



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Capital Projects Advisory Review Board  
**PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

March 10, 2020

Mr. Michael Landry  
Head of LIGO Hansford Observatory  
California Institute of Technology  
1200 East California Blvd  
Pasadena, California 91125

RE: WA State Application to the Project Review Committee regarding your Construction of a LIGO Exploration Center at the LIGO Hanford Observatory as a Design-Build project

Dear Mr. Landry:

Thank you for the above referenced application received on February 20, 2020. Upon review by myself, representatives from the Department of Enterprise Services, and the Capital Project Advisory Review Board (CPARB), it is our opinion that the California Institute of Technology is not required to apply for approval by the Project Review Committee (PRC). [RCW 39.10.280 \(1\)](#) states "A **public body** not certified under RCW 39.10.270 must apply for approval from the PRC to use the Design-Build or General Contractor/Construction Manager contracting procedure on a project..." (Emphasis added) The California Institute of Technology is not a public body or a general or special purpose government in the state of Washington, therefore your project as submitted is not subject to approval by the PRC.

Further, we believe that the PRC lacks statutory authority to review a project submitted by a private entity, even if a private entity seeks review. [RCW 30.10.250](#) only authorizes the PRC to certify a public body for use of Design-Build or General Contractor/Construction Manager contracting procedures or approve the use of alternative contracting procedures in a project for public bodies. Therefore, your project application will be removed from the March 26, 2020, PRC meeting agenda.

We wish you success with your project.

Kind regards,

Jim Dugan, Chair  
Project Review Committee

CC: Edward Peters, PRC Vice-Chair  
Walter Schacht, CPARB Chair  
Nancy Deakins, Staff support for CPARB