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Regarding: Aurora Public Schools
Jamaica Child Development Center
APS New Beginnings – Infant, Toddler and Preschool

Reference: Letter of Recommendation for Ward Construction

To whom it may concern,

Aurora Public Schools contracted with Ward Construction as a CMGC for the above noted project and we are extremely pleased with the outcome. Ward's scope included design assistance and budgeting, developing a construction team of worthy subcontractors and vendors, construction of a 9080 square foot single story wood frame building in addition to a new school outdoor play area and site improvements.

Ward Construction had completed projects with Aurora Public Schools in the past, but this project had some special challenges. The project was funded by the Piton and Oakwood Foundations and staying within the budget was important. The project had to be completed within 100 calendar days so that school could open in January 2014. During the construction period we had an extreme wet weather delay in September and subfreezing cold in late November and we lost 10 construction days. Ward Construction was able to handle the scope and challenges and completed the project one week earlier than scheduled. This allowed school staff more time to move into the building and prepare for the first day of school.

I was extremely pleased with the Ward Construction management team of Stan Ward, project manager and Dale Harrington, superintendent. They continually impressed me with their professional, proactive approach with their vendors and subcontractor members to resolve problems and complete on time. There were no disagreements among team members, only team effort. Both Stan and Dale were instrumental in making this a highly successful project for the school district with top quality work, on time performance and staying within budget.

Thank you,

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Re: Ward Construction Co.
Englewood, Colorado

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of reference for Ward Construction. I had the opportunity to work with the team from Ward Construction during the recent construction of a new 9,000 square foot childcare cottage building constructed at the Jamaica Early Childhood Education site for Aurora Public Schools.

The new Jamaica Childcare Building was built using a CM/GC process due to the rigorous design and construction schedule for the District. The facility was awarded funding for the project through a grant from The Piton Foundation in May of 2013 and required pre-school classes to be up and running in the new building by January of 2014. Eidos Architects started work with the team at Ward Construction during the Design Development phase of the design work in July 2013 in order to refine the construction type and track the project budget. Working with the Ward team early-on in the process helped us to make decisions with the Owner that would allow the building to be built and operational in less than four months. We had no doubt that Ward would finish the project on schedule.

The abilities of the team from Ward made for a truly successful completion of the project. Project management was incredibly thorough and organized by Stan Ward. His ability to stay on top of coordination of subcontractors, multiple review agencies and the District maintenance and operations staff was instrumental in the ability to keep the project schedule on track. The experience of the onsite Project Superintendent, Dale Harrington, was key to the quality and delivery of the project. Project challenges at the site were very unique due to the location of the new facility, which was built behind the existing Jamaica School. This made site access, utility work and drainage very difficult. Dale worked with school neighbors to get site access across their property, tirelessly worked to keep subcontractors on schedule and coordinated numerous unforeseen conditions including historic level floods. He is a great asset to have on a challenging construction project!

We have worked with Ward Construction on three projects over the last 4 years and I hope to be able to continue work with them again in the future. Their team shows a real dedication to providing a quality project with detailed attention to budget and schedule.

If you have any questions about this recommendation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Project Architect

