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Mr. Erik Stockdale
Shorelines & Environmental Assistance Program
Department of Ecology
3190 - 160th Ave. SE
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RE: PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES, NATIONAL RESOURCE MITIGATION PLAN (NRMP), SEATAC THIRD RUNWAY PROJECT

Dear Mr. Stockdale;

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. is pleased to submit this proposal for consulting services for review of the NRMP for the SeaTac third runway project. Shannon & Wilson has an unparalleled understanding of the environmental conditions and regulatory climate in both the vicinity of the third runway and in Auburn. Our project experience includes wetland delineations, wetland inventories, wetland functional analysis, mitigation design, implementation and monitoring, riparian studies, fisheries studies, and Endangered Species compliance. This experience gives us a unique understanding of the physical and biological aspects of mitigation required for the third runway.

Throughout my 25 years of professional experience I have managed numerous complex projects that required an understanding of wetland ecosystems. I believe I understand the requirements of a successful mitigation plan. My experience with the Corp of Engineers has given me an understanding of the regulatory environment surrounding wetland mitigation issues. I assure you that I will provide the quality, thoroughness, and responsiveness to this project that Washington State Department of Ecology and other clients have come to expect from Shannon & Wilson.

Katie and I are excited about assisting you with the SeaTac third runway project, and I pledge my full personal and corporate commitment. If you have any questions about our proposal please call me at (206) 695-6878.

Sincerely,

SHANNON & WILSON, INC.



Samuel R. Casne
Natural Resources Manager

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Enclosure: Proposal for Consulting Services, Natural Resource Mitigation Plan, for SeaTac Third Runway Project, SeaTac, Washington

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