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To Whom it May Concern,

I can recommend Brian Burk without reservation for any construction project. I have known Brian professionally for 16 years, and have worked with him on over \$30 million dollars of high end complex institutional projects.

While working with Brian, I was the Principal in Charge for each of the projects I am going to summarize. I was in charge of each project from the first design meeting to the Dedication Ceremony. I attended virtually all construction meetings, so I am able to accurately convey what it is like to work with Brian.

It should be pointed out that each of these projects was a public "Low Bid" project, which can sometimes be a challenge. These were all projects that were much more complex than most projects, either because of design and materials, or specialized equipment, or both. In all cases, Brian was intimately involved in each project and served as the Project Manager. He attended virtually all construction meetings and was the point of contact and decision making for all issues. He is very knowledgeable about all construction issues and was excellent at helping to resolve the inevitable challenges that arise during construction. I always felt like the Owner was treated fairly. Brian's goal is to construct buildings, not point fingers.

Our first project was the American Fork Library. This 32,000 SF project blended the traditional masonry detailing of American Fork's original buildings with the "High Tech" design of an all glass rotunda. This project transformed the town's central park, where it was built.

The next project was the 54,000 SF Jordan Applied Technology Building, which is a joint use building between the Jordan School District and Salt Lake Community College. Located on SLCC's Jordan Campus, this building included college level labs for Veterinary Technicians, Medical Assistants, Physical Therapy Assistants, Bio-Tech Assistants, Pharmacy Assistants, and Dental Assistants.

Most recently, is the Kauri Sue Hamilton School for Children with Disabilities. This almost 100,000 SF project is the cutting edge facility for children with sever multiple disabilities. The school has an international reputation, and was the first of its kind to be built on two levels. This exceptionally complex project required 14 foot of fill and included a lot of specialized equipment including a pool and institutional kitchen. Even more amazing was Brain's ability to bring the project in on schedule and budget, given the very compressed 12 month construction time frame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Smith".

Barry Smith, LEED AP
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