THIS INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Port of Seattle, a Washington municipal corporation, ("POS") and The Northwest Seaport Alliance, a Washington Port Public Development Authority ("NWSA") (referred to herein individually as "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle have entered into an agreement to establish The Northwest Seaport Alliance pursuant to the following federal and state authorities: (1) the FMC Discussion Agreement, (2) an interlocal agreement with delegated powers exercised pursuant to the port joint powers statute (RCW 53.08.240) which expressly permits joint operation and investment outside of a port's district, (3) RCW 39.34.030, the state Interlocal Cooperation Act, and (4) pursuant to ESHB 1170, WA Session Laws of 2015-6, (Title 53.XX RCW), which authorizes the Ports to create a port development authority to use, operate and manage certain marine facilities jointly, to be known as the NWSA;

WHEREAS, in order to improve efficiency in obtaining, the services necessary for the development, redevelopment, repair and maintenance of new and existing facilities, and providing for the operation of The Northwest Seaport Alliance, NWSA and POS desire to retain support services from one another pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized, pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW (the Inter-local Cooperation Act), to enter into this Inter-local agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

### I. General Provisions for Support Services

- A. <u>Duration of this Agreement</u>. Services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement will be provided during Calendar Year 2016. This Agreement and attached Service Directive exhibits are effective between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Subsequent Inter-Local Agreements for Support Services, if any, will be executed on an annual basis.
- B. <u>Services Provided</u>. The NWSA and POS have agreed to provide support services to one another as defined in the Service Directive exhibits attached to this Agreement. Each Service Directive exhibit defines the scope of services, cost for services, charge methodology, and service level expectations for each service area to be provided.
- C. <u>Communications</u>. Each Service Directive exhibit identifies the contact people for the Parties that will coordinate the work for each service area. It is expected that the identified contact people will communicate frequently, to coordinate the work, to confirm that services

are being provided in a manner that meets service level expectations, and to evaluate monthly financial performance of actual vs. projected spending.

- D. <u>Employment, Policies and Procedures</u>. During the term of this Agreement, individuals providing support services will remain full-time employees of their respective employer, who shall continue to be responsible for salary, benefits and retirement contributions. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as creating an employer/employee relationship between the individuals providing support services and the entity receiving the services. Staff providing support services will follow the policies and procedures of their respective employer in conducting the work.
- E. <u>Billing Rate and Procedures</u>. The charge for services will be determined during the budget cycle for the coming fiscal year. Based on the type of support service and as reflected on each specific Service Directive exhibit, costs will be allocated in one of the following ways: (1) monthly based on a fixed charge or formula, (2) charged to projects based on developed charge out rates or (3) performed as a fee for service based on predetermined charged out rates.
- F. <u>Independent Municipal Governments</u>. The Parties hereto are independent governmental entities and nothing herein shall be construed to limit the independent government powers, authority or discretion of the governing bodies of each Party. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and gives no right to any other party. No joint venture or partnership is formed as a result of this Agreement. No employees or agents of any Party shall be deemed, or represent themselves to be, employees of any of the other Party.
- G. <u>Legal obligations</u>. This Agreement does not relieve either Party of any obligation or responsibility imposed upon it by law.
- H. <u>Timely Performance</u>. The requirements of this Agreement shall be carried out in a timely manner according to a schedule negotiated by and satisfactory to the Parties.
  - I. Recording. Copies of this Agreement shall be posted to the web sites of the Parties.
- J. <u>Audit of Records.</u> During the term of this Agreement, and for a period not less than six (6) years from the date of termination, records and accounts pertaining to the work of this Agreement and accounting therefore shall be kept by each Party and shall be available for inspection and audit by representatives of either Party and any other entity with legal entitlement to review said records. If any litigation, claim, or audit is commenced, the records and accounts along with supporting documentation shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit finding has been resolved, even though such litigation, claim, or audit continues past

the six-year (6) retention period. This provision is in addition to and is not intended to supplant, alter or amend records retention requirements established by applicable state and federal laws.

#### II. Dispute Resolution

A. <u>Process</u>. The Parties' designated representatives under Paragraph III herein shall use their best efforts to resolve disputes between the Parties. If the designated representatives are unable to resolve a dispute, then each Party's responsible Project Directors shall review the matter and use their best efforts to resolve it. If the Project Directors are unable to resolve the dispute, the matter shall be reviewed by the department director or chief executive officer of each Party or his or her designee. The Parties agree to exhaust each of these procedural steps before seeking to further resolve the dispute in any other forum. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Interlocal Agreement, or the breach thereof, which is not settled by agreement between the Parties, shall be settled by mediation in the State of Washington, in Pierce or King Counties. In the event either Party reasonably believes mediation will not result in a solution to the disagreement, mediation may be waived.

B. <u>Controlling law & Venue</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of Washington.

#### III. Notices

A. <u>Contact Persons</u>. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either Party desires or is required to give to the other Party shall be in writing addressed to the other Party at the addresses as follows unless otherwise indicated by the Parties to this Agreement:

NWSA:

Erin Galeno, Chief Financial and Admin Officer

PO Box 1837

Tacoma, WA 98401

egaleno@portoftacoma.com

Port of Seattle:

Dan Thomas, Chief Financial Officer

PO Box 1209

Seattle, WA 98111

thomas.d@portseattle.org

B. <u>Receipt</u>. Notice shall be deemed "received" on the date of actual delivery or the first attempted delivery as shown on the return receipt if mailed with the United States Postal Service by certified mail, return receipt requested, otherwise receipt if presumed three days after deposit of mail into US Mail, or by receipt of email.

#### IV. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

A. The Parties release each other from, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold each other and agents, employees, and/or officers harmless from and against all claims, demands, suits at law or equity, actions, penalties, losses, damages, or costs, of whatsoever kind or nature, made by or on behalf of the other Party and/or its agents, employees, officers, and/or subcontractors, arising out of or in any way related to this Agreement, unless and except to the extent the same be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of a Party or its agents, employees, and/or officers.

- B. This Agreement includes a waiver of subrogation against all losses sustained by either Party and/or its agents, employees, officers, subcontractors, and/or insurers, arising out of or related to this Agreement except to the extent the Parties' losses are caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the other Party or its agents, employees, and/or officers.
- C. Each Party specifically assumes liability for actions brought by its own employees against the other Party and for that purpose each Party specifically waives, as respects the other Party only, any immunity under the Worker's Compensation Act, RCW Title 51.
- D. Both Parties recognize that this waiver was the subject of mutual negotiation. In the event any Party incurs attorney's fees, costs or other legal expenses to enforce the provisions of this Agreement against the other Party, all such fees, costs and expenses shall be recoverable by the prevailing Party.
- E. No liability shall attach to any of the Parties by reason of entering into this Agreement except as expressly provided herein.
- F. Each Party agrees that it will include in any contract which is related to the work of this Agreement a provision requiring the contractor to defend, indemnify and hold harmless all the Parties to this Agreement against any claims arising out of or related to the work of the contractor.
- G. The provisions of this Article shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### V. Severability

If any term or provision of this Agreement, or its application to any person or circumstance is ruled invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected and will continue in full force and effect.

## VI. Limits of Financial Obligations/Property ownership.

Except as provided above, each Party shall finance its own conduct of responsibilities under this Agreement. No ownership of property will transfer as a result of this Agreement.

### VII. Entire Agreement/Amendment

This Agreement, together with any documents incorporated by reference shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the Services to be provided and shall supersede all prior agreements, proposals, understandings, representations, correspondence or communications relating to the subject matter hereof. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid and effective unless approved by both parties in writing.

WHEREFORE, the parties have executed this Agreement this [numerical] day of [month], [year].

**Northwest Seaport Alliance** 

Port of Seattle

John Wolfe

**Shief Executive Officer** 

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**Chief Executive Officer** 

Date

May 17, 2016

Date

5-31-2016

Attached Support Service Directives for Calendar Year 2016 Support Service Agreement between NWSA and POS:

Exhibit 1 – Accounting, Finance, Treasury & Risk Management Support Services

Exhibit 2 – Information Technology Support Services

Exhibit 3 – Public Affairs Support Services

Exhibit 4 – Managing Member and Executive Support Services

Exhibit 5 – Legal and Public Records Support Services

Exhibit 6 – Labor Relations Support Services

Exhibit 7 – Capital Development Support Services

- Exhibit 8 Human Resources Support Services
- Exhibit 9 Port of Seattle Police Support Services
- Exhibit 10 Central Procurement Office Support Services
- Exhibit 11 Contract Security Support Services
- Exhibit 12 Environmental and Planning Support Services
- Exhibit 13 Maritime Maintenance Support Services
- Exhibit 14 Maritime Finance Support Services
- Exhibit 15 Pier 69 Facilities Management Support Services
- Exhibit 16 Portfolio Management Support Services
- Exhibit 17 Tribal Coordination Support Services
- Exhibit 18 Office of Social Responsibility Support Services
- Exhibit 19 Additional Support Services as Needed