

April 1, 2010

Re: Recommendation of Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc.

To Whom it May Concern:

As a leading firm for the past 35 years in the design of education projects, WLC Architects, Inc. has worked with hundreds of contractors, large and small. Out of those many projects, there are only a handful of contractors that consistently stand out as firms we truly look forward to working with and hope we get on our projects, and Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. is one of them.

We have had the pleasure of working with Lathrop on several projects in the Bay Area over the past 10 years, including the \$34 million new Lovonya DeJean Middle School and the \$120 million new El Cerrito High School, both for West Contra Costa Unified School District. Both were challenging projects that were completed on time and with minimal change orders.

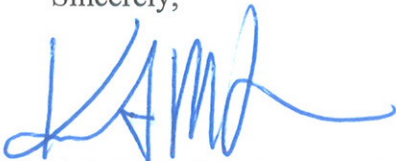
Lathrop Construction consistently approaches a project with the attitude of making the Owner and the Architect partners in a successful project. Their on-site staff is knowledgeable, easy to work with, and very proficient at keeping on schedule and managing subcontractors. They are there to get the job done right and move on.

Even in challenging bid environments, Lathrop looks for reliable high quality subcontractors who will install a quality product. They are adept at working with DSA project inspectors and dealing with the necessary state paperwork.

Lathrop Construction's sense of urgency and desire to keep the paperwork to a necessary minimum allows the project to progress smoothly. If there is an issue on site, they do not hesitate to step in to make sure it gets resolved prior to having costly changes to the Owner.

We have been very satisfied with the performance of Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. and would not hesitate to recommend them for consideration by your District for work.

Sincerely,



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