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To Whom It May Concern:

The Columbian is a 54,000 daily/64,000 Sunday circulation newspaper located in Vancouver, Washington. We have been looking at site and facility options for more than five years, due to an aging and inadequate facility.

I hired Dario Dimare in 1998 to do a masterplan for The Columbian, and to make recommendations on site selection, building design, mailroom flow and press configuration.

In getting to know Dario, I was impressed with his passion for the newspaper industry and his knowledge of the production process. He is an expert in newspaper site and facilities issues, and has an impressive and extensive working knowledge of all issues related to plant and major equipment. Dario was extremely competent through every phase of the project, and consistently exceeded our expectations. For example, he generated street level views and suggested architectural appointments for each alternative he presented.

I would not hesitate to recommend Dario to any company considering a project, whether it be a retrofit of an older plant, or a completely new design. He has done both projects for us, and we have been extremely happy with the result.

Sincerely,



Scott Campbell  
Publisher

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