

# Kittitas County Community Development Services

## Agenda Staff Report

**AGENDA DATE:**

10/18/2011

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request Board signature on resolution and authorize Chair signature on Interagency Agreement between the Department of Ecology and Kittitas County.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 3, 2011 Kittitas County Community Development Services (CDS) requested Statements of Qualifications from firms and individuals qualified and interested in providing expertise in land use planning and economic impact analysis consultant services on a contractual basis. Interviews were held for firms on July 29, 2011 for all firms who submitted a RFQ by June 17, 2011 and URS was the firm selected as the consultant.

URS will provide background information, facilitate discussion, and analyze proposals associated with a component of the preliminary Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) for the Yakima River Basin and facilitate an appointed citizen-based policy advisory group which will critically evaluate an ecosystem restoration and enhancement proposal that has been included in the IWRMP as mitigation for new and increased storage facilities within the Yakima River Project.

The purpose of this Agreement to provide Kittitas County with funds from the Department of Ecology to implement an Integrated Water Resource Management Plan Ecosystem and Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Land Use and Economic Analysis Project. The parties have determined that the cost of accomplishing the work herein will not exceed \$ 99,834. The period of performance of this Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2011, and be completed on April 30, 2012, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

**INTERACTION:**

CDS, Public Works, Board of County Commissioners, Prosecutor's Office

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approval on resolution and Chair signature on Interagency Agreement.

**HANDLING:**

Return signed copy to CDS

**LEAD STAFF:**

Kirk Holmes