

## Theodore R. Kulongoski Governor

April 10, 2007

Lowell Smith, Chair Sherman County Library Board 65912 High School Loop Moro, OR 97039

Dear Mr. Smith:

I received your letter requesting that the Sherman County Library project be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your letter, I feel that the project supports Oregon's objectives for sustainable rural communities and by this letter will designate the project as an Oregon Solutions project. I appoint Aletha Bonebrake to serve as convener for this project.

This project is important not only for Sherman County, but for small communities across the state who organize to achieve significant development projects. I commend your efforts to build a new library to serve your County's residents with new resources, programming and tools, and I'm pleased that the public, private and nonprofit sectors will have a chance to come together in support of this ambitious community goal.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you bring together all potential partners in a collaborative way to address issues and needs early-on, leverage state and other investments, and gain commitments to help make your library a reality. In addition, this inclusive, community-based approach will serve as a model for how other small communities can successfully accomplish significant development projects in other areas of the state.

Thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far. Please keep me updated on the progress of this project.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSK

Governor

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