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White Sands Construction, Inc.
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Attn.: Catin Curry

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Curry,

Lusona is pleased to provide you with a letter of recommendation and description of performance for the recently completed project at Hobbs High School. Lusona was the consulting architect to Greer Stafford SJCF, Inc., the architect of record, and acted as Project Manager and Construction Contract Administrator for this Project.

Hobbs High School Phase 4.1 consisted of a complete renovation and alteration of two major classroom wings on the High School campus, encompassing more than 61,000 square feet at the cost of more than \$4,400,000.00. The 300 Classroom Wing remodel included the relocation of classrooms and functions, all new interior finishes, lockers and doors; a new state of the art Culinary Arts classroom; new computer labs; all new electrical power, lighting and special systems, new HVAC equipment and a new roof. The 600 Classroom Wing included the creation of new classroom and lab spaces; all new interior finishes, lockers and doors; all new electrical power, lighting and special systems; the complete replacement of laboratory casework and a new addition for house all of the Science Department materials. This was a very large undertaking.

The time frame for this renovation was from May 13, 2013 to August 12, 2013, a total of three months. A very short period of time. From the beginning of the project, there were delays outside White Sands Construction control. The building permit was delayed by the State of New Mexico by two weeks, which delayed the execution of their contracts. Both buildings contained asbestos and the abatement process was not completed until early July! White Sands was well organized and adapted to the weekly changes on this job. All consideration of Change Orders due to these delays were tabled until they could clearly meet their goal.

White Sands Construction provided two full time Job Superintendents, Marc Davis and John Ballin. Unlike some Superintendents, these were working Superintendents and earned the respect of their co-workers, subcontractors, the Owners and the Architect. We believe this superintendent team was fully responsible for gaining occupancy by the start of school. Marc Davis remained calm and articulate at all the weekly progress meetings. He demonstrated that he had full knowledge of and control of the project.

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Levi WilliamSon was a well organized and though Project Manager, which provided for an efficient submittal process and complete pricing information on all change order requests. These actions and an open and honest dialogue, helped provide a good working relationship with the Owners and Architect. White Sands Construction also has a professional office staff working behind the scenes. They assisted both the Project Manager and Superintendents in achieving their goals. The Close-out documentation was very complete and no requests for additional information were needed. This truly was a team effort!

School did start on time and allowances were made in the definition of substantial completion, due to many issues; including unknown and concealed conditions in the plumbing and electrical systems, added scope of work during construction and the other delays stated above. White Sands Construction remained on site to complete the work and provided the Owners with a quality product. Their organizational skills, dedicated and skilled craftsmen provided Hobbs Municipal Schools with a successful project.

We would unconditionally recommend White Sands Construction, Inc. for another project.

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