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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ~ CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

Dear School District Administrators,

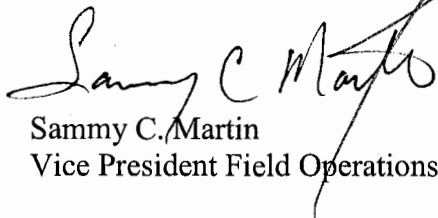
We have been fortunate to work with Huckabee Architects on several projects over our 26 years as a General Contractor/Construction Manager and consider them to be one of the finest Architects we have worked with. There are several factors to consider when working with an Architectural firm as a General Contractor to have a truly successful project.

The first factor to a successful project is the quality of the Construction Documents including both the drawings and the written specifications. Without detailed, quality construction documents, completing a successful project within the Owner's budget and schedule is very difficult. In all of our projects with Huckabee Architects the design team has had an above average understanding of the Owner's needs and requirements and has incorporated all of the program requirements into the construction documents. The thoroughness and quality of documents produced by the Huckabee design team allow for all contractors to provide accurate, competitive bids resulting in a project with fewer change orders, fewer time extensions and overall better quality.

Another important factor is the Construction Administration. All projects will have issues during construction requiring the collaboration and compromise between the Contractor and Architect. Huckabee Architects has an excellent team of Construction Administrators that work with the Contractor to solve any issues in a fair and timely manner for both the Contractor and on behalf of the Owner. The Construction Administration personnel at Huckabee Architects have a strong, working knowledge of all aspects of the construction process from design, code review, permitting, bidding, construction, close-out and warranty. Having the Huckabee team as the Architect will ensure a smooth process from inception to occupancy.

The final consideration and most important aspect is the relationship between the Construction Team and the Design Team. With the potential for a wide range of personalities among all of the people involved in the construction process, we have never had a personality conflict with anyone from Huckabee. This has led to a trusting relationship we have been able to develop and has been the leading factor to numerous successful projects we have completed with Huckabee Architects.

Sincerely,



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Vice President Field Operations