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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ward Construction Company. After working with them on a \$6,500,000 new building for Aish Denver, I am confident that they would make a significant, positive contribution to any construction project because of their professionalism, skill and dedication.

My role was as project manager for the complete construction project of the Aish Denver Shul.

From the very beginning, the Ward Construction team worked tirelessly to understand the needs of the shul and respect the unique requirements of the project and its schedule. We worked with Stan Ward and Paul Sommer, as well as Greg Thompson who was the on site project supervisor. All of them are extremely knowledgeable about construction, but always communicate clearly and effectively in non-technical language. Stan is extremely conscientious in managing field projects and does so in a way that is respectful of the owner as well as those who are doing the work. He is also endlessly patient with the complex process that can result when a committee is involved in a construction project.

Everyone on the Ward team responds quickly to changing situations on a job, and they are creative in helping to find solutions to the construction problems that inevitably arise. The Ward team always maintains a sense of humor and a sense of perspective, all of which are invaluable in a successful project. As we near the end of our project, we can still count on Ward to be responsive and helpful, long after other contractors are often disinterested, at best.

Having been involved in construction project management for many years, I have worked with a large number of contractors. Ward Construction ranks among those whom I hold in highest regard. Their honesty, dedication, creativity and hard work make them a pleasure to work with. The standards of quality and care to which they hold themselves and the importance they place on relationships make them invaluable to owners and project managers.

Sincerely,

Neil Olesky  
Project Manager for Aish Denver



February 4, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Ward Construction was selected as the Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CMGC) for the Aish Ahavas Synagogue late in 2007. The project was completed in September 2008 just in time for the congregation to celebrate the High Holidays in their new spiritual home. Even with a condensed 8 month construction schedule, Ward easily met the challenge of building a new 19,400 SF structure on the 2.4 acre site while maintaining parking and access to the existing building that was to remain in use until the new facility was completed. Their schedule was further limited by the client's requirement that no work be done on Jewish holidays or Saturdays in observance of the Sabbath.

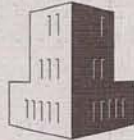
Ward Construction exhibited their expertise early on in the project by providing thorough review of the design documents, cost estimating and value engineering. Their careful evaluation of the drawings and resulting comments and recommendations greatly improved the constructability of the building and minimized change orders.

The continuity of Ward's team members throughout the project also contributed to its success. Stan Ward and Paul Sommer were highly involved from design development through construction completion. Project information was not lost as the project transitioned into a new phase. Greg Thompson, Project Superintendent, skillfully guided the project schedule and daily site management, going above and beyond to accommodate the project team as well as members of the congregation. Unique features of the project, including the construction of a mikvah- a ritual immersion pool--required careful planning and execution to achieve the required results.

Ward's ability to work as part of a team with the architect, client, and owner's representative resulted in a positive project experience. Ward's commitment to a successful process is apparent in the completed building; it met the client's budget, schedule, and exceeded their expectations.

Sincerely,

Duane Crawmer, Principal



## Construction Management & Consulting, L.L.C.

February 6, 2009

Stan Ward, Paul Sommer and Greg Thompson  
Ward Construction Company  
2750 South Shoshone Street. Suite 315  
Englewood, CO 80110

Re: Aish Ahavas Yisroel Synagogue

Dear Stan, Paul and Greg,

As the owner's representative, I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for Ward Construction's unprecedented performance on our project. I have been in the construction industry for over 35 years and have not worked with a better general contractor. Your project team members were consummate professionals, knowledgeable, problem solvers, team players and goal orientated.

During the pre-construction and early construction stages of the project, your construction expertise and attention to detail became very evident. The value engineering services provided were instrumental in meeting the construction budget without jeopardizing the owner's programming requirements or quality of the construction. I was very impressed with Ward Construction's understanding of the project documents and the thoroughness of your submittal reviews ensuring constructability and no material delivery delays.

The construction process was seamless and met all of the owner's expectations. Your subcontractor management and scheduling skills were exceptional. Even though Phase I construction began in the middle of winter, Ward Construction built the new 19,500 s.f. facility in just over eight months allowing owner occupancy prior to the Jewish High Holidays. And just as impressive, Ward's phasing and planning skills, on a very small site, allowed the owner to occupy, conduct regular business operations and religious events in the existing adjacent facility while the new building was constructed, which presented many challenges, all of which were met. Not once did any of the staff or 250+ congregation members ever mention a construction related problem or inconvenience during the very demanding and time sensitive project.

Closing out a project is typically a very difficult process, but not in this case. Ward Construction's responsiveness in completing the punch list and addressing warranty items could not have been better. The quality of work was never an issue.

I also want to thank you for addressing all of the owner's needs in the many design changes which occurred during the fast-paced construction process. Impressively, change orders amounted to only 2% of the construction budget. This is a testament to your thoroughness in working with our design team helping to ensure that the Construction Documents were inclusive of the project scope..

Without a doubt, Ward Construction was the driving force in the success of our project. I have had many happy owners before, but none happier than this client. Rabbi Meyer refers to the project as a "Miracle". Your "no excuses" attitude were not just words, you did what you said you were going to do. It was a pleasure working with all of the Ward Construction team and I look forward to the opportunity of working with you again on a future project!

Sincerely,

Cliff Shumway

Aish Ahavas Yisroel - Owner's Representative

Cc: Mr. Neil Olesky, Aish Officer