



# Design-Build Team

**Chris Tams, P.E.**, is a Lead Construction Engineer for Administration for the HQ Construction Office of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Idaho. He has worked for WSDOT for 26 years and has held a variety of positions within the department. In his current position he is responsible for WSDOT's eConstruction Program, Advertisement and Award of Contracts, construction trainers, statewide documentation, and the WSDOT Design Build Program.

**Art McCluskey** serves as the Design-Build program manager at WSDOT Headquarters in Olympia. He is responsible for leadership of the statewide Design-Build program including development and implementation of Design-Build policies and procedures, staff training, liaison with construction and consultant communities, and oversight and support of the Design-Builder selection process. Prior to joining WSDOT in 2016, he held several positions in the consulting and construction industry and has been a member of many Design-Build teams in the transportation sector nationwide. Art has a BS degree in Civil/Structural Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Melanie Baldwin** serves as the Design-Build Engineer for the HQ Construction Office at Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). As such she develops and implements WSDOT's Design-Build Program policies and procedures including managing the development and maintenance of WSDOT's Design-Build project delivery documents, guidance manuals, and training to support Design-Build project delivery throughout WSDOT. Prior to joining WSDOT in 2023, Melanie worked for multiple Design-Builders. She has a Master of Business Administration, and an MA in Management and Organizations.

**Amalie O'Connor** has been with Washington State Department of Transportation for a year and a half and currently serves as the Design-Build Liaison in the State Construction office. Prior to joining WSDOT, Amalie worked as a Budget Analyst for the Navy Controller in Washington, DC, as a Project Manager for Weyerhaeuser, and most recently as an Elementary and Special Education teacher. Amalie holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from St. Mary's College of Maryland, a Master's degree in elementary education from WGU, and a Special Education Endorsement from Seattle University.

**Jody Bedwell** has worked for Washing State Department of Transportation for one month and currently is the Design-Build Program Specialist. Prior to joining WSDOT she was a Teacher and Coordinator for a middle school in Los Angeles. Jody holds a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, ELA, and Teaching Credential from Long Beach State University.