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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my pleasure to work with the architectural firm of Holger C. Christiansen & Partners during the past year.

They have served as the planning and design consultants for a project to expand student facilities on the campus of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Doug Hagen has been the project coordinator, and Holger Christiansen has kept close to the project himself to offer his advice and assistance as appropriate. Their tasks were to conduct a feasibility study to test the viability of the proposed project site and financial plan; to develop a preliminary design concept with floor plans, elevations, and massing model; and to assist in the promotion of the project with various University constituencies. In all aspects they have been an outstanding firm to work with.

I have been especially impressed with their responsiveness to our unique interests and needs; and with constituencies as diverse as our students, faculty, and staff, that is no small accomplishment! They asked probing questions, listened attentively, and then used their professional expertise to translate our fumbling wishes into feasible proposals. I appreciated the fact that they were always frank and honest with their recommendations (even though they sometimes risked the possibility of offending some individuals), because their objective, professional viewpoint was invaluable.

This project posed serious challenges because of a number of site constraints. The new building must be integrally interconnected with the existing student center; it is situated on a steep slope; and it is in close proximity to three other buildings. The architects' proposed solutions address all of these potential problems, yet their designs are creative, aesthetic, and functional.

I could not be more pleased with the working relationship that I have enjoyed with Holger C. Christiansen and Partners during the past year. If you have any questions about my experiences with them, do not hesitate to call me at 593-3264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ronald E. Wisner'.

Ronald E. Wisner
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