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Bureau of Development Services

ITAP

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT PROJECT

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Dear Mayor Adams and City Commissioners:

I was recently informed that with Commissioner Dan Saltzman's support, the City's Procurement Office will be filing an update to Council on the outcome of the Information Technology Advancement Project (ITAP) RFP process, and that with Council's support, contract negotiation with the apparent successful vendor, Sierra Systems, will begin in December.

As a member of the ITAP RFP Proposal Review Committee, Chair of the ITAP Customer Advisory Committee, BDS Development Review and Advisory Committee Chair, and member of Portland's development and construction community, I want you to know that I am in strong support of moving into contract negotiation with Sierra Systems. Sierra System's proposal provided a solid combination of software systems and processes that will meet the City's needs. Equally as important, Sierra Systems demonstrated the experience, knowledge and ability to bring their strong project and change management approach to the City, which I believe will help ensure a successful implementation of the new software system.

ITAP's goal of implementing a web-based permit application, review and inspection software system, will allow the development review industry to realize efficiencies and associated costs savings that are not achievable using the City's current paper-based system. The ability to submit, manage and receive issued building permits electronically will allow architectural, engineering and construction firms, as well as homeowners, to save time and money associated with printing paper plans, driving downtown, and waiting in line to submit and manage permits.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or if I can provide you with additional information. I can be reached by telephone at (503) 224-9656 or by email at keith@gbdarchitects.com.

Sincerely,

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