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Mr. Madore,

I would like to direct you to my website where all six of our CRC-related reports are located:
<http://www.acuityforensics.com/subs/press.html>

Each of the reports published by us present significant questionable transactions by the CRC project office and each report calls for a "time out" to the project and an investigation into these questionable transactions. It is important to note that the Washington State legislature found there to be too many questions related to this project to approve funding of \$450 million during their 2013 legislative session. As such, the CRC project office was close for a time before Oregon attempted to revive the project alone.

In summary, we have found:

- Potential Violations of Washington State Open Public Meetings Act
- Potential Violations of State and Federal Contracting Practices
- Questionable contracting practices
- Cost overruns in excess of \$50 million on the environmental study stage of the project
- Potential duplicate work performed by contractors
- Project costs outside of the bridge area
- Significant funding plan discrepancies, including:
 - Nonexistent federal programs
 - Tolls requirements in excess of promises made to public and legislators
- Potential violations of IRS code as related to independent contractor status
- Discrepancies in excess of hundreds of millions of dollars in costs of interchanges reported to legislators
- Discrepancies in excess of hundreds of millions of dollars in cost of bridge tear down and rebuild reported to legislators

Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Best regards,
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