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VIA EMAIL

Project Review Committee c/o Talia Baker PRC, Administrative Support Dept. of Enterprise Services, Engineering & Architectural Services Post Office Box 41476 Olympia, WA 98504-1476 PRC@des.wa.gov

Re: Central Valley School District GC/CM Recertification Application

Dear Members of the Committee:

I write to communicate my strong support for the Central Valley School District's GC/CM certification application. As the attorney for the School District's capital projects, I have worked very closely with the Central Valley School District and their consultants on each of their GC/CM and design-bid-build projects over the last six years.

The Central Valley School District has done an excellent job taking advantage of and working through the GC/CM process. Whenever questions arise as to what is allowed, what is required, or what is a best practice, they do not hesitate to seek both my and their consultants' counsel. I very much believe that the Central Valley School District has become very knowledgeable of the GC/CM process and have respected both the letter and the intent of the GC/CM statutes.

RCW 39.10.270(3) states three requirements for public body certification. The public body must demonstrate that it (a) has the necessary experience and qualifications to determine which projects are appropriate for using alternative contracting procedures; (b) has the necessary experience and qualifications to carry out the alternative contracting procedure; and (c) has resolved any audit findings on previous public works projects in a manner satisfactory to the committee.

Working backwards through these requirements, I am not aware of any audit findings to be resolved. As to carrying out alternative contracting procedures, the Central Valley School District's nine successful GC/CM projects over the last six years clearly demonstrates such experience. And importantly, the Central Valley School District has performed six major design-bid-build projects in this same time period. This clearly demonstrates that the Central Valley School District knows when GC/CM is appropriate, and when it should instead utilize

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design-bid-build. To me, that is the critical distinction in deciding that an agency should be trusted to make the right decision in choosing to utilize the GC/CM process.

I strongly encourage the Committee to grant the Central Valley School District's certification application.

Very truly yours,

Graehm C. Wallace