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To: Design-Build Forum Attendees

RE: 2021 Design-Build Forum, “Challenging the Current Design Process”

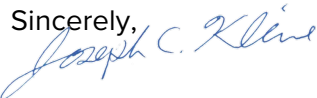
The 6<sup>th</sup> annual WSU Design-Build Forum was great after a year off during COVID. While we missed seeing everyone in person, we were incredibly thankful for the industry’s engagement and adaptation to our hybrid event. We hope to expand upon the in-person experience at this year’s forum but also keep an online opportunity for those interested in Design-Build at WSU.

After the 2019 forum, we took a hard look at our RFQ/P and interview process to ensure we were asking challenging questions and engaging the teams in a meaningful way. We also revised the Charrette component of our Progressive Design-Build interviews to more clearly communicate our expectations and goals for the project.

The 2021 forum conversation largely focused on the design phase. The engaging and thought-provoking ideas shared by our panelists were well received and WSU has modified our early contract phases to allow more input on schedule and cash-flow from the DB Team. The intriguing conversation around some agencies trend to move towards an A3 style submission for the RFQ/P has us working on ways to shorten submission requirements while keeping the door open to new teams that we have not worked with before.

As Olivia says, Design-Build is not for the faint of heart. While WSU takes our Design-Build program very seriously, this forum is our way of ensuring we find fun and innovative ways to keep moving the Design-Build community forward. Thank you again for joining us and we look forward to seeing you all July 29, 2022.

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Sincerely,  


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