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SUBJECT: Great Job!

Dear Kal:

Just a brief note to commend ILPP on the Capital Facilities Needs Assessment and Master Plan recently prepared for Plumas County.

As you know, the County of Plumas had never engaged in the long range planning process before and was rapidly approaching a critical point when we needed to make informed, long range planning decisions. The experience and guidance of ILPP through this process, not to mention the basic data gathering and needs assessment phase, was expertly done and the development of planning options was absolutely essential and well articulated.

The project took much longer than we anticipated because the process generated many important questions and issues for which the County did not have answers. As a result, a seismic evaluation by a structural engineer was performed on the County's 1920 Courthouse, and another site and facility's engineering analysis was prepared for the Courthouse Annex to determine whether we should upgrade the facility, use it for storage, or totally relocate. Though these "tasks" were not anticipated in the beginning, they were absolutely essential for our planning effort and proved to be very beneficial.

I state without qualification that the master plan that you assisted us in preparing was one of the most meaningful analyses and documents that this County has produced in decades. We now understand what our long range capital facilities needs are and we have a plan to meet those needs. If this project had not been undertaken, the County surely would not have purchased the old Quincy Hotel site in the downtown and the decision to relocate the administrative services from the Courthouse to the Quincy Hotel site would have been very difficult to make, if not impossible.

In closing, ILPP's study and report were extremely beneficial to Plumas County, well worth the money spent in its preparation. My compliments for a great job.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Stretch', written over a horizontal line.

James R. Stretch
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