WHEREAS In PY18 Workforce Snohomish solicited Request for Proposals for provider(s) of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Services;

WHEREAS The solicitation was to result in contracts with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with the ability to extend or negotiate new contracts on an annual basis for three years (through June 30, 2022).

WHEREAS Workforce Snohomish solicitation was for a delivery of high-quality, results-driven, customer-centered program that showed creativity, innovation, and collaboration, packaged into a strategic design that focused on providing the required groupings of services in an accessible, compliant, outcomes-oriented services for Out-of-School and In-School, WIOA-eligible Snohomish County youth;

WHEREAS the Request for Proposals for Youth funding was awarded to a consortium led by Equus Workforce Solutions, formally known as Arbor E&T LLC. and including Everett Community College and Edmonds Community College with the board mandated additional obligation of including mental health services in the consortium;

WHEREAS present economic conditions for Youth and Young Adults in Snohomish County require a more comprehensive and multi-pronged approach than the current provision of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Workforce Snohomish Board recommends that the Future Workforce Alliance Board approve that a new WIOA Youth Request for Proposal be developed to select a new provider beginning July 1st, 2021.

- Unanimously approved by Workforce Snohomish Board on October 15, 2020.