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Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
Project Review Committee
Attention: Talia Baker

Subject: Letter of Support for Tacoma Public School
District Re: Design-Build Certification

Dear Project Review Committee:

Korsmo Construction has been fortunate to participate in two Progressive Design-Build (PD/B) projects with Tacoma Public School District (TPSD). Recent project results from both Boze Elementary and Downing Elementary validate that TPSD has the personnel, procedures, and knowledge to successfully deliver projects utilizing PD/B delivery method. Boze Elementary finished before scheduled and under budget while meeting all the district program needs and requirements. Currently, Downing Elementary is on track to deliver all budget and schedule milestones.

We believe that progressive design-build is an opportune delivery method to optimize a fixed budget while maximizing function, safety, value, schedule, diversity, inclusion, and community involvement in TPSD. The goal is to build learning environments based on high value and high function, while delivering on the districts program, and community needs.

TPSD executive director of planning and construction, Morris Aldridge, has demonstrated unparalleled leadership, decision-making, and communication during these projects. These qualities have resulted in highly effective delivery from design throughout construction. TPSD has also established strong relationships with well-known industry experts and owners' representatives to assist in delivering these types of projects. In summary, TPSD is equipped with the tools and resources to navigate the PDB procurement, preconstruction, and construction processes successfully.

Based on our experience with TPSD, we strongly recommend and endorse the District for Progressive Design-Build certification.

Thank you for your time and support of Tacoma Public School District in their future projects.

Sincerely,

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