

TO: City Council  
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator  
DATE: July 19, 2022  
SUBJECT: First Amendment to Service Provider Agreement for Regional Fire Authority Planning

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1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the amended contract with The Athena Group for Regional Fire Authority Planning for the total amount of \$205,650.00.

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2) Background:

In January 2022, the City executed a contract with The Athena Group of Olympia for \$99,900 to provide facilitation, financial analysis and regional fire authority expertise to the planning effort with the City of Olympia, who have agreed to pay ½ of these incurred costs. The effort has been significantly more complicated than originally envisioned resulting in more analysis and more meetings with staff, the public and the RFA Planning Committee. Among the complexities are the addition of a transport and CARES component, changes to the staffing model, the fire benefit charge being new to Thurston County, and two pending collective bargaining agreements. This has increased the projected cost to a conservative estimate of and additional \$105,750.00 through 2023 for a contract total of \$205,650.00.

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Explore regional fire and emergency medical services.

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4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not extend the contact.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

The additional funds will come from contingency consulting funds in the non-departmental portion of the budget. Olympia is current on paying their share.

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6) Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to the Service Provider Agreement for Regional Fire Authority Planning
- B. Original City of Tumwater Service Provider Agreement with The Athena Group for Regional Fire Authority Planning