



PPC SOLUTIONS INC.

October 24, 2023

Lewis County Superior Court
Attn Susie Palmateer
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Email: Susie.Palmateer@lewiscountywa.gov

Dear Ms. Palmateer,

Thank you for your continued interest in our security services and the opportunity to continue providing security screening services for the Law & Justice Center. In consideration of the economic influences, we request a rate increase for 2024 be considered.

We are quickly learning we are in a new era of laborers along with clients placing higher or more specific demands on requirements for services they want and need. PPC focuses on these influences and applies them to our recruiting efforts to hire and retain experienced, qualified, and motivated professionals to meet our goals. Our rates are designed to attract and retain a stronger team in a competitive labor market to meet the needs of our client's demands. PPC remains forward looking in establishing and maintaining a professional security presence for your future.

The Regular Hourly includes overtime and holiday. The Overtime Rate would be used for short-notice, short-term requests. The increase is based on the Half Year change in the Consumer Price Index as indicated in the attachment.

Position	Regular	Overtime
Armed Security Officer	\$38.20	\$57.30

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert "Bob" Duke
Corporate Business Development Manager

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Attch (1): Annual Increase Explanation



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Annual Increase Explanation

Washington Minimum Wage increases annually, purportedly based on the Consumer Price Index adjustments. On September 29, 2023, LNI reported the 2024 annual wage increase will be based on a 3.4% adjustment. This is much lower than the current Index.

The following diagram demonstrates the economy is still recovering from a spike in which 2022 ended at 9.0% change over the previous 12 months. 2023 has continued on a downward trend but recently indicated an increase with a reported 5.4% in August. This is still a trimester away from the start of the new year and renewal period for these services. PPC recommends using the Half1 adjustment of 6.85%, averaging the first half of the year.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Series Id: CUURS49DSA0,CUUSS49DSA0

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series Title: All items in Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

Area: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue WA

Item: All items

Base Period: 1982-84=100

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2018		268.031		270.309		272.395		271.625		272.805		273.293	271.089	269.527	272.652
2019		275.304		276.765		278.631		280.286		278.682		279.421	277.984	276.230	279.738
2020		282.115		280.484		281.055		284.905		284.505		283.409	282.693	281.281	284.105
2021		286.950		290.068		296.573		299.704		303.099		304.856	295.560	289.628	301.493
2022		310.078		316.525		326.656		326.796		330.173		330.489	322.167	315.507	328.827
2023		334.987		338.487		341.734		344.449						337.109	

SERVICES	Description	Unit	Current 1/1/23	New 1/1/24
	Regular Hours			
	Lewis County Superior Court	per hour	\$35.75	\$38.20

CPI calculations (services)	
CPI-U All Consumers, All Items, Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue WA	
Current Index: January to June 2023 (Half1)	337.109
Base Index: January to June 2022 (Half1)	315.507
Change in Index:	21.602
Divide result by the base	0.06847
Multiply result by 100 to get %	6.847%
CPI Increase Percentage	6.85%