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CPARB Chair Schact,

First off, I want to thank you for the meaningful work that you do as a volunteer member of CPARB/PRC, working to constantly improve our public contracting practices in our state.

Over the last year or so my office has heard of concerns from constituents, some from industry groups feeling left out of the process, and the contract opportunity benefits of Alternative Works and some by taxpayers concerns of zero oversight on budgetary performance.

Comments about the meetings are public and are important enough to be made accessible to all. That the meetings should be broadcast and recorded via video. That the meeting minutes take too long to post on the CPARB website and written notes lack real perspective of leaderships statements or expressed concerns by public testimony.

The more critical concern my office has is project timeline over runs and budget overruns by CPARB/PRC Alternative Works certified projects or by CPARB/PRC certified agencies.

As we studied, RCW 3910, it is clear to my office that CPARB and PRC are the sole authority to ensure that the use of Alternative Works in public contracting is benefitting my constituents, and Washington State taxpayers as a whole. I am told that simple data like the engineers proposed project cost and the final cost of a project are not readily available. That this data is not a high priority for PRC or CPARB to collect.

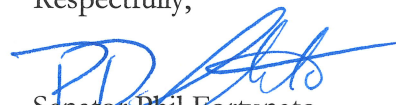
My office has compiled a short list that we would like to see answers from you on.

1. What Data is CPARB/PRC collecting and how is it readily available to the public in demonstrating that Alternative Works public contracting projects are on time and on budget?
 - a. Could you please compile a simple list of all GCCM and Design Build projects over the last 5 years from all approved agencies and those that are one off approved projects that gained approval? A simple excel spreadsheet sorting projects first by agency, then project name showing the engineers project estimate cost and the final cost. The projects actual start date and end date along with the proposed start date and end date.

2. CPARB/PRC is the authority to certify public agencies to use Alternative Works public contracting, how is past performance valued or de-valued when past performance may include project overruns in cost and project timeline?
3. What are the reasons CPARB/PRC would decertify an agency of continued use of Alternative Works public contracting? In the grading process of certification and or recertification, what value is placed on past performance of meeting project deadline and project budget? Is there a point system and if so, what is the value of protecting the taxpayers pocketbook?

Thank you for your immediate attention. Please feel free to call my office with any questions on the request.

Respectfully,



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