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Mr. Robert Uhrich
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Dear Robert:

As we close the B Building Renovation project and move into high gear on the Center for Career and Technical Education (CCTE) building project, I am pausing a moment to acknowledge the quality of work that has gone into the construction of the B Building. The contractors have been thanked; the foremen have been sent acknowledgements and the faculty and staff appreciated for their input towards the design of this excellent new building. An acknowledgement would not be possible if you and your firm had not invested your time effort and creativity into producing a building design that will serve Columbia Basin College well into the foreseeable future.

In conjunction with the professional architectural expertise you provided, your insight and sharing of personal experience brought depth to the conceptual planning activities. Your knowledge of the LEED program and how best to incorporate sustainability into our new building, has placed us in the position of receiving Gold certification from the USGB. Well done! We have appreciated the enthusiasm and collaborative atmosphere you brought to our meetings. These traits always produced measurable and valid results; the end result being a set of construction drawings that left little to interpretation, change orders at a minimum and a completed project that will serve the College Business division and the new Bachelors program. It has been a pleasure to work with a firm whose staff is as excited about the projects as we are and I truly look forward to continuing the relationship through the construction of the CCTE building.

In my 36 years of experience, you and your firm rank high with me in the categories of due diligence, integrity, and effort. As you continue with other projects, please feel comfortable in using my name as a reference. Feel free to visit the campus with guests, we are always happy to show others the campus you have helped to create.

Thanks again to you and your staff for your efforts on the B Building project. I look forward to continuing our great working relationship on the construction of the CCTE building.

Sincerely,



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