

PIGGYBACK AWARD RECOMMENDATION

To: Council Chair

Through: Dave Somers, County Executive

From: Bill Thornton, Purchasing Manager

General Legislative Session: 4/2/2025

Product: Computer Hardware & Licenses

Requestor/User Department: Information Technology

Estimated Award Amount: \$450,000.00

Date: 3/21/2025

Contracting Agency: Washington State

Agency's Contract No: 05819

Agency's Contract Term: 2020-2026

Recommended Supplier: Cisco/Cerium Networks

Proposed Piggyback Term: Five years

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Information Technology requests the use of a "piggyback" for "intergovernmental services" under SCC 3.04.210 utilizing a competitive RFP originally issued and awarded by NASPO, with a participating addendum signed by the Office of Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES). An interlocal (ILA) agreement between Snohomish County and the State of Washington authorizing cooperative purchases was approved by the County Council under Motion 24-323 and is currently in effect.

DES contracted with Cisco Systems, Inc. via contract #05819, as authorized by RCW 39.26, with Cerium Networks set as a Cisco Authorized Fulfillment Partner for the state of Washington. Accordingly, to support state and local agency purchases of goods and services, DES develops or establishes enterprise procurement solutions that may be used cost-effectively and efficiently by all agencies of the state. This procurement contained categories related to data communication. The County's Department of Information Technology requires Cisco hardware and software licenses contained in this DES contract to maintain and upgrade its existing computer switching equipment. Issuing a county bid is not expected to result in a more cost-effective supplier.

AWARD AUTHORITY:

This contract award recommendation is before the County Council for approval to award in accordance with Snohomish County Code section 3.04.120, "Formal sealed bidding," and Section 3.04.140 (5) "Award, execution, by whom," which establish the County Council as the award authority for contracts subject to bidding requirements greater than \$500,000.

AWARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Information Technology endorses the award recommendation.

The Purchasing Manager has electronically reviewed and recommends this award on ECAF 2025-1095.

The County Executive has electronically reviewed and recommends this award on ECAF 2025-1095.



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Council Chair

Date