



Fernando Martinez
President and CEO

March 24, 2020

Dear Council Members, MBEs, and Colleagues,

On Monday, March 23rd, 2020, Governor Kate Brown from Oregon and Governor Jay Inslee from Washington issued Executive Orders telling residents to stay home for the next two weeks. In compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order, the Council will begin remote operations 100% of the time for the next two weeks.

Across the United States there are over 52,900 confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease and 680 confirmed deaths. The table below gives you a view into how COVID-19 has and will continue to significantly affect our region.

State	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	“Social Distancing” Practice	“Stay-at-Home” Executive Order
Alaska	36	0	0	Yes	No
Idaho	50	0	0	Yes	Blaine County
Montana	46	0	0	Yes	No
Oregon	209	0	8	Yes	Yes
Utah	298	0	1	Yes	No
Washington	2,221	124	110	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	29	0	0	Yes	No

Numbers Retrieved from Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic site at 2:00pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2020

This pandemic has and will continue to wreak havoc on individuals, families, the healthcare system, and the economy (local, regional, national, and global) into the foreseeable future.

The Council committed to do our part in containment of COVID-19, has been observing social distancing guidelines by working remotely for the past two weeks. We are determined to do our part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and thus, we are moving to the next level of action.

In compliance with OR and WA State Executive Orders, the Council office will close between March 25 - April 9, 2020. This action is for the purpose of protecting our staff, members, MBEs, and community-at-large. The closing of the physical office does not mean the Council is not working. Council hours of operation remain the same, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday.



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The team is equipped to work remotely with little to no disruption in services we bring to you. Our 2020 theme is to “Deliver Value in Innovation.” We have been living this theme since January 1st. Our theme interpreted to “serve you in the most innovative and valuable manner” is our way of life. We are here to serve! Do not hesitate to contact us with questions and/or concerns.

For up-to-date information visit our Blog at www.nwmmsdc.org/blog. Thank you for doing your part to contain COVID-19 and eliminate its continued spread. Stay Safe – Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fernando Martinez", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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