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Re: Cox Fire Protection

It has been my pleasure to have worked with Linda and Ron Cox and their company, Cox Fire Protection, for many years. They have been a wonderful client to work with through the years. During that entire time, they have demonstrated a clear understanding of the ethical foundation of a good business. In every instance they have not just talked the talk, but walked the walk. It has been exciting to watch the growth of the business and the development of the management skills through the years.

I have also had the opportunity of observing the participation of Ron and Linda Cox in Associated Builders and Contractors. This organization is the voice of commercial construction both locally and nationally. Ron has served as an officer and director of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of ABC for at least the last six (6) years culminating in his service as Chairman of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter in 2012. Linda has also been very active in this organization and has been a key factor in fostering the growth in participation by women in this organization. The chapter recently recognized the value of her work by naming her the Member of the Year for 2012. A well deserved honor.

Time after time, Linda and Ron Cox have shown themselves to be caring members of our community. This has clearly permeated the business and operation of Cox's Fire Protection resulting in an outstanding member of our business community as well as a strong contributor to the quality of life in our area.

They have my highest recommendation and my strongest support for their selection as the Small Business of the Year for 2013.

Sincerely yours:

Stephen D. Marlowe, Esq.