

## **APPENDIX F**

### **URA Letter Confirming Role as Performing Institution**



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Dear Dr. <sup>Wick</sup>Haxton:

For purposes of the DUSEL-Cascades Design Phase proposal you are about to submit to the National Science Foundation, this is to confirm that Universities Research Association, Inc. (URA) is prepared to assume the role of performing institution within a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), which we anticipate would be formed with suitable partner organizations upon award of a cooperative agreement contract to the University of Washington. We believe the proposal makes a strong case for DUSEL and for the Pioneer Tunnel site. We also believe that URA, representing 90 leading research universities, can make an important contribution in organizing the research community in support of this proposal.

URA would assist in forming the above-referenced LLC for the purpose of managing the Design Phase and its Project Office, as described in the DUSEL-Cascades proposal. We understand that the project sponsor, the National Science Foundation, intends to support the Design Phase through a cooperative agreement. We would therefore work with the NSF and the University of Washington, the submitting academic institution, to insure that the LLC serves the needs of all the parties.

We look forward to working with you and your DUSEL-Cascades team.

Sincerely,

Frederick Bernthal  
President