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Construction Keystone Awards
AGC of St. Louis
6330 Knox Industrial Drive, Suite 200
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Re: Testimonial Letter for Interface Construction Corporation

Dear Judges:

St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis has been systematically upgrading and updating inpatient areas throughout the hospital. The most recent upgrade occurred on the hospital's 4th floor nursing unit. Although this might sound easy, the project actually involved installing shower facilities in all of the patient rooms and significant upgrades to the HVAC systems serving the unit. This still might sound easy except for the fact that the unit was required to remain open throughout the required 10 month schedule.

The project involved upgrades to 30 patient rooms and complete redesign of the nursing support areas. The plumbing requirements impacted patient areas both above and below the renovated areas. Thus the project was extremely complex from a logistical standpoint requiring five separate phases to maximize inpatient capacity during the project time frame.

The infection control risk assessment of the project dictated that aggressive controls be put in place for dust control, negative air pressurization of construction zones, and the management of workforce behaviors required to minimize infections control risks in the health care setting. In addition, the management of interim life safety measures was equally complex.

Interface Construction managed and performed this work in an exemplary fashion. The project schedule was met and project costs were under budget projections. Quite frankly, from our previous experience with Interface Construction, we expected exemplary performance and, as they often do, they exceeded our expectations. That is the single reason why we consider Interface Construction one of our most valued partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald E. Wojtkowski".

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