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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of **Ward Construction Company (WCC)**. WCC served as the general contractor with the Elizabeth C-1 School District for the construction of Singing Hills Elementary School from October, 1995 to July, 1996. The project was about \$3.6 million for construction and site improvements for a new 53,000 square foot elementary school. Stan Ward led the project which was completed on time, below budget, with minimal problems, and in general with very high quality of work.

Throughout the project, the work of WCC was very organized, completed in a timely manner, and open, honest, and consistent in terms of presenting information and handling situations which arose. The efforts by all people associated with the WCC team allowed the project to flow smoothly and be an enjoyable experience for the School Board and district personnel.

WCC began the project with great efficiency by getting mobilized very shortly after winning the "low bid" process, and continued to perform admirably throughout the project. The team was especially effective in handling a potential crisis when exterior block construction was being delayed at a time when the winter weather was approaching. To handle the situation, WCC quickly redesigned the project timeline and was able to schedule the structural steel sub-contractor to begin early to insure that both of these major parts of the project concluded with minimal project timeline impact. The handling of this situation was a key to the overall success of the project and was indicative of the quality problem solving that WCC personnel continually provided.

In addition, the experience and expertise of WCC also helped the project come in under budget without compromising quality. Suggestions were made in terms of project changes related to materials and sub-contractors that allowed the Elizabeth Schools to save over \$20,000 over the entire project.

In summary, all personnel associated with Ward Construction Company handled this project exceptionally well and were a major reason the project was a complete success for the Elizabeth C-1 School District.

Sincerely,

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Singing Hills Elementary School / LKA Partners Project No. 1663

Stan, this is just a note to express my appreciation to Ward Construction Company for the expertise and quality you and your staff demonstrated during the construction of the Singing Hills Elementary School.

As the Construction Administrator for this project, I especially appreciated the control you maintained with your Subcontractors. Difficulties that are common when dealing with a variety of Subcontractors, as this project entailed, requires the ability to manage and have extensive knowledge of each phase of the work. You and your staff performed this strenuous management operation outstandingly. This aspect alone gave myself and the Owner complete confidence in Ward Construction's ability.

Your attention to details in all aspects of the project demonstrated WCC's desire to produce a building with the quality required by all concerned. The efforts made by your staff to repair or replace unacceptable work assured us that the quality of construction was maintained throughout the entire project.

Working with WCC on the Singing Hills Elementary School project is the primary reason for this project being completed on time and within budget.

Again, my thanks for your professionalism, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

The LKA PARTNERS, Inc.



Rick J. Taves CSI, CDT
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