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To: Design-Build Forum Attendees

RE: Design-Build Forum

Thank you for attending the third annual WSU Design-Build Forum in Pullman on July 28, 2017. As has been consistently the case, we have found valuable input and truly appreciate the diverse perspectives brought forth by our industry partners and fellow owners in attendance.

As we review this third year of the Forum, we wanted to take a moment to recap the successful concepts that have been implemented by WSU with the information gleaned from previous conferences. Based upon the feedback in year one, we implemented the Post RFP/Pre-Proprietary Meeting in our Traditional Design-Build procurement. A successful and efficient step that affords transparency to all teams as to the priorities and limitations of the project before they head into the Proprietary meetings. This allows Design-Builders' to be confident that all teams were given the same direction and communication and truly allow the proprietary meetings to be a refinement process rather than losing that first meeting to mining administrative information.

Year two saw us adding the Progressive Design-Build approach to our repertoire of procurement in response to the industry desire to decrease the cost to compete. Further feedback in relation to RFQ's and RFP's caused us to take a look at the criteria, deliverables, and the program and implement processes internally to further refine, define and commit to clear expectations during procurement.

As a result of this year's conference, in an effort to incorporate an element of design competition but still maintain a reasonable cost to compete, WSU will likely look into including an aspect of design competition into our future Progressive Design-Build procurements. We are considering a process that opens the door to limited conceptual design that does not require the cost verification process entailed in Traditional Design-Build, but gives the DB team an opportunity to showcase their creativity.

We plan to continue fostering the open dialog that is a hallmark of this event as we continue to refine Design-Build procurement for Washington State University.

Thank you again for your participation and GO COUGS!

Sincerely,



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