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Dear Professor Johnson:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) would once again like to thank you and the University of Arizona (MLA) landscape architecture program for hosting a mock Virtual Site Visit (VSV) on November 9, 2020.

In response to COVID-19 and the postponement of in-person accreditation site visits, LAAB developed policies and procedures to conduct VSVs. To flesh out this process and ensure it was prepared to go in effect by Spring 2021, LAAB conducted two mock VSVs during Fall 2020 with recently accredited programs.

As a program with no recommendations during your most recent accreditation review, University of Arizona was identified as a program eligible to assist LAAB in hosting a mock VSV. The purpose of the mock VSV was for LAAB staff to coordinate logistics and security with the program, and work through file sharing and coordination aspects related to information in a SER.

Although it's only a mock visit and doesn't actually count toward your accreditation, LAAB understands this can be a burden on a program during an already stressful time. Therefore, participants received a 1-year extension of their current accreditation term in return for your efforts to prepare and participate. Accordingly, the MLA program, which was next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2025, is now scheduled for a review during the spring of 2026. Thank you again for your participation and support during this important accreditation operational adjustment.

Sincerely,

Kristopher D. Pritchard

Accreditation and Education Director