

April 3, 2020

Project Review Committee Members
CPARB

Re: Edmonds School District Agency Re-certification

Subject: Letter for Endorsement

Via: Email @ PRC@des.wa.gov

Members of the Committee:

With this letter, I wish to provide my support to the agency re-certification application for the Edmonds School District following the RCW 39.10 Alternative Public Works Contracting – General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM).

As a Principal at Bassetti Architects, I have worked with the Edmonds School District for many years and on several projects. In recent years, our work has focused on designing three new elementary schools using the GC/CM procurement process and working closely with the Capital Projects Office team.

I find the School District team extremely proficient and diligent in addressing all requirements of the RCW 39.10 statute:

- Ability to assess the need to utilize the CG/CM procedure based on the project's inherent complexities.
- Understanding and application of the requirements for contract award process.
- Experienced in the management of the project's budget and contingencies, schedule, design documentation, negotiation of change orders, and contract administration.

The Capital Projects Office staff is highly knowledgeable about all aspects of the design phases, bid procedures, and construction management of various contracting processes. I also deeply appreciate the staff's capacity to nurture a positive relationship with the CG/CM through collaboration, clear communication, timely feedback and direction, and knowledge of the district's Education Specifications and Technical Standards. This clearly benefits the projects and all parties involved. In fact, the District, GC/CM and designer team was recently awarded ENR Northwest K-12 Best Project for 2019. This award recognizes the excellence in process and teamwork to achieve the highest quality projects.

I hope that this letter will provide evidence of the competence of the Edmonds School District to administer the RCW 39.10 statute. I am available to discuss with you should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Principal