



MultiCare Allenmore Hospital  
MultiCare Auburn Medical Center  
MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital  
MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center  
MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital  
MultiCare Clinics

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Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director  
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Re: Letter of Intent

Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of MultiCare Health System (MHS) and per *WAC 480-70*, I am submitting this letter of intent as a statement of needs and support for EcoMed Services to obtain a solid waste transport authority to haul MHS generated regulated medical waste to our proposed onsite waste treatment facilities. MHS is an integrated, not for profit, health organization comprised of six hospitals and clinics across Pierce, King, Kitsap and Thurston counties.

In efforts to advance green hospital initiatives and promote healthier environment, MultiCare Health System has been committed to establishing sustainable operations that protect our ecosystem, safeguard public health, improve efficiency, and enrich the overall patient experience. We are continuously seeking innovative solutions, advanced technology, and cost-effective methods to help us achieve our environmental, organizational, and financial goals. Our social and environmental responsibility in the area of environmental of care includes the following targeted priorities:

- Reduce environmental impact and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by eliminating the amount of materials sent to incineration.
- Establish pollution prevention programs to improve public health and clean air.
- Improve medical waste management by implementing innovative integrated solutions and adopting advanced and clean technology.
- Advance zero waste initiatives, expand waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, and minimize further landfills impact.
- Cut carbon footprint and lessen traffic impact by establishing centralized onsite waste treatment, processing, and disposal solutions that require fewer or no hauling operation.
- Mitigate risks and enhance occupational safety and efficiency by adopting automated and compliant practices.
- Develop partnerships with service providers to improve processes, optimize resources, cut cost, and reduce liabilities.
- Increase energy conservation and promote lean-based procedures

We believe that EcoMed Services has the capabilities to be our potential partner in managing effectively our medical waste program. Unlike the current medical waste service providers, the company has a reliable and proven technology with worldwide references. Accordingly, we expect EcoMed's innovative and sustainable offerings to help us accomplish successfully our objectives mentioned above. We trust that our waste management operation will be fully compliant with local, state, and federal regulations. A hauling permit from UTC will certainly help us accomplish our goals and encourage us to do our part in protecting our communities and the environment.

Please let me know if there are any questions on the above. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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