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Washington State Dept. of Enterprise Services
Project Review Committee
Talia Baker, CPARB/PRC Program Specialist
Email: PRC@des.wa.gov

RE: Bethel School District #403 Cedarcrest Middle School Modernization and Addition GC/CM Application

Dear Ms. Baker,

I am writing this in support of Bethel School District's application to utilize GC/CM delivery method for the Cedarcrest Middle School Project, scheduled for review by the Project Review Committee on March 28, 2024.

Absher Construction has had the opportunity to conference with Sara Coccia and Jeff Dryden in the recent years surrounding best practices, market conditions and share lessons learned from projects. We want to report that Sara & her team have embraced GC/CM delivery method and repeatedly maximize value on their approach to executing projects. Bethel School District runs a fair, and equitable procurement process and the entire team is professional, responsive, organized and diligent in following RCW Chapter 39.10.

As an example, Absher Construction has had the opportunity to collaborate with Bethel School District in recent discussions surrounding subcontractor outreach and maximizing local engagement from a desired workforce and S/DBE business participation. Absher is excited to see this collaboration has yielded goal establishment for Bethel School District and this establishment is a direct reflection of the leadership shown by Sara Coccia & her team.

In closing, Cedarcrest Middle School Modernization and Addition Project meets all of the project requirements for GC/CM delivery method & Absher Construction is a proponent of the approval for this project. If there are any questions about Absher's recommendation to approve this application, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Mike McCanna
Sr Project Manager
Absher Construction Company