

March 27th, 2025

Attn: Talia Baker, CPARB/PRC Staff
From: Jusin Vena, DBIA
General Manager, Tunista construction, LLC
RE: Letter of Interest - General Contractor Position

Dear PRC Members,

My name is Justin Vena, and I serve as the General Manager of Tunista Construction, an Alaska Native-owned general contractor based in Tacoma, Washington. I am also a DBIA Professional with a deep passion for Design-Build. Over my 20-year career, I have delivered dozens of alternative-delivery projects—including Progressive Design-Build, Traditional Design-Build, Bridging Design-Build, and GC/CM—and bring a unique perspective from working as both a prime contractor and subcontractor, as well as leading a DBE firm.

A highlight of my career is the \$92M McChord Airfield Bridge Repair, recognized by SAME as Project of the Year for design excellence, where I served as both Design Manager and Project Manager for the prime contractor. From the outset of my career, I was drawn to alternative-delivery, gaining hands-on experience as a Project Engineer, Superintendent, Project Manager, Design Manager, and Project Executive. Under my leadership, Tunista Construction has strategically focused on alternative-delivery, completing more than \$210M in projects for WSDOT, Sound Transit, DES, Tacoma Public Schools, and other agencies utilizing RCW 39.10.

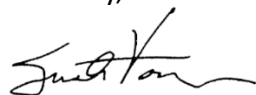
As a founding member of AWMB and through my involvement with NAMC, I have been a committed advocate for women- and minority-owned businesses, helping build capacity for DBE firms and mentoring other DBE contractors through the WSDOT–Sound Transit capacity-building program. I strongly believe that alternative-delivery methods offer the greatest opportunities for DBE growth, and I welcome the chance to share insights on improving DBE inclusion for broader impact. In addition, I support our local community through the ACE Mentorship program and by partnering with Tacoma Public Schools to mentor K–12 students, inspiring future generations of design-builders.

I believe my knowledge of best practices related to RCW 39.10, combined with firsthand experience across multiple dimensions of the alternative-delivery process, will add value to this committee. I also believe that alternative-delivery, when done correctly, is the most conscientious approach to project delivery and provides the greatest opportunity to positively impact our communities. I look forward to contributing to the quality, efficiency, and accountability of public works contracting by serving on this committee. Thank you for your consideration.

References:

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Sincerely,



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