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**RE: J. Beard Management**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of J. Beard Management on its role as serving as a construction management company. I worked with J. Beard Management and its principal, Jimmy Beard while I was Superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools from 1997-2005 and prior to that as the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities Management for the same school district.

The company always provided top quality supervision of our construction projects on school construction and school renovations including site superintendents who were able to effectively coordinate contractors to ensure projects were completed on time and within budget. These projects also were closely monitored to protect the interests of our students, staff, and taxpayers. The company also effectively represented the district during construction meetings to be sure our objectives were clearly communicated to contractors.

J. Beard Management, as an MBE company, was also very helpful in achieving our goal of increasing MBE and WBE participation in projects. They worked closely with the architects, engineering firms, and the district in developing bidding practices and packages that would level the playing field in encouraging MBE/WBE firms to participate fairly in the bidding process. As a result we were able to obtain the services of a number of MBE/WBE companies that did outstanding work on many of our construction and renovation projects.

It is without reservation that I would recommend J. Beard Management to assist a school district in its school construction programs. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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