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RE: Emerio Design testimony for Ways & Means meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd.

Dear Carrie,

Founded in 2005, Emerio has been MBE/DBE certified (#5611) since 2009 and has benefitted from the Oregon's COBID certification program in the following ways:

1. Creating opportunities: Public agency clients that have COBID utilization goals for professional services contracts has provided an on-ramp for Emerio to gain valuable experience and develop technical skills. The emphasis on COBID utilization for projects often results in teaming opportunities with prime consultants which has helped us build a diverse portfolio of projects.

2. Capacity building: With City of Portland, Multnomah County, Washington County, Clackamas County, TriMet, and ODOT, we have developed a strong portfolio of projects among these agencies as a subconsultant over the past 10 years which has resulted in prime contracts with each of them within the past 3 years. Growing with these agencies from small contracts to larger multi-discipline prime contracts, has allowed our staff to grow in their knowledge and skills. Having become familiar with specific agencies design standards and processes, it has also opened the door for some of our young professionals to develop into leadership roles as Task Leads and Project Managers.

We are very thankful for COBID and the doors it has opened for us in the engineering industry in Oregon!

Respectfully,
Scott Miller
Director of Operations
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