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RE: October 20, 2025 WSDOT Governor's Freeze Submittal

OFM,

This letter serves as the signature by the Agency Director for the exceptions reported by Washington State Department of Transportation.

The enclosure includes the exceptions and describes why the exceptions were necessary to provide critical services related to the two-week reporting timeframe.

Two-Week Reporting Period: October 5, 2025 – October 18, 2025

Report Submittal Date: October 20, 2025

Summary of Details Exceptions:

Goods & Equipment Total Cost: \$3,390.00

Service Contract Total Cost: \$9,708,979.61

Travel Approved Total Cost: \$300.00

Number of Positions Hired: 17

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Meredith".

Julie Meredith, PE
Secretary of Transportation

Enclosure

Hiring Freeze Exception Report to OFM							
Agency: WSDOT Program: Agency Director signature:							
Date Approved	Date of Hire	SAP Position Number (8 digits)	Position Title	Job Class Code	Job Class Title	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
	10/1/2025	71041954	SR DIRECTOR, FINANCE & ADMIN - DOT/WSF	B4165	DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND ADMIN - DOT/WSF	TRANSPORTATION	Position leads major finance functions for Washington State Ferries.
	10/1/2025	70056827	IT SYSTEM ADMIN - SR/SPEC	484SA	IT SYSTEM ADMIN - SR/SPEC	TRANSPORTATION	This position has the primary responsibility of keeping the WSDOT mainframe environment operational and functional.
	10/1/2025	71040466	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 4	543H	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 4	TRANSPORTATION	Position is the Stormwater Monitoring and Research Lead in the Environmental Services Office.
	10/1/2025	70063068	ASST PE -	WMS02	WMS BAND 2	TRANSPORTATION	Assistant Project Engineer position managing delivery of a state highway pre-construction and construction program.
	10/1/2025	70056672	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM MANAGER	WMS03	WMS BAND 3	TRANSPORTATION	Position is the Labor Program Manager for non-marine and oversees regulatory compliance in several key HR areas.
	10/2/2025	70058161	MAINT SUPT - OPS	WMS02	WMS BAND 2	TRANSPORTATION	This position oversees a Regional Maintenance Area and ensures the state highways in the area are maintained and preserved.
	10/13/2025	71111588	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 3	530M	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 3	TRANSPORTATION	Position performs advanced transportation engineering work under limited supervision.
	10/15/2025	71099693	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 3	543G	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 3	TRANSPORTATION	Position plays a key role in contracting and conducting financial site visits for the Public Transportation Division.
	10/16/2025	71107250	FISCAL TECHNICIAN 2	148M	FISCAL TECHNICIAN 2	TRANSPORTATION	Coordinates purchasing and payment for Olympic Region maintenance activities.
	10/16/2025	71081030	HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANT 4	119H	HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANT 4	TRANSPORTATION	This position supervises the HR Employee Services Team and cannot be vacant both open enrollment and winter hire season.
	10/16/2025	71100851	PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY SPECIALIST 1	114E	PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY SPECIALIST 1	TRANSPORTATION	This position supports the Northwest Region Purchasing office.
	10/16/2025	70060279	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 2	530L	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 2	TRANSPORTATION	Position preforms inspection duties for highway construction projects.
	10/16/2025	70061021	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 2	530L	TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 2	TRANSPORTATION	Position preforms inspection duties for highway construction projects.
	10/16/2025	70056970	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 5	543I	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST 5	TRANSPORTATION	Position leads, specializes, coordinates, collaborates, facilitates, and participates in research project management across the agency.
	10/16/2025	71104918	SENIOR MGR, FIN PLANNING & FARE SETTING	WMS03	WMS BAND 3	TRANSPORTATION	Position performs high level financial planning and analysis for Washington State Ferries.
	11/1/2025	71049572	COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT 5	197M	COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT 5	TRANSPORTATION	This position lead communications activities for the Mt. Baker Area.
	11/3/2025	70058578	TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ENGINEER	530P	TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ENGINEER	TRANSPORTATION	Position supervises the Traffic Management Center in the Northwest Region.

Contracts Freeze Exception Report to OFM						
Agency: WSDOT Program: Agency Director signature:						
Date Approved	Name of Contractor	Brief Description of Services	Term of Contract	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
10/6/2025	Parametrix	Stormwater design due to geotechnical investigations, traffic design, and roundabout design	12/31/2025	\$212,223.00	108	This amendment is to complete the PS&E of this line-item CWA project which is scheduled for an Advertisement date at the beginning of 2026.
10/6/2025	Randstad Engineering	Scoping of projects to build and refine Terminal Engineering capital program. In addition, this contract will also support cost estimating functions on active delivery capital projects.	12 months	\$182,500.00	99	This contract is essential for delivering Terminal Engineering's capital program. Every new capital project needs to be scoped first to develop a scope, schedule and budget before funding can be requested. Scoping also helps refine costs for existing capital projects to better plan for resources and deliver more efficiently. This contract will also fulfill some of Terminal Engineering's cost estimating needs for active delivery projects so projects can be delivered smoothly.
10/7/2025	Shea, Carr & Jewell Inc.	Performing the Judkins Park Station Transportation Study to recommend changes to the WSDOT I-90 ramps at Rainier Avenue South to improve the safe travel of all modes, especially safe access to the JPS Link station via transit transfer, walk and roll. The JPS Study will support the evolution of Rainier Avenue South to a multimodal avenue.	2/12/2024 through 8/31/2026	\$100,000.00	108	Continuation of project started prior to freeze.
10/7/2025	Parsons Transportation	Y12343 Task Order AC is for support implementation for quality management system.	20 months	\$74,548.00	218	This Task Order is to support WSDOT in implementing the Quality Management System, quality procedures and compliance assessment plan and schedule for federally funded projects.
10/7/2025	Parametrix	Continued design development of this legislatively approved corridor.	6/2028	\$3,528,626.00	108	This amendment is to complete the PS&E of this line-item CWA project.
10/8/2025	HNTB	Y13027 Task Order AC is for Statewide Truck Parking Program Management Support under the Rail, Freight and Ports Division General Engineering Consulting Services agreement.	Six months	\$136,971.00	218	This Task Order authorizes the consultant to provide staff augmentation resources to assist with programmatic oversight, reviews, strategy developments and recommendations, public outreach, schedule development and maintenance in development and support of Statewide Truck Parking Program.
10/8/2025	WSP	This amendment modifies the services and budget for work required for the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program task 5 CRB Progressive Design Build Services	2/28/2025-3/30/2027	\$168,830.00	26p	This amendment modifies the services and budget for work required for the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program to provide Progressive Design Build Trainings and Services
10/9/2025	WSP	This request is to supplement an existing contract with to continue necessary work for the NEPA/SEPA Program. While much work has been accomplished under the original contract, additional technical support is needed for: •Completing the NEPA Documentation Toolkit •Detailed review/comments/rewrites for existing WSDOT Environmental Documentation QA/QC guidance. •Complete final development and review of NEPA Categorical Exclusion and Environmental Assessment Training •Provide misc. NEPA/SEPA advisory needs as they arise	Extended to June 30, 2026	\$103,000.00	108	The work products resulting from this contract are needed to respond to federal changes under NEPA and provide regions and program practitioners with resources and guidance to accomplish NEPA procedures consistently, accurately, and efficiently.
10/9/2025	Hill International	Under this Task Order BI, Hill International (CONSULTANT) will provide General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Technical Support and Subject Matter Expertise (SME) for the construction phase (post contract award) of the Washington State Ferries System Electrification Program (WSFSEP) Vessel Charging System and the System Integrator providers. The Task duration is October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027.	June 30, 2027	\$1,895,858.94	State	Hill International oversees a consortium of engineering and project management consulting firms that support the electrification of the WSF System Electrification Program which is a priority for the Governor. This contract Task Order BI is key to delivering the Vessel Charging System and System Integration at terminals including Seattle Colman Dock, and an exemption is needed for continued critical path design work to deliver the Project.
10/10/2025	NSD	Provide hydraulic and stream restoration support for the Child’s Creek fish passage and chronic environmental deficiencies project.	12/31/2026	\$147,155.00	26P-1	The Childs Creek project is a Priority 1 crossing identified in the Fish Passage Delivery Plan, with an active advertisement date. The consultant team has already completed substantial work on the project, including hydraulic modeling and upstream restoration design. This amendment specifically addresses design needs for a newly identified downstream tie-in location. WSDOT Hydraulics does not have the internal capacity to assume the design work at this stage while still meeting the required delivery timeline to support the Fish Passage Program and comply with the Federal injunction.

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10/10/2025	GeoEngineers	Oversee and provide technical support on excavations for capital expansion of structures on WSF Eagle Harbor Facility	General contract expires June 30, 2026 on-call contract for hazardous material support services.	\$20,000.00	108	Need oversight for contracted WSF work in overseeing excavations for capital work on WSF right of way. Area is adjacent to superfund site and want to ensure materials and managed appropriately.
10/10/2025	WSP	This amendment modifies the services and budget for work required for the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program adding funds to task AH.02 agreement development.	5/1/2025-6/30/2025	\$624,266.00	26p	This amendment modifies the services and budget for work required for the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program
10/10/2025	HDR Engineers	Modify Preliminary Plans to eliminate retaining walls and save PS&E Design and Construction cost. HQ Bridge requested the changes to the Preliminary Plans.	1 month	\$60,000.00	215 20H	To save PS&E Design and Construction costs for five of the Bridges.
10/13/2025	Shannon & Wilson	Provide geotechnical support to the State Geotechnical Office (SGO) in completing geotechnical studies for final design of the US 395/NSC I-90 Improvements – Freya to Appleyway project	December 2026	\$59,413.00	108	The North Spokane Corridor is a massive project with multiple structures and very demanding deadlines. We are currently supporting the majority of the project in-house, but to meet the current deadlines, we require additional external support. S&W has worked on previous studies in this corridor, and their skill set makes them ideal to step in on short notice and perform analysis and provide recommendations for one of the structures by mid-November 2025. Their support is critical, and we would appreciate a fast turnaround on this request.
10/13/2025	Shannon & Wilson	Provide geotechnical support to the State Geotechnical Office (SGO) in completing geotechnical studies for final design of the US 395/NSC I-90 Improvements – Freya to Appleyway project THIS IS AN UPDATE TO THE EXCEPTION APPROVAL SUBMITTED 10/14/2025 at 8:35 TO CORRECT A TYPO FOR THE TOTAL COST	December 2026	\$59,473.00	108	The North Spokane Corridor is a massive project with multiple structures and very demanding deadlines. We are currently supporting the majority of the project in-house, but to meet the current deadlines, we require additional external support. S&W has worked on previous studies in this corridor, and their skill set makes them ideal to step in on short notice and perform analysis and provide recommendations for one of the structures by mid-November 2025. Their support is critical, and we would appreciate a fast turnaround on this request.
10/8/2025	Perteet, Inc.	Overall ongoing general management of General Engineering Consultant (GEC) team including coordination with subconsultants. Provide updates on progress of task orders, upcoming activities, and issues to resolve. Oversee overall invoice accounting. Develop the scope of work and fee estimate on any new task order agreements. Maintains program management plans.	12/1/24-8/31/25	\$36,000.00	108	Increasing this task order will allow the continued management of all General Engineering Consultant and Subconsultant resources for North Central Region. This will allow transportation projects to be delivered on time.
10/16/2025	Jacobs Engineering	Analyses and reporting of archaeological data recovery of site 45CL26, location of the I-5 East Fork Lewis River Bridge. This is an amendment to extend and existing contract with WSDOT.	Extended through August 30, 2027	\$1,700,000.00	108	This work is a stipulation of the Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement for the Northbound I-5 East Fork Lewis River Bridge Replacement Project and is necessary to keep the project moving forward.
10/16/2025	WSP USA	Provide, staff and facilitate the proprietary CEVP (Cost Estimate Validation Process) workshops in support of the US 12/ Wallula to Nine Mile Hill - Build new Highway Project.	12/31/2026	\$38,000.00	20H	WSP (formerly Golder and Assoc.) has performed multiple CEVPs on this project as required by the WSDOT Design Manual. The CEVP program is a proprietary process that is typically facilitated by external consultants. WSP has extensive industry and project knowledge. Retaining WSP would provide the highest value to the project.
10/17/2025	Jacobs Engineering	Provide several out of scope changes to the Signalized Intersection project largely due to having to accommodate unforeseen SDOT requirements.	1-year	\$303,759.67	099, 09H	This work, even though it's an improvement, is a portion of the Fauntleroy Trestle Replacement Preservation Project which is a preservation project. We've been authorized to move forward with all preservation projects.
10/17/2025	Jacobs	Pre-designs for fish barriers subject to the Fed injunction	7/2026	\$258,356.00	108	This amendment is needed to complete predesigns for fish barriers subject to the Fed injunction. This task order amendment is within the master agreement approved cap.

Goods and Equipment Freeze Exception Report to OFM				
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Agency Director signature:				
Date Approved	Description of Goods or Equipment	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
10/14/2025	Payment correction for a clerical error made on Amendmen	\$3,390.00	FMCSA ITD Grant	Funding for this project is through a Federal grant where funds are already approved and made available for project delivery

Travel Freeze Exception Report to OFM				
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Date Approved	Position Title	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
10/16/2025	Director of Innovative Partnerships	\$300.00	108	The Governor has expressed a strong interest in potentially pursuing a P3 to address bridge infrastructure needs, similar to PennDOT's P3 bridge bundling project. This meeting provides the opportunity to participate in discussions that are critical in advancing the departments interest and ensuring that we are well-positioned to utilize innovative partnerships for the benefit of the State's infrastructure.