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May 1, 2015

The Honorable David Madore, Chair  
Clark County Board of Councilors  
P. O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Dear Chairman Madore:

Every two years, the Department of Commerce begins the process of contracting with Associate Development Organizations (ADOs) by sending a letter to the Board of County Commissioners or County Executive in each county requesting designation of an ADO.

Commerce is directed by RCW 43.330.080 to contract with county-designated ADOs to increase the support for and coordination of community and economic development services in communities or regional areas.

As part of the contracting process, please complete the enclosed ADO Certification/Designation Form for the 2015-17 Biennium, returning to Commerce by June 15, 2015. Your county can choose to re-designate the current ADO or make a new designation. Please see the enclosed Eligibility and Designation Guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to move the contracting process forward in a quick manner. I look forward to working with our ADO partners during the next biennium.

Sincerely,

  
Brian Bonlender  
Director

Enclosures

cc w/enclosures: Columbia River Economic Development Association

