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Dario D. D. DiMare, AIA
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Dear Dario:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation of you and your firm and the services you performed in our renovation project. Your study was completed in January of 1996 and our project was completed in January of 1998. We followed your layout and recommendations almost to the letter resulting in a complete remodeling of our pressroom facility and a new press installation.

I do not believe I have seen a more detailed and concise study which provided 4 options for our consideration. I reviewed your project submissions this morning and was impressed all over again.

You performed your services exactly on the schedule you proposed and at the price you quoted, and I might add, you were the only contractor to do so in the entire project. Your services were tantamount to all other contractor's services.

Please feel free to use me as a reference with any customer.

Warmest regards,



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