



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning and Community Development

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ECAF: 2023-0809

Proposal: Motion 23-300

Date: August 15, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-300 would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign a Consultant Services Agreement with Haley & Aldrich for environmental compliance at Paine Field.

Background and Analysis

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandates use of fire fighting foam that contains Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) to fight aircraft fires. Federal and state regulatory authorities have recently classified PFAS as a hazardous substance. FAA has prepared an Aircraft Firefighting Foam Transition Plan dated, May 8, 2023, and anticipates approving PFAS-free firefighting foam for use by the end of 2023.

Paine Field has selected Haley & Aldrich from the Snohomish County Public Works On-Call list and negotiated scope and fee for a consulting services agreement to assist with regulatory compliance on the transition to a new firefighting foam. Proposed Motion 23-300 would approve and authorize the Executive to sign the agreement.¹ The agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$399,986. Although the agreement anticipates that most of the work related to an environmental site assessment to occur in 2023-24, the period would run from date of execution to December 31, 2026, and allow for a one-year extension. This timing provides flexibility in the event of delays by the FAA in approving PFAS-free foam and will allow on-call support during the duration. Paine Field has sufficient funds in the approved 2023 Airport Budget (Fund 410) for current year expenses associated with consultant agreement and will plan accordingly in future years. There is no impact to general revenues (Fund 002).

Current Proposal: Motion 23-300 would approve and authorize the Executive to sign the consulting services agreement with Haley & Aldrich.

Handling: Normal

Finance: Approve

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on August 23 for consideration.

¹ The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council authority over contracts ([Charter 2.20\(7\)](#)). Council can authorize this contract by motion ([Charter 2.140](#) and [SCC 3.04.140](#)).