

July 27, 2009

RE: **Porter Brothers Construction, Inc.**
Edgewood, WA
Subject: **Lakewood Police Station**
Lakewood, WA

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to offer my unqualified recommendation of Porter Brothers Construction as a general contractor for highly complex public projects. We have recently completed the final inspection on the new Lakewood Police Station, an approximately \$10 million, 43,000 square foot project with a number of complicated and specialized spaces on a small and restrictive site. Porter Brothers demonstrated a keen insight into the management and construction of this high profile project.

In my opinion, Porter Brothers' success results from effective leadership in the field and in the office, good teaming and communication skills, and diligent and detailed follow-through. For the Lakewood Police Station, they maintained a good relationship with neighboring landowners, helped coordinate the extensive utility and infrastructure work along Lakewood Drive, the busy thoroughfare adjacent to the project, kept the Owner and design team informed of the impacts of scheduled construction, accommodated separate contracts for furnishings and equipment, and generally maintained a high quality of craft and workmanship.

The finished project includes a deeply excavated partial basement with direct access to Lakewood Drive, a main level with detailed masonry and detailed metalwork, a police vehicle fuelling station, multiple underground treatment structures and utilities, an indoor tactical firing range, and an array of specialties, including dedicated HVAC systems, security electronics, and detention hardware and equipment. This work was accomplished with a consistent attention detail and a proactive approach to team problem solving.

We have completed public and institutional projects with multiple jurisdictions in Washington for the last 35 years. In that time, there have been few projects with the quality of teaming, open communication, and good rapport that characterized our experience with Porter Brothers on the Lakewood Police Station. Please do not hesitate to call or write me if you would like to discuss Porter Brothers' qualifications in more detail.

Respectfully,



Jason A. Ramay, AIA, LEED AP
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