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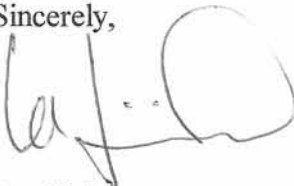
Subject: Recommendation for Dario Dimare, Dario Designs, Inc.

The Quad-City Times had the pleasure of working with Dario Designs in 1999. The staff at Dario Designs was most professional and very thorough. We requested a complete existing conditions study and plan to re-design office space as well as the Packaging and Bindery area.

Dario was very straightforward and when he was not sure of the answer he simply replied, "I do not know at this time". It was very refreshing to deal with a firm that was completely honest. Dario also offered great detail on every aspect of the Production of a Newspaper from press hall alignment to waste handling. He clearly knows the business. All of our questions were answered and at the conclusion of the study it seemed that Dario Designs knew as much if not more about our operation than we knew.

I would highly recommend Dario Designs for any needs in the Architecture, Design, Planning, or consulting area of any Newspaper Facility project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Jividen', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Lee Jividen  
Packaging Manager, Quad-City Times