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To Whom It May Concern:

From Ted H. Moses, Principal

Reference:

Orleans Parish Prison – DOCKS Renovations

MEI Project No. 2016-061

Subject:

CDW Services, Letter of Recommendation

Moses Engineers, Inc. was the prime designer for the City of New Orleans' OPP Docks Renovation. This 5,000 sq. ft. renovation transformed a 1927 era prison into a modern holding cell facility with direct access to the Criminal District Courts building. This project included a new three story stairway built inside an existing prison exercise yard and a one floor stair connecting the holding cells to a new courtroom in the Criminal District Courts.

During the year and a half construction time period, prisoner was maintained through the renovated areas to all Criminal District courtrooms' holding cells. Additionally, construction occurred with tenants directly below the renovated spaces and with all the courtrooms in full operations. CDW constantly adjusted their construction schedule to avoid loud noises, work within the prisoner high security environment and worked weekend or after hours to keep the project on schedule.

Additional issues made this project more challenging like working in 1927 building with no record drawings or information on existing conditions. CDW also encountered issues with connecting to aged power, plumbing, security, fire alarm, fire protection and control systems that were in need of repair/replacement.

Through all this adversity, CDW kept their sub-contractors focused and managed expectations. Their quality control was very good resulting in a manageable final punch list.

This was a difficult project and CDW was unfazed. They did an admirable job and we can recommend them for other projects without hesitation.

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