

Whatcom County's E-Verify Program

In July 2010, after careful review and due diligence, Whatcom County voluntarily enrolled in the E-Verify program. As required, upon enrollment, Whatcom County uses E-Verify when hiring new regular employees. At the same time, Whatcom County now also requires certain contractors doing Whatcom County business to utilize the E-Verify program.

Contracts **must** include an E-Verify clause if they are:

- **In excess of \$100,000; and**
- **Longer than 120 days duration; and**
- **The following exemptions do not apply:**

Contracts for the following work are EXEMPT from E-Verify participation:

- Work performed outside the United States
- Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) items (such as goods and merchandise)
- Commercial services related to purchase of COTS items, performed by the COTS provider (such as training) and normally provided for that COTS item (such as installation).
- Public Works Dept. – Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA contracts

Contracts with these providers are NOT subject to E-Verify participation:

- Government agencies
- Legal, medical, architectural and engineering service providers
- Goods and services provided due to an emergency
- Goods and services purchased off another entities' contract
- Regulated providers of insurance, bonding, banking, investment services, or utilities.

To learn more, contractors are strongly encouraged to read the E-verify enrollment information available on line at: www.uscis.gov/e-verify

Contractors who may meet the criteria for E-Verify participation **MUST** verify their participation in the E-Verify Program with the submittal to the County's Request for Proposal process to be deemed responsive.