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VIA EMAIL

Project Review Committee
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Re: Edmonds School District GC/CM Recertification Application

Dear Members of the Committee:

I write to enthusiastically support the GC/CM Agency Recertification application recently submitted by the Edmonds School District.

We have worked with the Edmonds School District on numerous projects for more than 20 years and have very closely collaborated with the School District on all of its recent GC/CM projects. The Edmonds capital projects team is widely (and appropriately) considered one of the leaders among Washington school districts in the delivery of Alternative Public Works projects under RCW 39.10 and the School District unquestionably has the experience, depth, judgment, and capabilities to qualify for GC/CM certification. Edmonds also has a deep commitment to continuous improvement, as evidenced by its recent launch of “GC/CM 3.0,” and a thorough understanding of, and a strong record managing, GC/CM projects.

The School District also clearly meets the certification requirements identified in RCW 39.10.270(3). As you may know, we are very familiar with the GC/CM process based on the dozens of public entities we have advised on Alternative Public Works contracting. RCW 39.10.270(3) anticipates that the Committee will consider two aspects of a public body’s experience and qualifications—(1) a public body’s ability to decide whether a particular project is appropriate for alternative contracting and (2) a public body’s ability to carry out the procedure. The statute provides:

(3) To certify a public body, the committee shall determine that the public body:

- (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 including, but not limited to:
 - (i) Project delivery knowledge and experience;
 - (ii) personnel with appropriate construction experience;
 - (iii) a management plan and rationale for its alternative public works projects;
 - (iv) demonstrated success in managing public works projects;
 - (v) the ability to properly manage its capital facilities plan including, but not limited to, appropriate project planning and budgeting experience; and
 - (vi) the ability to meet requirements of this chapter

Given its past experience and successful delivery of multiple GC/CM projects, and deep commitment to continuous improvement, the Edmonds School District clearly meets all of the statutory requirements and is exactly the type of public entity that should be entrusted with certification powers by the Committee.

Very truly yours,



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