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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter on behalf of Battco Construction and Maintenance, Inc. and its owners Joe Battaglia and Mike Battaglia. I have known and worked closely with Battco since May of 1995 on various projects in Southeast Louisiana with my job as Construction Supervisor for EZ Serve, Retif Oil, and as Project Manager with Trammel Crow. There has been a close professional relationship that has prospered through the years.

During our relationship, Battco has handled many different projects of varying cost values and difficulties. One of our largest projects was a negotiated multi-site, fast track \$2,800,000 re-image program that included over 140 convenience stores throughout Louisiana and South Mississippi. This re-image project was completed in 90 days. Battco also constructed a \$780,000.00 lube oil storage tank farm, packaging facility and warehouse loading dock on the Harvey Canal in Harvey, La. This waterfront project presented many unique engineering and environmental challenges. Both projects were completed on time and in a quality manner. Battco also implemented a very aggressive safety program and completed both these high risk jobs without a single safety incident.

I have worked with Battco on many projects from small remodel to large site development. Their team has a wide range of experience and expertise in all facets of building construction.

Joey and Mike have many fine qualities, specifically dependability, attention to detail, and exceptional communication skills. They always display the highest degree of professionalism in the work environment. There aren't many contractors in this area with the expertise and knowledge that Battco offers.

I would highly recommend Battco Construction and Maintenance, Inc. for any of your construction needs.

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