Visits	Mentor assigned PPA specialists. Participate in new specialist discussion panels.	All identified business sectors within Snohomish County
July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	105 Initial Visits. 70 Screening / Follow-Up Visits	Mentor assigned PPA specialists. Participate in new specialist discussion panels.	All identified business sectors within Snohomish County
January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025	105 Initial Visits. 70 Screening / Follow-Up Visits	Mentor assigned PPA specialists. Participate in new specialist discussion panels.	All identified business sectors within Snohomish County

Section VII: Local Source Control (LSC) Database

Information gathered during technical assistance site visits by the CONTRACTOR must include all the elements that are listed in the most up to date PPA Basic Checklist (check PPA Partnership SharePoint site for details) and be entered into ECOLOGY’s LSC database. The following guidance applies to all technical assistance visits, unless other discussed with ECOLOGY:

- Collect enough information to complete all the applicable fields in ECOLOGY’s LSC database and enter it into the database ***within 15 workdays*** of the visit.
- If you make a referral to a regulatory agency, enter the information about the referral into the database ***within 15 workdays*** of the referral.
- Ensure that data entry is complete and accurate.
- At a minimum, all elements on the most recent version of ECOLOGY’s PPA Basic Checklist must be checked at each business visit. Specialists must attest that they have verified all elements.
 - Additional sector specific checklists are available on the ECOLOGY PPA Partnership SharePoint Site.
 - CONTRACTOR may substitute use of their own version(s) of the checklist(s) if it contains all elements of ECOLOGY’s PPA Basic Checklist and has been reviewed and approved by ECOLOGY.
- Refer to the LSC database instructions posted in the database interface or contact ECOLOGY PPA Staff for assistance with database entry.
- If using paper checklists or equivalent documentation, maintain originals in accordance with your local public disclosure laws.

Section VIII: Training

ECOLOGY expects that the CONTRACTOR will provide basic training to the Pollution Prevention Assistance Specialists on topics relevant to their position. ECOLOGY will provide additional training to ensure that CONTRACTOR’s staff are properly trained and supported to conduct PPA activities, and that experienced staff are exposed to new information, and have opportunities to share their expertise for the benefit of the PPA Partnership.

ECOLOGY staff and experienced PPA Specialists will provide a variety of training support to new PPA staff. ECOLOGY will provide new hires a “welcome email” within the first two weeks of work as a PPA Specialist. This email will provide instructions for accessing the PPA Partnership SharePoint, LSC Database, and guidance on resources and training. All Specialists are expected to create an “alert” for the PPA Partnership SharePoint Discussion Board to receive email alerts at least once per week when topics are posted.

Table 7 below contains a tentative training schedule for monthly webinars and the twice annual All-Staff meetings; ECOLOGY will communicate the final schedule to the CONTACTOR.

New PPA Specialist Training & SharePoint Resources

New PPA specialist training is provided in the form of self-paced online modules available through ECOLOGY’s Partnership SharePoint site, web-based new specialist discussion panels, and mentoring. The web-based new specialist discussion panels will be planned and conducted by ECOLOGY staff and include new specialists and experienced PPA specialists who can offer suggestions and feedback to new specialists. The discussion panels are scheduled for the second Thursday of every other month from 10:30 to 12:00. On occasion these meetings will need to be rescheduled to accommodate panelists or new specialists who cannot make the originally scheduled date. ECOLOGY staff will provide as much notice as possible when these panels are rescheduled.

Table 6: New Specialist Discussion Panel Schedule

2023	2024	2025
August 10, 2023	February 8, 2024	February 13, 2025
October 12, 2023	April 11, 2024	April 10, 2025
December 14, 2023	June 13, 2024	May 8, 2025
	August 8, 2024	June 12, 2025
	October 10, 2024	
	December 12, 2024	
Attendance Requirement: All new specialists who have not yet attended six (6) discussion panels are required to attend. Panelists are required to attend all discussion panels.		

Field Mentoring & Shadow Workday

The CONTRACTOR will provide training to their new staff to ensure they can perform field work. In addition, ECOLOGY will assign two experienced PPA Specialists as mentors to provide field training and support to a new hire. If available, one mentor will be from the CONTRACTOR’s organization and the other mentor from another PPA contractor (partner) jurisdiction in as close a geography as possible. Mentors will be assigned within two weeks of notifying ECOLOGY of new staff hires.

Field mentoring will involve a series of accompanied field visits designed by the mentor and ECOLOGY staff to support the needs of the new hire. When the mentor and new hire determine they are ready, an ECOLOGY staff person will accompany the new hire on a few technical assistance visits in their jurisdiction on a shadow workday, to ensure that they are providing accurate information on proper waste management, spill prevention, storm water pollution prevention, and toxics reduction opportunities. See New Specialist Training Plan (link in Appendix A, *Statement of Work* section XII Resources) for additional details on mentoring and training resources provided to new specialists.

All-Staff Training for all PPA Specialists

All-Staff Trainings will be planned and conducted by teams of PPA Specialists from two or three PPA Partners, who have signed up to plan these trainings as a unique program element. When appropriate, these trainings will be held in-person to facilitate interaction and networking between PPA Specialists, ECOLOGY, and invited presenters.

Training topics at All-Staff Trainings are intended to help new staff become more competent in their work, and experienced staff to gain greater technical depth on relevant topics. ECOLOGY staff will determine the teams, provide initial guidance, review agendas, and provide support for planning and logistics.

Typically, these trainings are held the second Wednesday in September/October and March/April. The in-person trainings are typically scheduled to run between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with overnight travel allowed for jurisdictions if needed (see state travel rules). ECOLOGY must pre-approve overnight travel if it is being charged to the PPA partner budget.

When trainings are held virtually online, the training will typically be scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. across two days, usually a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Attendance Requirement: Unless prior approval has been given by ECOLOGY, it is mandatory for at least one PPA Specialist per jurisdiction to attend the All-Staff Training. This person is responsible for disseminating information back to the PPA Specialists from that jurisdiction. Managers are welcome to attend the All-Staff Trainings but are not required to attend.

Generally, training substitutions are not allowed for the All-Staff Training, however, exceptions may apply. Ecology staff must approve non-emergency absences or training substitutions at least two weeks prior to the training.

Monthly Webinar Trainings

ECOLOGY conducts monthly webinar trainings during most of the months of the year. These sessions are intended to expose PPA Specialists to new information or technical topics relevant to their work. Suggestions on topics and speakers are welcomed from PPA Partners. ECOLOGY will also ask PPA Partners to present on case studies.

These meetings are one and a half hour (1.5 hours) sessions, held on the second Wednesday of the month. Occasionally these sessions will need to be scheduled at alternative times to accommodate speaker availability. Up to eight (8) webinars will be scheduled each year. See Table 7 for the tentative training schedule.

Attendance Requirement: Each PPA Specialist must attend at least six (6) of the eight (8) Webinars each year.

Other trainings, relevant to PPA Specialists’ work, may be substituted for up to two of the Webinars. Notification of the substitution must be provided to and pre-approved by the PPA Coordinator at least two weeks in advance of the Webinar that will be missed by the Specialist.

Table 7: Tentative Training Schedule (Subject to Change)

Date	Training Type	Date	Training Type
July 2023	No Training	July 2024	No Training
August 9, 2023	Webinar	August 14, 2024	Webinar
September 13, 2023	Webinar or All-Staff	September 11, 2024	Webinar or All-Staff
October 11, 2023	Webinar or All-Staff	October 9, 2024	Webinar or All-Staff
November 8, 2023	Webinar	November 13, 2024	Webinar
December 13, 2023	Webinar	December 11, 2024	Webinar
January 10, 2024	Webinar	January 8, 2025	Webinar
February 14, 2024	Webinar	February 12, 2025	Webinar
March 13, 2024	Webinar or All-Staff	March 12, 2025	Webinar or All-Staff

April 10, 2024	Webinar or All-Staff	April 9, 2025	Webinar or All-Staff
May 8, 2024	Webinar	May 14, 2025	Webinar
June 12, 2024	Webinar	June 11, 2025	Webinar
Attendance Requirement: Each PPA Specialist must attend at least six (6) of the eight (8) scheduled Webinars each year. PPA Specialists must attend both All-Staff Trainings unless prior approval has been obtained from the PPA Coordinator.			

Section IX: Reporting and Contract Changes

Quarterly Progress Reports

A brief progress report shall be submitted quarterly with each invoice (See Schedule in Section X, Table 8, *Invoicing Schedule*). This report should indicate the work completed during the quarter and billed on the invoice, including the type and number of visits conducted, progress on unique program elements, and any other information regarding contract performance that should be brought to ECOLOGY’s attention. The Quarterly Progress Report should **ONLY** include the status of the work conducted during the quarter and **NOT** include a roll-up of progress to-date since it serves as backup documentation for the expenses included in the quarterly invoicing. See Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section X, Invoicing.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are used to briefly summarize contract status to-date including; number of site visits performed, unique program element activities conducted, Technical Assistance target activities conducted, lessons learned, and budget status. Annual reports shall be provided to ECOLOGY by **July 31, 2024, and July 31, 2025**. The report shall include two to three “case studies” of a business or organization that benefitted from a PPA site visit. Photographs of the business before and after the visit, showing the beneficial changes should be provided, if possible. The second-year annual report should capture details for the full contract period as ECOLOGY will use these reports to create a biennial report on the Partnership. ECOLOGY will make report templates available on the PPA Partnership SharePoint. ECOLOGY will request, with advanced notice, that PPA CONTRACTORS provide presentations on their case studies at Webinars and/or All-Staff Trainings.

Contract Changes

Any of the following changes shall be reported to the ECOLOGY PPA Partnership Coordinator within **10 business days**.

- Key personnel changes (staff or manager leaving, new hires, etc.). Changes to key personnel must be documented with updated copies of the key staff table.
- Initiation of, or changes to, a subcontract. See Section 18 of the Interagency Agreement for specific information that is required regarding subcontractors.

Section X: Invoicing

Invoice (billing) procedures are outlined in the Interagency Agreement, (see Section 4). In addition, the following information is provided:

- See also Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section V.
- The Invoice Voucher (form A19-1A) must have a wet signature or scanned, if submitted electronically. An electronic signature is also allowed for electronic submittals. If submitting a scanned or electronic copy, the CONTRACTOR will retain the original signed A19-1A in CONTRACTOR’s records, per record retention requirements.
- Supporting documentation may be submitted via email.
- Each invoice shall only bill for actual hours worked during the quarter, which may be higher or lower than the FTE estimate in Appendix A, *Statement of Work*, Section 1, Table 1 – Key Staff Table.
- Quarterly invoicing will follow the schedule in Table 8.

Table 8: Invoicing Schedule

Quarter in Contract Cycle	Months in Quarter	Invoice Due Date
1	July, August, September 2023	November 10, 2023
2	October, November, December 2023	February 9, 2024
3	January, February, March 2024	May 10, 2024
4	April, May, June 2024	July 31, 2024*
5	July, August, September 2024	November 8, 2024
6	October, November, December 2024	February 7, 2024
7	January, February, March 2025	May 9, 2025
8	April, May, June 2025	July 31, 2025*

* - Earlier due date during these quarters due to end of fiscal year requirements.

Section XI: Small Change Voucher Program

The CONTRACTOR will offer businesses vouchers for the cost of pollution prevention equipment or other recommendations, in accordance with the procedures developed for this voucher program. Payments will be made directly by the CONTRACTOR to the business. Examples of qualifying equipment or costs include but are not limited to; secondary containment, drum covers, drum funnels with lids, infrastructure changes, substitution of less toxic products, and catch basin cleaning. The CONTRACTOR must maintain records for each of their voucher reimbursement payments, and ensure a business is limited to one voucher per calendar year. Each voucher payment will be capped at \$500.00 or less. These reimbursements will come from the Small Change Voucher Program budget category (see Appendix B). Documentation of voucher payments will be submitted to ECOLOGY with the quarterly invoicing (See Section X).

The CONTRACTOR will follow the procedures approved by ECOLOGY and housed on the PPA Partnership SharePoint.

Section XII: Resources

The following are link to resources to materials referenced in this contract. Links and resources listed are subject to change.

- PPA Partnership SharePoint:
<https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/SitePages/Home.aspx>
- LSC Database: <http://ecyaphwtr/lsc/Search.aspx>
- Invoice Voucher A19-1A:
<https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/HRPayroll/SACS/A-19-1AForm.doc?=5c82f>
- Partnership Report Templates:
<https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/Templates/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
- Checklists & Tip Sheets:
<https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/Checklist%20%20Tip%20Sheets/Fo rms/AllItems.aspx>
- New Specialist Training Plan:
https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccesstoken=sKGMtCuahLyLqRg3DVAtFJUEFUmri%2f47wAGdA%2bVUOdY%3d&docid=2_1d683e4662c1b424896349a0e1ead4150&rev=1
- New Specialist Training modules:
<https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/New%20Specialist%20Training/Forms/By%20Training%20Type.aspx>
- Travel Per Diem Rates:
 - Rate Tables - <https://ofm.wa.gov/accounting/administrative-accounting-resources/travel/diem-rate-tables>
 - Rate Map - <https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/resources/travel/colormap.pdf>

APPENDIX B BUDGET DETAIL

See Section # 3, *Compensation* and Section # 4, *Billing and Payment Procedures*, for additional instructions.

Category		Amount
Salaries		\$432,763.74
Benefits		\$170,593.20
Subcontracts		\$0.00
Goods & Services (see Table A Below)		\$2,500.00
Equipment (see Table B Below)		\$1,500.00
Travel / Training		\$8,000.00
Small Change Voucher Program (See Section XI)		\$0.00
Subtotal Direct Costs		\$615,356.94
Indirect Costs*	Rate (%)	10%
	Indirect Amount	\$61,535.69
Total Award		\$676,892.63

- * Applied to Salaries & Benefits, OR
 Applied to All Categories Except Small Change Voucher Program

Table A: Goods & Services

Goods & Services over \$1,000 must be listed here or approved by ECOLOGY PRIOR to reimbursement.	Estimated Cost

Table B: Equipment

Equipment over \$1,000 must be listed here or approved by ECOLOGY PRIOR to reimbursement.	Estimated Cost

APPENDIX C
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) Certification Regarding Suspension, Debarment, Ineligibility or Voluntary Exclusion
 - a) 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 CONTRACTOR is unable to certify to the statements contained in the certification, they must provide an explanation as to why they cannot.
 - b) CONTRACTOR shall provide immediate written notice to ECOLOGY if at any time the CONTRACTOR learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.
 - e) CONTRACTOR further agrees by signing this agreement, that it will include this clause titled "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.
 - f) Pursuant to 2CFR180.330, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction complies with certification of suspension and debarment requirements.
 - g) 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.
 - h) CONTRACTOR agrees to keep proof in its agreement file, that it, and all lower tier CONTRACTORS or subcontractors, are not suspended or debarred, and will make this proof available to ECOLOGY before requests for reimbursements will be approved for payment. CONTRACTOR must run a search in [The System for Award Management](#) and print a copy of completed searches to document proof of compliance.
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