



12 January 2010

Subject: Recommendation letter for Apex Construction, Kelly Michon, President

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pride that I provide this recommendation for Apex Construction, which is currently the preferred General Contractor for Ventura County Health Care Agency. Ventura County HCA is comprised of two Acute Care Hospitals and 61 licensed clinics throughout eight cities. As the Director of facilities for Ventura County HCA, I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Michon on various tenant improvement projects, emergency repairs, mold remediation, new construction, and inspections/repairs for our JCAHO BMP Life Safety Statement of Conditions rated assemblies. Mr. Michon's company presents their abilities within the construction industry in a safe, responsible and professional manner.

In regard to Apex Construction's construction services for various HCA buildings, Kelly, as the president of the company has personally taken time to meet with me with regard to issues that may come up and/or answer questions I may have in a timely manner. The Superintendent's that are assigned to our projects take the time to ensure that all schedule milestones are met and within budget.

Over the past 10 years I have worked with Mr. Michon on various projects. The most challenging project was the restoration of a complete hospital in which was closed for over three years. This was to be the first project of this magnitude in the State of California for a rural hospital to reopen. In particular, the hospital was in such bad shape the walls, ceilings, utilities, and entire environment was looked at by many other Health Care provided as beyond repair. One of the challenges was to have it opened with-in nine months and within budget. Together we worked as a Team against both time, cost, and insurmountable odds. The OSHPD and DHS challenges in itself were extremely stressful. Apex construction proved to be one of the contributing factors that the Santa Clara Valley now has a fully licensed Acute Care Hospital.

HCA has chosen Apex Construction over the years for approximately 140 various other projects. Simply based on the great management and workmanship they provide. Most recently, various projects this year included the following:

- Sierra Vista Outpatient Clinic, Simi Valley. 35,000 sf tenant improvement consisting of: Ambulatory Care, Public Health, Mental Health, Radiology, and Family Practice. All of which are licensed clinics built to OSHPD III standards. All schedules were met and within budget.

- Ventura County Medical Center Neurology Clinic, Ventura, 5600sf Outpatient Neurology clinic.
Complete restoration and TI fully licensed

- Ventura County Medical Center Emergency Department renovation, 18,000 sf, Ventura.
Completed renovation within budget, on time, while the Emergency Department was in full operation. Apex followed all IRCA (infection control construction risk assessment) procedures as well as worked with our OSHPD IOR and AIA without any negative impact and or construction related issues.

Should you have any questions with regard to this letter of recommendation, -please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned at 805 652-6636 or via e-mail at Tom.Underwood@ventura.org

Sincerely,



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