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RE: Letter of Interest – CPARB Project Review Committee, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

Dear Talia Baker and CPARB/PRC Members,

I am writing to express my interest in the open Disadvantaged Business Enterprises position on the CPARB Project Review Committee.

My diverse background provides the committee with a valuable perspective that will benefit the project review process. I began my career as a construction inspector for WSDOT where in roughly 10 years I rose to the Construction Project Engineer position. Along my path, I was directly involved with design-build contracting as the traffic engineer for the I-405 corridor team. My team was integral in developing RFPs and overseeing the selection and administration of the design-build contracts.

When I transitioned to the private sector, I worked on multiple alternative capital projects delivery methodologies as defined in RCW 39.10. The projects that fall under RCW 39.10 include the City of Seattle Seawall (GC/CM), Sound Transit Link extensions in Federal Way (Design Build), East Link (GC/CM) and Lynnwood (GC/CM). With experience in both the public and private sectors, I have a well-informed perspective and an understanding of the potential risks and challenges that may arise during application reviews.

Currently, I am the President and Chief Executive Officer for Furtado & Associates, a certified DBE that has built a solid reputation as a leading land surveying, civil engineering, and construction management firm in the State and is highly regarded in the industry for providing topographic basemaps for design, utility research, right-of-way maps, parcel maps, and legal descriptions as well as quality control surveys during construction. Furtado was recently honored with the Small Business of the Year award at the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), Washington Chapter Gala, recognizing our commitment to the overall community and public infrastructure.

I ultimately seek this position to be a voice for the greater good that is bigger than Furtado or myself. As a servant leader, I lead the company and my life with three core values: Quality, Culture, and Community. If selected I will bring those values to the PRC.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Joshua Cheatham, PE

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