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RE: US 160 4th Lane Modified Design Build Project

Mr. Ames

Region 5 would like to commend your company and in particular your project staff on your performance on the US 160 4th Lane project, NH US 1602-114. The US 160 4th Lane project was the first modified design build project awarded by CDOT.

SEMA's approach to the project has been successful in that your company has been able to closely maintain the original schedule despite design and field issues that arose through the course of the project. Your staffs management of your sub-contractors has been very successful; we appreciate your willingness to manage the delivery of the design as well as your construction productivity.

The project is located at the busiest intersection in Region 5. Although there have been traffic delays, the project staff recognized the need to mitigate delays to the traveling public. This was accomplished by planning and working closely with the CDOT staff and addressing our concerns as well those of the general public.

SEMA's stormwater management has been outstanding on this project. It is unique to have a contractor recognize not only the contractual requirement but the public perception benefits when maintaining good stormwater management. The projects RECAT and monthly inspections have always been excellent. The site is not small and we recognize the effort required in not only field work but documentation as well.

Your company's willingness to be flexible to complete the extra work on the project is appreciated. The extra work is being completed at an acceptable price and within the original contract time period. No time extension will be required.

The contract presented challenges and the requirement for your staff and the CDOT project staff to work together to reach agreement on contractual issues that arose throughout the duration of the project. As a result of the teamwork we have a unique project that we can all count as a success.

Again, thank you and we look forward to working with your group in the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Archuleta', is positioned above the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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