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Mr. Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Discretionary Grants – Wage Rate Certification

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Whatcom County will comply with the requirements of Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United State Code (Federal wage rate requirements) with respect to the applicability of Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements.

Whatcom County uses contract specifications requiring prime contractors and all subcontractors to pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract a wage not less than the highest wage applicable to their work classifications, as specified by the current and applicable Federal Wage Determination. If no federal work classification appears to apply, the prime contractor shall make a written request to obtain the applicable work classifications and wage rates prior to the start of construction. When the same classification appears in both the Federal and State Wage Decisions, the preemption noted at 24 CFR 965.10-1 shall apply. The prime contractor is responsible for ensuring subcontractor compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements.

If Whatcom County is awarded a TIGER II Grant we will require all prime and sub-contractors to meet federal wage requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Rutan", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp is partially obscured by the signature but appears to contain the name "Joseph P. Rutan, P.E." and the title "County Engineer/Assistant Director".

Joseph P. Rutan, P.E.
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