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Mr. Gene Guidi  
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Re: Springfield School District  
K-1 Literacy Center  
Burt Hill Project 06083.02

Dear Mr. Guidi:

I thank you and your firm for your roles in what has been the most satisfying project of my professional career, the Springfield Literacy Center. Regardless of whom I was dealing with, they were always professional, courteous, and helpful. Those employees included Dan Beerhalter, Jack Mannke, Joe Hogan, and Kathy Mastropietro -- all a pleasure to deal with and excellent representatives for E.P. Guidi.

The Literacy Center ended up being a 'perfect storm', with an owner who pushed the envelope of school design and had a thorough understanding of the construction process. We were fortunate to receive the mandate waiver from the PA Department of Education permitting the project to be bid as a single prime contract, and to have Guidi deliver the low bid for the General Construction on bid day.

During construction, I dealt with Mike Donofry, as Project Manager, and Scott Gramlich and Steve Klapy, as Project Superintendents. Each of these employees was helpful and looked ahead at potential, upcoming issues. Most questions were presented with suggestions on how to resolve the issue, and even more importantly, came early enough that a response could be thought through without it becoming a schedule issue in the field. Quality was always first on their agenda, as evident by the General Building Contractors Association Construction Excellence Award for 'Best Green Building Project'.

Mike Donofry, in my opinion, did an excellent job in his role of Project Manager. As in every construction project, disagreements did occur. Mike was quick to discuss those disagreements and to work towards a resolution that all parties believed fair. The submittal process was stream lined as Mike worked to submit only products or manufactures that were included in the specifications. Changes are bound to occur on a project, and again, Mike's change order pricing was always fair.

In closing, you should be very proud of your project team and the image they present for your firm. I would be very surprised if I am fortunate enough to work with another team like this one in the final 20 years of my career.

Sincerely,

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