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Mr. Richard Shepard  
EDC Department of Transportation  
2850 Fair Lane Court  
Placerville, California 95667

Subject: Missouri Flat Ground Breaking Expenses-PSOMAS

Mr. Shepard:

This confirms the e mail that I sent you today regarding PSOMAS. I approved payments totaling \$134,351 to PSOMAS today.

I am holding an additional \$135,018.25 claim to PSOMAS. I need clarification from you related to this claim that you signed. Included in the claim is \$11,000 for groundbreaking expenses, \$3,240 for stakeholders data base development, \$2,736.25 for public relations, and \$3,390 for website development. The bulk of the groundbreaking expenses are for labor (\$10,966.55), including hourly rates of up to \$215. Also included in groundbreaking expenses are balloons and tent rental.

I am unclear where in the PSOMAS contract authorization exists for these expenses.

At this point I can either return the claim to DOT or pay a portion of the \$135,018.25 claim the bulk of which appears to be more traditional engineering expenses.

Please let me know what you would like me to do with this claim. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Harn".

Joe Harn, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

CC: Board of Supervisors