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ATTN: Talia Baker – Administrative Support

Project Review Committee (PRC)

RE:

Spokane Public Schools

Application for Agency Certification

GC/CM Delivery Method

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## Dear Talia:

Spokane Public Schools (SPS) is applying for Agency Certification for the GC/CM Project Delivery Method. ALSC Architects has been working with Spokane Public Schools for decades. Personally, I have been working very closely with Spokane Public Schools for over 20 years. During this time, ALSC Architects has provided professional services to Spokane Public Schools for projects involving both Design-Bid-Build Project Delivery, as well as GC/CM. Two most recent significant projects where I have worked with the District involved GC/CM; this was for the Mullan Road Elementary School Modernization and Addition and the Franklin Elementary School Modernization and Addition. Both of these GC/CM projects have gone very well. I believe that SPS certainly is capable of functioning with Agency Status for GC/CM project delivery.

I support Spokane Public School's application for certification and encourage your consideration and approval. Through the work they have done with me, ALSC Architects, and several other architectural teams in Spokane, WA, I believe they have demonstrated the capabilities, the confidence, and most importantly, the judgement in determining and executing great projects for the District patrons and the tax payers in the state.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

David L. Huotari, AIA

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Greg Forsyth, SPS Director, Capital Projects CC:

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July 6, 2017

Project Review Committee Department of Enterprise Services PO Box 41476 Olympia, WA 98504-1476

RE: Spokane Public Schools - GC/CM Agency Certification

Dear Project Review Committee Members,

Garco Construction has had the opportunity to work with multiple owners on 14+ GC/CM projects over the past 11 years. During that time frame we have had the privilege to work with Spokane Public Schools(SPS) on many projects including John H. Rogers High School which was one of the first Public GC/CM projects in the Spokane area.

Spokane Public Schools has developed a staff that completely understands the GC/CM process and during 2013-2016, with Agency Certification, SPS utilized the GC/CM model to successfully execute difficult phased construction projects that has benefited our community.

Greg Forsyth, the current Director of Capital Projects and Planning has been involved since the beginning of Spokane Public Schools use of GC/CM in multiple roles and understands the benefits of the GC/CM model for certain projects. I also applaud the fact that during the three year span that SPS had Agency Certification they did not just default to using GC/CM. Their process of determining the specific criteria on a case by case basis has led to the use of the most effective design and construction delivery method for each individual project.

Spokane Public Schools has previously proven their capability to utilize the GC/CM delivery method for its intended purpose and per the RCW criteria. Garco Construction highly recommends the PRC approving Spokane Public Schools for Agency Certification.

Sincerely,

Clancy Welsh

President\*



June 30, 2017

CPARB Project Review Committee

Re: Spokane Public Schools – Agency Certification

Members of the PRC;

Our firm has worked with Spokane Public Schools on three recent major elementary school projects, including Hutton Elementary School, a complex historic remodel/addition project that utilized the GCCM delivery method.

Greg Forsyth and SPS Capital Projects staff have delivered multiple recent projects utilizing both GCCM and traditional DBB methods. They are experienced in construction in general, in the GCCM selection process, and in administration of contractual requirements.

SPS administered Hutton Elementary professionally and successfully. We understand from others in the local design and construction community that the other SPS GCCM projects were similarly successful. We believe that SPS Capital Projects has a level of staffing experience that certainly warrants agency approval for GCCM project delivery.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Doug Mitchell, AIA, LEED AP



June 29, 2017

Talia Baker – Administrative Support Department of Enterprise Services PO Box 41476 Olympia, WA 98504-1476

Re: Spokane Public Schools

PRC Request for Agency Status

Dear Talia and Project Review Committee,

I am writing in support of Spokane Public School's request for Agency Status to use the General Contractor-Construction Manager (GCCM) construction delivery method for their large capital projects.

I have worked with Spokane Public Schools designed and delivering their capital projects using GCCM starting with the design of their first GCCM project, John R Rogers High School, in 2003. Since then I have personally be involved in 5 additional GCCM projects totaling approximately \$150 million in construction value. My experience with Spokane Public Schools is that they been an exemplary public agency implementing the GCCM project delivery model. I believe their request of Agency Status should be honored by the Project Review Committee.

I fully endorse Spokane Public School's request for Agency Status.

Sincerely,

Dana Harbaugh

President & CEO

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