

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 24-079

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN 2023-2025 ON-CALL
CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW TASK NO. 1
(OCC23/3-1(B)) WITH BERK CONSULTING, INC

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is required to update the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan by December 31, 2024, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan is designed to help the County meet its long-term vision for land use and growth management in unincorporated areas outside of cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan must plan for the next 20 years of forecasted population and employment growth and ensure compliance with the requirements of the GMA; and

WHEREAS, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is the detailed statement required by RCW 43.21C.030(c) of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and shall be prepared on proposals for legislation and other major actions having a probable significant, adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Snohomish County determined that the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update was likely to have a probable significant, adverse environmental impact, and an EIS was required pursuant to RCW 43.21C.031; and

WHEREAS, hiring a consultant is consistent with past Comprehensive Plan updates, and Snohomish County is authorized to hire a consultant under chapter 30.61 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC); and

WHEREAS, the County hired Berk Consulting, Inc. (Berk) to generate a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the on-call contract utilized for Berk to generate the DEIS (Agreement Number OCC19/3-1(D)) expired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after an on-call professional services selection process, Snohomish County selected Berk from the on-call roster to be the SEPA consultant to generate the FEIS for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has a new on-call contract with Berk in Agreement No. OCC23/3-1(B) for on-call services in the Comprehensive Plan Review subcategory

on an as-needed basis through Task Assignments; and

WHEREAS, the total amount authorized under Task Assignment No. 1 shall not exceed \$383,354 during the contract period covering 2024, as set forth in Task Assignment No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the expenses associated with review and analysis of the Final Docket XXI (approximately \$59,800) will be pass through dollars where the county accepted payment from the applicants and then will pass the funds to Berk; and

WHEREAS, the SEPA review for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update is a multi-departmental effort and funds for the on-call contract will come from the Department of Planning and Development Services, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign the 2023-2025 Snohomish County On-Call Consultant Services Task Assignment No. 1 with Berk.


PASSED this 20th day of February, 2024.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council