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Re: Ward Construction

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ward Construction for any future construction projects. I have been very pleased with the work of Ward Construction and have worked with them on several projects. Most recently, I worked with them on a building expansion to an existing school, Parker Core Knowledge Charter School.

The school recently built a 23,000sf two-story addition and remodeled about 10,000sf of the existing school. They chose Ward Construction from a list of selected contractors that were interviewed. They lived up to everything they said they would do in the interview process and were very instrumental in making sure that the school would re-open on time. The project had a very difficult timeline. It was necessary to get planning approvals, building department approvals, and the school's building corporation approvals all done prior to even starting construction. Paul Sommer and Stan Ward were instrumental in getting work done up front with their pre-construction services that helped maintain the tight schedule. They also were very flexible in phasing a portion of the project to aid teachers in relocating furniture from one portion of the school to another.

The project also had an extremely tight budget. Through the contractor's efforts, we were able to get preliminary budget estimates quickly, enabling the school and design team to make critical decisions on how to proceed with multiple concepts. Once the project started, they kept tight reins on the subcontractors in order to keep the project moving along and on budget.

This project wouldn't have been nearly as successful if not for the strong work ethic, dedication to doing a fine job, and professional attitudes from the top down. Their ability to make the client happy, work with tight schedules and budgets, all while helping the design team in their efforts, made this a pleasant project to work on and we look forward to working with Ward Construction again.

Cordially,

Kris Belter, AIA  
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To earn a letter of recommendation, a business must provide a particular product or service in such an outstanding manner that they stand out among the rest. For Parker Core Knowledge (PCK), Ward Construction did just that...not just once, but twice.

In 2010, Parker Core Knowledge embarked on a large facility expansion and selected Ward Construction to manage the project. PCK chose Ward Construction to handle the new project, in large part, because of our prior positive experience working with them. During both construction projects, Ward worked closely with the architect, school personnel and various state and county entities to ensure the project met our specifications and, most importantly, was completed on time and on budget. The most recent project included significant retrofit in the existing facility, including connecting the new wing to the existing building, and the end result was a seamless interface.

From the very start, Stan Ward and Paul Sommers were very responsive to the particular needs of our project. Even though we had a tight timeline and budget, the Ward team worked hard to clearly define our needs, establish a project plan that would get the job done on time, and they stayed in close communication with the PCK team responsible for overseeing the project. I was particularly impressed this second time around with the level of communication, the personal attention we were shown, the cost-saving options offered, and the efficiency by which the entire project was managed. The project manager onsite, Greg Thompson, did an outstanding job of managing the day-to-day construction of our new 22, 000 sq. ft. two-story facility. He skillfully managed the overall project plan, which included the handling of multiple sub contractors, and he took great care to ensure a safe work site for our students, staff and parents. Greg also kept me informed of the project's progress on a near daily basis... Ward's communication with us as a client was exceptional!

As with the first project, Ward Construction delivered our most recent project on time and within budget, and they continued to stay close in the weeks following the project's completion to ensure all final details were completed to our satisfaction. Personally, I found the Ward Construction staff to be personable, knowledgeable, reasonable, and easy to work with...even under pressure.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ward Construction to other schools and businesses. Thanks to the outstanding job done by Ward Construction, Parker Core Knowledge is a very satisfied customer.

Respectfully,

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