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A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to execute a contract for the coordination of the independent review of the solid waste transfer and export system plan.

WHEREAS, the regional leadership of the county solid waste management community, pursuant to the direction of the King County council provided for in 2004's Ordinance 14971, has been engaged in an extensive, multiyear process to prepare for the closure of the Cedar Hills landfill and the export of the region's solid waste stream upon its closure, and

WHEREAS, in directing this process through Ordinance 14971, the council emphasized the participation of stakeholder interests, represented by the metropolitan solid waste management advisory committee, the solid waste advisory committee and the interjurisdictional technical staff group in preparation and review of planning and reporting processes leading to the development of a solid waste export plan for council adoption, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 14971 also called for an independent review of the assumptions, strategies and remaining issues of the proposed plan as a check of the direction and validity of the proposed plan, and

WHEREAS, stakeholder groups have undertaken to identify and propose questions and focus areas that should be the subject of review by that independent review process, and

WHEREAS, such groups have indicated support of the preliminary Solid Waste Transfer and Export System Plan, but have qualified that support upon the results of the independent review process, and

WHEREAS, the process, as described in the Scope of Work for the study, Attachment A to this motion,

envisions the convening of an expert panel to review questions and assumptions of the proposed export plan, supported with appropriate background materials and planning information, and which would provide an independent perspective on the direction of the proposed plan and the identified questions, and

WHEREAS, funding has been set aside by the council to support the retention of a consultant to coordinate this process, to assure appropriate objectivity and procedural integrity, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc., of Fairfax, Virginia, has been selected as a qualified and appropriate vendor, and

WHEREAS, contract terms have been agreed to which limit contract expenditures to an amount not to exceed $129,050;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The chair of the council is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the selected vendor to undertake the coordination of the independent review process.