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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Dario Designs, Inc. The Daily News used their firm for our packaging/distribution expansion.

If you are considering expanding an existing facility, I would recommend utilizing Dario Designs considerable skills in doing a Master Plan. Master Planning a facility is a formidable task. Dario Designs has an established and proven process for evaluating existing facilities and how they relate to future needs. Because of their experience and guidance in Master Planning, we literally went 180 degrees from where we thought our expansion would occur. This happened because Dario Designs helped us take the long-term view of our site and existing facilities and how they should expand.

We hired Dario Designs architectural and engineering services for our packaging/distribution expansion because of their specialized knowledge of the newspaper business. As a result, we have a very functional, attractive, and affordable building.

Please contact me if you have more specific questions.

Sincerely,

Pipes Gaines

Publisher