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RE: Project Review Committee - Letter of Interest (Design Industry - Engineer)

Dear Ms. Baker and Selection Panel Members:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my interest to join the Project Review Committee (PRC). I am currently a Principal at AHBL, Inc., and am interested in filling the seat for the position of "Design Industry - Engineer." This position is of great interest to me, and I am confident I can make meaningful contributions to the committee.

Throughout my career, I have been a part of many successful public projects. This experience has provided me with the ability become aware of the critical elements a project must include to make it a successful candidate for an alternative delivery method. These include issues such as safety, schedule, and public benefit. Additionally, I bring with me the objectivity necessary to evaluate each proposed project against their own merits to ensure it is a desirable candidate.

My project experience includes more than \$500 million in federal, state, higher education and K-12 design-build, GC/CM or design-bid-build work. Additionally, I earned my DBIA certification in 2015, which gives me a unique perspective and understanding of design-build. Not only do I understand the fundamentals, but I am well-versed in DBIA's goals for the design-build process. I am committed to working collaboratively on this committee to ensure decisions are made in the best interest of the public. Below I discuss two of my recent projects - one delivered via GC/CM, and one delivered via design-bid-build.

The new Tahoma High School and Regional Learning Center in Maple Valley, WA is a prime example of how GC/CM has worked well. I serve as the civil principal-in-charge for this \$121 million school which will be the largest school in the state of Washington when it opens in the Fall of 2017. The project is under an incredibly compressed schedule, but thanks to the GC/CM delivery method, this project has seen great success. The most noteworthy benefit thus far is that this project is nearly 6% under the initial budget. This project is a good example of a project where the project's magnitude, complexity, and schedule necessitated the GC/CM delivery method.

I have also been a part of projects where traditional design-bid-build has been more appropriate. An example of this can be found with the Harrison Preparatory and Four Hero's Elementary School project for the Clover Park School District. This \$45 million project was successful because the client had a clear idea of what they wanted, and used their design consultants to prepare a detailed set of drawings that protected the Owner from low bid contractors.

The following three clients would serve as excellent references, and can attest to my knowledge and skill in both alternative and traditional delivery methods.

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I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration, and hope to work with you in the near future. You can reach me by phone at 253-383-2422, or via email: tsawin@ahbl.com.

Regards,

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