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RE: Letter of Recommendation – Supervisor Certificate, General Contractor’s Class “A” License.

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Scott Ascherman and his company, Colorado Designscapes, Inc. (CDI), to you and your organization. Scott and his company have been and remains one of Denver Public Schools’ most responsive, supportive, and successful general contractor firms to date. Mr. Ascherman is a hands-on general contractor who has a broad range of commercial and residential construction experience - from landscaping to multi-story building restoration projects.

In 1999, Mr. Ascherman became our first general contractor for the District’s Elementary School Playground and Learning Landscape Program - the only comprehensive public school program of its kind in the nation which creates an outdoor classroom learning environment while providing a school/community park. To date, CDI has completed some thirty-four different Learning Landscape projects which, in turn, have greatly improved the educational environment for over 10,000 DPS elementary students. Each project site includes the construction of reinforced concrete play pits, as well as the erection of a 15-foot high shade and gateway structural elements of steel, masonry, or a combination of both. Scott also has had general supervision of other building trades to include electrical and plumbing. Of special interest, Scott Ascherman’s company constructed an 11-foot high, 90-foot long reinforced concrete retaining wall at Cowell Elementary School in July 2001. This project required an excavation trench that was more than 10-feet deep in some sections, which meant shoring procedures.

Under Scott’s leadership, CDI has repeatedly demonstrated that it is a company invested in both the aesthetic and technical aspects. They have a proven track record that exemplifies a total dedication to each project while performing in a timely, professional, and flexible manner. CDI’s customer relationship has always been outstanding – always focused on the Owner’s priorities and requirements. In 2004, CDI was called upon to respond to an emergency situation when the DPS Administration Building experienced a 12-inch water main break in its basement complex. The clean-up and building restoration project, which was a 24-7 operation during the first two weeks, included several building trades which noted Mr. Ascherman’s extensive involvement.

Should you or your organization have any further questions regarding Colorado Designscapes' construction experience and/or administration performance, please contact me at your convenience. Colorado Designscapes is a first-rate construction firm with extremely capable and dedicated professionals, one that I recommend to your organization with complete confidence.

Sincerely,

Charles Burdo
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