

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Interagency Agreement No. C2200046 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for Participation in the 2021-2023 Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works – Surface Water Utility
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Lance Newkirk, Utility and Operations Manager
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Staff is requesting that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) allowing the City to participate in the new biennium of the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership (formerly the Local Source Control Partnership). The City’s last interagency agreement with Ecology for participation in the PPA Partnership ended on June 30, 2021, and the new biennium of the Partnership began on July 1, 2021.

The City has used these grant funds to hire a Pollution Prevention Specialist who conducts outreach visits to businesses that are small quantity generators of hazardous waste. Staff proposes to continue to use these funds in the new biennium for this work. The City’s participation in this program provides significant service benefits to residents and businesses, protects the City’s environment, and fulfills a portion of the City’s requirements under its Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (sometimes referred to as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit).

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council move to authorize the City Manager to execute Interagency Agreement No. C2200046 between the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Shoreline to continue the City’s participation in the Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership.

Approved By:            City Manager **DT**    City Attorney **MK**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership (formerly the Local Source Control Partnership) provides significant grant funding to municipalities throughout the state to provide pollution prevention advice and regulatory assistance to businesses and other organizations that generate small quantities of hazardous waste. This outreach helps reduce pollution of local water ways at the source and provides educational assistance to small businesses for the best management of hazardous waste and stormwater. The City has used these grant funds to hire a Pollution Prevention Specialist who conducts outreach visits to businesses that are small quantity generators of hazardous waste.

The City is required under its NPDES permit to conduct targeted pollution prevention outreach to businesses. To meet this requirement, the City has participated in the PPA Partnership since 2011. During this ten-year period, the City received a total of \$266,900 in grant funds, which it has used to conduct hundreds of pollution prevention assistance visits to local businesses that are considered small quantity generators of hazardous waste. Through the PPA Partnership, many of these businesses have received assistance in developing spill response plans and implementing best management practices for hazardous waste, such as proper marking and disposal, covered outdoor material storage bins, secondary containment areas, and the removal of illicit connections to the storm water drainage system. Continuing this targeted pollution prevention outreach to businesses through the PPA Partnership is part of the City's 2021 Stormwater Management Program plan (a document required by the NPDES permit).

## **DISCUSSION**

Interagency Agreement No. C2200046 would allow the City to receive \$115,479.46 in grant funding from Ecology to conduct this outreach during the biennium term as stipulated in the agreement document (Attachment A). The scope of work section of the agreement outlines the relevant activities, targeted businesses, and desired outcomes of the grant funding.

## **COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED**

Participation in the PPA Partnership supports Council Goal 2 primarily by supporting the 2018 Surface Water Master Plan's proactive management strategy, which uses education and outreach programs to reduce pollution and meet NPDES permit compliance. By helping prevent stormwater pollution, participation in the PPA Partnership also supports the City's commitment to achieve Salmon Safe certification, one of Council's 2020-2022 Priority Environmental Strategies.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Agreement No. C2200046 Between the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Shoreline

**APPENDIX A**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**City of Shoreline**

**Section I. Introduction**

This Statement of Work is for the 2021-2023 biennial Interagency Agreement (IAA) for the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership, which is overseen by the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECOLOGY), Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program.

The mission of the Pollution Prevention Assistance 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 year. 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.

The PPA work is expected to fall within these general proportions:	
Technical Assistance (TA) visits (approximately 10-15% of TA visits will involve PRP) (see Section III)	70%
Unique Program Elements (see Section II)	15%
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 judgment.
- 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
Christine Lovelace	0	Contract Management
Sub-contractor	0.8	PPA Specialist
Christine Lovelace	0	Billing
John Featherstone	0	Oversight

**Section II. Unique Program Elements**

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

**Table 2: Unique Program Elements**

Program Element	Deliverable(s)
<b>All-Staff Planning Committee -</b> <i>Four separate committees (one for each training event) made up of PPA specialists and Ecology.</i>	Work with one or two other jurisdictions to plan 1 All-Staff Training Event (virtually or in-person)
	With other committee members determine a lead to schedule planning meetings, track tasks, and finalize the agenda.
	Arrange for meeting logistics (venue, food and beverage if in person) and speakers.
<b>Develop Outreach Resources</b>	Review existing outreach materials to determine 4 to 5 new topics for outreach materials.
	Draft outreach materials using approved branding templates and submit for review. Finalize based on feedback.
	Determine need for and translate materials as appropriate.

### 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 ‘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 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: Number of Technical Assistance Visits**

Number of Total Visits	124
<i>Target for Initial Visits</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Target for Follow-up visits</i>	<i>46</i>

Business sectors, organizations, waste streams, and/or geographical area that will provide a focus for the 2021-2023 technical assistance visits are listed in Table 4.

**Table 4: Technical Assistance Targets**

<b>Target</b>	<b>Rationale for selecting</b>
Auto-Related Businesses	Known SQGs, common source of problems found. Targeted auto-related businesses in the last biennium. Address remaining businesses in this sector or those that require follow-up and to support Product Replacement Program.
Others as needed	Response to complaints, referrals, or when issues are observed or suspected.

ECOLEGY may direct a portion of technical assistance visits toward specific priority sources or contaminants.

#### **High Priority Environmental Issues**

The below list is ECOLOGY’s high priority environmental issues 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 visit 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 Specialist will refer the issue to ECOLOGY or other 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 or not the issue needs to be referred.

- 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:

1. 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 visits 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.
2. 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.

- If a Product Replacement Program (PRP) opportunity exists for the business, discuss the opportunity, terms and conditions, and steps to qualify as outlined in Section V.
  - 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.
  - If possible, photograph observed issues for before and after success stories.
  - 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, and ensuring necessary permits are in place.
3. At the end of the visit or after the visit:
- Provide written follow-up 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 Branding Documents on PPA Partnership SharePoint), by sending a follow-up letter/email, 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.
  - The PPA Specialists will make referrals to ECOLOGY as needed and report results.

#### **Section IV. Partnership Branding and Outreach**

When unique outreach or educational materials are developed by the CONTRACTOR 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 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 resource Document Library on the PPA Partnership SharePoint Site.

Each CONTRACTOR must maintain a PPA webpage which meets the minimum requirements developed by the 2020 Resource Consistency Workgroup. See PPA Partnership SharePoint Site for requirements. The incorporation of the minimum webpage requirements should be completed by June 30, 2022 unless otherwise approved by ECOLOGY.



## **Section V. Product Replacement Program (PRP)**

The Product Replacement Program is designed to eliminate Persistent Bioaccumulative 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 source. 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. For technical assistance visits, where PRP is discussed, CONTRACTOR will record in the LSC Database the type of product or equipment replacement opportunity the business is interested in and other required information.

The CONTRACTOR will assist ECOLOGY with the following programs:

1. 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 installation. Guidelines for this program are outlined in separate documents and posted on the PPA Partnership SharePoint.
2. Promoting awareness of the national mercury thermostat takeback program at appropriate businesses.

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

1. 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.
2. Flame retardants in foam and equipment at gymnasiums, play centers, and recreation facilities.
3. Degreasers and solvents in parts washing systems in multiple business sectors.
4. PCB-containing light ballasts in schools.
5. Additional chemicals and products may also be added to this list.

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 above chemicals or products. PRP payments for reimbursement to the business will come directly from ECOLOGY and are not included within 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. In order 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 business 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 Partnerweb SharePoint site.

1. 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.
2. CONTRACTOR must communicate to the business 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.
3. CONTRACTOR assists business as needed with paperwork required to apply for reimbursement, including a state payee registration form.
4. 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.
5. Business submits receipts for the product or equipment purchase and installation to ECOLOGY's PRP Coordinator. This submittal may be facilitated through the CONTRACTOR's representative for some PRP projects.
6. CONTRACTOR 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 Section XI.

## Section VI. Timeline

**Table 5: Timeline**

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Goal for number of Site Visits</b>	<b>Unique Program Element activities</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Target activities</b>
<b>July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	Auto-related businesses. Others as needed.
<b>January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022</b>	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Outreach Resources</li> </ul>	Auto-related businesses. Others as needed.
<b>July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022</b>	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Outreach Resources</li> <li>• All-Staff Planning Committee</li> </ul>	Auto-related businesses. Others as needed.
<b>January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023</b>	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Outreach Resources</li> </ul>	Others as needed.

## **Section VII. Local Source Control (LSC) Database**

Information gathered during technical assistance visits by the CONTRACTOR must include all of the elements that are listed in the most up-to-date PPA 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 otherwise discussed with ECOLOGY:

- Collect enough information to complete all of the applicable fields in ECOLOGY's LSC database and enter it into the database within 15 work days of the visit.
- If you make a referral to a regulatory agency, enter the information about the referral into the database within 15 work days 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 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) as long as it contains all elements on ECOLOGY's most recent checklist (See PPA Partnership SharePoint for details), and has been reviewed and approved by ECOLOGY staff.
- 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. The following types of training are provided. Table 6 below contains a tentative training schedule; ECOLOGY will communicate the final schedule to the CONTRACTOR.

### **New PPA Specialist Mentoring and Training**

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.

#### **1. New PPA Specialist Training & SharePoint Resources**

New PPA specialist training is provided in the form of self-paced online modules available through ECOLOGY's PartnerWeb SharePoint site, and web-based discussion panels. The web-based 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.

Schedule:

Discussion Panel Schedule – July 2021 thru June 2023		
2021	2022	2023
August 12, 2021	February 10, 2022	February 9, 2023
October 14, 2021	April 14, 2022	April 13, 2023
December 9, 2021	June 9, 2022	June 8, 2023
	August 11, 2022	
	October 13, 2022	
	December 8, 2022	
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.		

## 2. Field Mentoring & Training Review

The CONTRACTOR will provide training to their new staff to ensure they can perform the 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 proximity 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 will accompany the new hire on a few technical assistance visits, to ensure that they are providing accurate information on proper waste management, spill prevention, storm water pollution prevention, and toxics reduction opportunities.

### All-Staff Trainings for all PPA Specialists

All-Staff Trainings will be planned and conducted by teams of PPA Specialists from two to three PPA contractors (partners). When appropriate these trainings will be held in-person to facilitate interaction and networking between PPA Specialists, ECOLOGY, and invited presenters. Depending on current situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other health and safety concerns, All Staff Trainings may be held virtually via an online platform. Training topics 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.

Schedule: Typically, these trainings are held the second Wednesday in September and March or April. The trainings are usually scheduled 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 budget. When training is held virtually online, the training will be scheduled across two half-days.

If staff and resources become available, ECOLOGY will add an additional All Staff Training event. An additional training event would likely be held in June.

**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 Trainings. This person is responsible for disseminating information back to the PPA specialists from that jurisdiction. Managers are welcome but not required to attend. Generally, training substitutions are not allowed for the All Staff Trainings, however, exceptions may apply. ECOLOGY staff must approve non-emergency absences or training substitutions at least two weeks prior to the training.

**Webinar Trainings**

ECOLOGY conducts Webinars during most of the months that do not have All Staff Trainings. 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 contractors (partners). ECOLOGY will also ask PPA contractors to present on case studies.

**Schedule:** These are one and a half hour 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 Webinars will be scheduled each year.

**Attendance Requirement:** Each PPA Specialist must attend at least six of the eight Webinars each year.

Another type of training that is 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 ECOLOGY at least two weeks in advance of the Webinar.

**Table 6: Tentative Training Schedule (subject to change)**

Date	Type	Date	Type
July, 2021	No training	July, 2022	No training
August 11, 2021	Webinar	August 10, 2022	Webinar
September 8-9, 2021	Webinar or All-Staff*	September 14-15, 2022	Webinar or All-Staff*
October 13-14, 2021	Webinar or All-Staff*	October 12-13, 2022	Webinar or All-Staff*
November 10, 2021	Webinar	November 9, 2022	Webinar
December 8, 2021	Webinar	December 14, 2022	Webinar
January 12, 2022	Webinar	January 11, 2023	Webinar
February 9, 2022	Webinar	February 8, 2023	Webinar
March 9-10, 2022	Webinar or All-Staff*	March 8-9, 2023	Webinar or All-Staff*
April 13-14, 2022	Webinar or All-Staff*	April 12-13, 2023	Webinar or All-Staff*
May 11, 2022	Webinar	May 10, 2023	Webinar
June 8, 2022	Webinar	June 14, 2021	Webinar
* When possible an in-person All Staff Training will be held in conjunction with the NW Chapter Annual Conference.			

## **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 7). 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 Progress report must also include the number of visits where the PRP was presented and discussed. The 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 services as backup documentation for the expenses included in the quarterly invoicing, see Section X.

### **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, 2022 and July 31, 2023. 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 at all 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 All-Staff meetings.

### **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.)
- 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. If submitting a scanned copy, the CONTRACTOR will retain original signed A-19-1A in CONTRACTOR's records per record retention requirements.
- Support documents 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 Section I, Table 1 of Appendix A, *Statement of Work*.
- Quarterly invoicing will follow the schedule in Table 7.

**Table 7: Invoicing Schedule**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1	July, August, September 2021	November 10, 2021
2	October, November, December 2021	February 10, 2022
3	January, February, March 2022	May 10, 2022
4	April, May, June 2022	July 31, 2022 (earlier Due Date due to end of fiscal year requirements)
5	July, August, September 2022	November 10, 2022
6	October, November, December 2022	February 10, 2023
7	January, February, March 2023	May 10, 2023
8	April, May, June 2023	July 31, 2023 (earlier Due Date due to end of biennium requirements)

**Section XI. 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 issued and ensure a business is limited to one voucher per calendar year. Each voucher payment will be capped at \$500 or less. These reimbursements will come from the \$5,000 budget category included in this contract and cannot be shifted to or from other budget categories (see Appendix B). Documentation of voucher payments will be submitted to ECOLOGY with the quarterly invoicing (Section X).

The specific forms, processes, and procedure for this voucher program will be developed in the first six months of this contract by the Product Replacement Program Advisory Committee. The CONTRACTOR will follow the procedures approved by ECOLOGY and housed on the PPA Partnership SharePoint. The target date for beginning to offer this voucher program is January 3, 2022.

## Section XII. Resources

The following are resources to materials referenced in this contract. Links to and the 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/Home.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/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Checklist%20%20Tip%20Sheets/Forms/AllItems.aspx](https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Checklist%20%20Tip%20Sheets/Forms/AllItems.aspx)
- New Specialist Training modules:  
[https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/New%20Specialist%20Training/Forms/AllItems.aspx](https://partnerweb.ecy.wa.gov/sites/HWTR/LSC2016/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/New%20Specialist%20Training/Forms/AllItems.aspx)
- Travel Per Diem Rates:  
<https://www.ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/resources/travel/colormap.pdf>



**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 <http://www.sam.gov> and print a copy of completed searches to document proof of compliance.
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