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Re: Project No. 07-83-06425 Midpoint Progress Report

Dear Mr. ~~Cardenas~~, *Jesse*,

Thank you for providing EDA with a well prepared report highlighting the organization's many accomplishments in the past 6 months.

I commend the leadership of the Columbia-Pacific RC & EDD and see the organization's staff continues to work diligently in support of the communities located in Grays Harbor, Mason, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties.

Some of the midpoint progress in this report included the 2009 CEDS update with county by county highlights including recent economic hardships and where it was possible, even some positive economic success stories. Other areas of progress included the results and testimonials from the ready, respond, recover, business disaster preparedness conferences and examples of capacity building technical support and documentation showing regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition, there was an exciting public private funding opportunity highlighted with the Aberdeen School District.

Thank you again for this midpoint report. EDA looks forward to the final progress summary later in the year and wish the continued excellent work by the Columbia-Pacific RC & EDD.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin O'Connor".

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