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To: Design-Build Forum Attendees

RE: 2018 Design-Build Forum, "Design-Build Experiences"

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the attendees of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual WSU Design-Build Forum. Your candid comments and open dialog remain valuable to WSU as we grow and help shape Design-Build in Washington State. A special thank you to our presenters representing the CPARB Statute Review Committee and their openness to receiving feedback on proposed legislation changes.

The first three years of the forum have focused primarily on the procurement phase and have provided WSU valuable insight as we refine our best practices and encourage creativity while keeping the cost to compete reasonable. We look forward to the opportunity in our upcoming procurements to implement an aspect of design competition into the Progressive Design-Build model to further our shared goals of unlocking the promise of Design-Build.

This year's look into the execution of projects after procurement generated meaningful conversation and ideas to address the complexities of actually delivering world-class facilities to our clients. We appreciated the animated conversations, excellent insights, and multitude of suggestions to continually improve the process.

Especially important to us were the engaging conversations around growing participation of SMWBE in Design-Build. We tried to capture all the good suggestions that address the issue at multiple levels from education, to mentoring, to strategies for Owners to influence the process going forward. We are already incorporating some of the suggestions into our next planned RFQ/RFP process. One significant change you will see is a plan to implement significant scoring criteria that looks at the effectiveness, thoughtfulness and creativeness of our proposing teams outreach and inclusion plans aimed at growing the pool of qualified SMWBE contractors, firms, and tradespeople at all levels of their organizations.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you all at next year's event.

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Sincerely,



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