

## **Proposed Approach for Next Phase of RFA Planning Effort**

**August –December 2017**

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If the two City Councils and the Fire District Commission agree to continue deliberations on an RFA, the proposed approach for the remainder of this year is as follows:

1. One (1) planning committee meeting per month.
2. Discussions will focus on confirming process issues, and then determining desired service levels, costs, and governance for a sustainable and affordable RFA.
3. At the end of this phase, the goal is for the Planning Committee to be able to issue a short statement of findings and recommendations, based on briefing materials presented, confirming:
  - whether the Planning Committee believes an RFA could provide the same or better service levels as compared to current operations, based on specific assumptions about staffing levels, facilities, equipment and funding;
  - the understanding of the RFA Committee about potential cost savings, efficiencies and avoided costs from an RFA in the near term and over time;
  - a proposed approach to reach agreement on governance and the other components of an RFA Plan; and
  - a recommendation to the respective governing bodies of each of the 3 jurisdictions whether work should continue to the next phase of work, which would be the completion of an RFA Plan.

If there is agreement to continue beyond December, the schedule would be structured to complete the RFA Plan in time for the August 2018 primary election.

## City of Marysville, City of Arlington, Fire District 12

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### Recommended Next Steps

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Based on the feedback in the surveys and interviews of the two City Councils and the Fire District Commissioners, the Chiefs, and lead City staff, I recommend that in the next month, each legislative body convene to discuss the following three questions, and be prepared to discuss their views at the July RFA Planning Committee Meeting.

1. Is your jurisdiction willing to continue the RFA discussion with the other two jurisdictions? Knowing what you know, do you see enough positive potential for an RFA to be willing to work over the next several months to develop an RFA plan involving all three jurisdictions?
2. What values and principles are important to your jurisdiction in this discussion?
3. Are there any process changes you would recommend to make future deliberations more constructive?

Addendum: At last evening's RFA Planning Committee meeting, the group agreed that it would be most helpful if each jurisdiction could share their answers to these three questions in writing with one another in the next couple of weeks so that, assuming all three want to proceed, we can make the July meeting as productive as possible.

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# 12

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1. Is your jurisdiction willing to continue the RFA discussion with the other two jurisdictions? Knowing what you know, do you see enough positive potential for an RFA to be willing to work over the next several months to develop an RFA plan involving all three jurisdictions?
  - a) Yes, District 12 is willing to continue the RFA discussions with the other two jurisdictions.
  - b) Yes, District 12 sees the positive potential of developing an RFA; the opportunity to work as a unit to provide a better level of service for all three communities.
2. What values and principles are important to your jurisdiction in this discussion?
  - a) District 12 sees value in the three agencies working together maintaining their mission and identities while increasing their core values and principles.
3. Are there any process changes you would recommend to make future deliberations more constructive?
  - a) District 12 would like to see two meetings per month. One being a work session followed by a regular meeting for taking actions. In addition, to help with communication, we would also like to see the entire elected bodies at benchmark meetings.



District 12 Chairperson Bontrager