



May 6, 2020

Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
Project Review Committee Members

Re: Edmonds School District GC/CM Public Body Re-Certification (RCW 39.10.270)

- Letter of Endorsement

Sent Via Email to: PRC@des.wa.gov

Dear PRC Members:

I am sending this letter of endorsement in support of the Edmonds School District #15 Application for Recertification of Public Body for the utilization of the GC/CM alternative project delivery method as per RCW 39.10.

Absher has had the fortunate opportunity to work with the Edmonds School District in the GC/CM capacity and can attest to Ed Peters and the district team as having the necessary experience and qualifications to carry out the alternative contracting procedure, including but not limited to all of what is outlined in section 3B of RCW 39.10.270 Certification of Public Bodies. They are stewards and practitioners of the delivery model utilizing all the experience gained from their projects. I have had the opportunity of developing and presenting with fellow industry professionals the AGC of Washington's Education Foundation GC/CM Class. The district has sent numerous team members through the class and with some, more than once. They continue to work at and implement:

- GC/CM best practices
- Maximizing best value through collaboration and team work
- Building on their depth of experience and knowledge

As past Chair and Vice Chair of the PRC, I have had the opportunity to review the District's GC/CM project applications as well as the Public Body Certification application. As per 3A of RCW 39.10.270, I have confidence in the District's ability, experience and qualifications to determine which projects are appropriate for using the GC/CM alternative contracting procedures. I can also attest to the district team looking to and seeking industry input as to current contracting trends, experiences from other projects and how a particular project may or may not be effective utilizing the GC/CM process. They do not make decisions in a vacuum.

Absher is supportive of the Edmonds School District's GC/CM re-certification and believes their application and team experiences meet if not exceeds the test for approval. Questions as to our letter of endorsement are welcome. I can be reached at 253-446-3424 or curt.gimmestad@absherco.com.

Sincerely,
Absher Construction

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Curt Gimmestad
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