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**Mr. Ray Cockerham, Building Official**

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RE: Washington State Fair – Gold Gate Tensile Canopy Structure, IBC Risk Category Designation

Ray,

Thank you for connecting with Jeff Brown and myself a couple of weeks ago regarding the forth coming Gold Gate Canopy Project, scheduled for construction completion by late June of 2024.

I have reviewed the scope and operation of this Canopy Structure relative to its use and intensity of use with the architects and owner. It has been determined that this structure will cover no more than 60 people at a peak period, including staff, based on the constrictive gate and security operations. This structure does not fit the Risk definitions of Categories I, III, or IV and hence I have determined, and recommend applying the design criteria of Risk Category II. The engineers at Birdair Manufacturing concur with this assessment.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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