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September 15, 2003

Gutknecht Construction  
1925 East Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

KAL Electric  
7001 Tunnel Road  
Glouster, Ohio 45732

Re: Ohio University Innovation Center

Gentlemen:

With this letter I wish to thank you and congratulate you all for a job well done at the Innovation Center.

We understood from the beginning that the schedule was too short, the budget was too tight and that these issues combined with the weather and the federal funding would conspire to make life difficult during the construction of this challenging project.

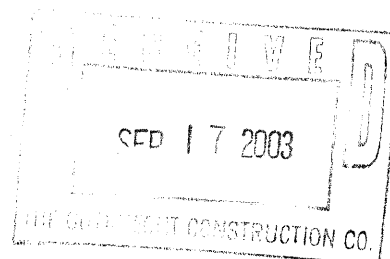
Nevertheless, Gutknecht with the special attention of Joe Caprio and Jamie Weisant, and KAL with the extra care of Dirk Walton and Tony Breeze were able to meet all obstacles with patience, skill and diligence.

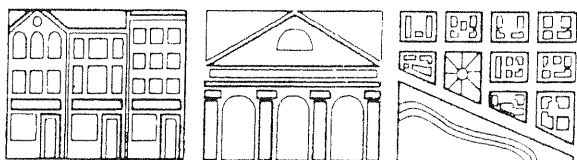
I thank you all for bearing with us and making the Innovation Center a success.

Yours sincerely,

David B. Callahan, Architect

cc: Richard Shultz  
Linda Clark





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March 12, 2003

Gutknecht Construction  
1925 East Livingston Avenue  
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Attn: Jeff Feinman/Jamie Weisent

Re: Ohio University Innovation Center

Dear Jeff and Jamie:

I would like to commend Gutknecht Construction for the fine work you have been doing at the Innovation Center at Ohio University.

This difficult project, with its pressing completion schedule and demanding construction issues, has been a challenge from the beginning.

Your project team, and in particular your field superintendent, has been highly professional, attentive, proactive and in every way a pleasure to work with.

We are looking forward to teaming with you in the future on more successful projects at Ohio University.

Sincerely yours,

David B. Callahan, Project Architect  
DBC/bkh

cc: Richard Shultz, OUPF



*"Quality: often discussed, seldom practiced"*

March 31, 2003

Mr. Jeff Feinman  
Gutknecht Construction Co.  
1925 E. Livingston Ave  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Re: City of Pickerington – New Police Building

Dear Jeff:

I wanted to provide you with this letter of reference for the work your company performed as General Contractors for the City of Pickerington – New Police Building.

Gutknecht Construction Company came into the assignment with enthusiasm and commitment to the success of the Project. In a construction environment where leadership and true project management is often ignored, working with your staff was very rewarding.

Both you and your Project Superintendent, Tom Beddow clearly demonstrated capacity for effectively and efficiently directing activities of your sub-contractors while ensuring high quality results.

This project has become a centerpiece for Pickerington and will serve the Community for many years to come.

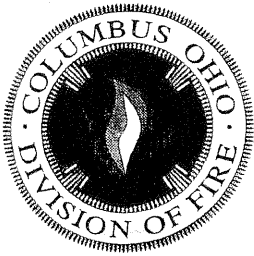
If you should need for future clients to speak with someone concerning your work, please do not hesitate to have them call.

Sincerely,

STILSON CONSULTING GROUP, LLC.

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Michael W. Clippinger  
Senior Project Manager



# Department of Public Safety

Mitchell J. Brown, Director

## Division of Fire

Ned Pettus, Jr., Fire Chief

3675 Parsons Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43207-4054

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City of Columbus

Mayor Michael B. Coleman

31 March, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Fire has had two opportunities to work with Gutknecht Construction. In both cases we have found them to be very efficient, well organized, detail oriented and good to work with.

Our first project was the renovation of three kitchens. The project was finished on time and on budget with very few change-orders. The punch list on the first kitchen had three items and the other two kitchens had zero items on the punch list.

Gutknecht is the current general contractor for station #19 in Clintonville. This large project requires the project to be completed in phases, due to the firefighters remaining in the old building. Gutknecht has committed to a very aggressive schedule for the completion of the project and has been able to meet their schedule to date without sacrificing quality of work.

On both projects, good communications has been essential because of the firefighters being on site. Gutknecht Construction has kept the house captains and the firefighters in the loop by advising them of upcoming phases. This has helped the project flow.

Based on our experience we would strongly endorse Gutknecht Construction for your project.

Respectfully,



Peder Knudsen

Building Manager

City of Columbus Division of Fire

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City of Columbus  
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

## Public Service Department

Linda K. Page, Director

March 31, 2003

Mr. Bob Stromberg  
Gutknecht Construction

Mr. Stromberg, I wanted to take this opportunity to commend your company for its efforts on recent projects with the City of Columbus. To date, I have had good communication and results from those involved.

Dick Jones for the Police Heliport Hangar, Tim Tutt and Ben Lindsay for the Fire Station 19 Renovation have been professional and respectful of our needs.

Please continue your efforts and pass good communication to those involved.

Thank you,  
Brian S. Lewie  
Bldg Maint Mgr

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614-645-8281 Fleet Management Division  
614-645-7620 Refuse Collection Division  
614-645-8376 Transportation Division

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ROBERT S. DAVIS, LTD  
■ ARCHITECTURE ■

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March 31, 2003

Robert G. Stromberg, President  
Gutknecht Construction Co.  
1925 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43209

Re: Ohio University, Human Resource Offices and Training Facility  
Ohio University, Read Hall Residence Hall Renovation

Mr. Stromberg:

I welcome the opportunity of providing the Gutknecht Construction Co. with a letter of recommendation based upon your performance on the above referenced projects. Your firm has shown the ability to perform with the type of professionalism that we, unfortunately, do not see on all of our projects. Honesty, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence are all demonstrated behaviors that we have experienced with both your office and field personnel.

The ability of the contractor to coordinate their work and deliver the quality of work required by the construction documents is very important to us. For the above referenced projects, Gutknecht has consistently provided us and Ohio University great coordination and quality construction.

Issues always arise during a construction process and those that were encountered at Ohio University were handled in a professional manner with highest regard to all parties' best interest. As a result of Gutknecht's professional approach to handling issues these projects have moved along on schedule. The Human Resource Office and Training Facility project came in under the University's budget. Read Hall is still under construction, but still is projected to complete within the University's budget.

In addition to the projects that Gutknecht Construction has constructed with our firm being the architect of record, they have also served as an excellent voluntary consultant on a number of other Robert S. Davis Ltd. projects. We consider Gutknecht Construction Co. a valuable team member that we can rely on for many construction services.

Please feel free to use us as a reference. I would be pleased to talk to any of your potential clients. Thanks again for the good work.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Davis, AIA  
President



**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**  
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*DIRECTOR, MARIANNE BARNHART*

Mr. Robert Stromberg  
Gutknecht Construction  
1925 East Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

April 1, 2003

Dear Mr. Stromberg,

This letter of recommendation is based on our professional association with Gutknecht Construction for your use as you see fit during calendar year 2003. Franklin County has most recently utilized the services of Gutknecht Construction in the reconstruction of the East Opportunity Center, 1055 Mt. Vernon Ave in Columbus. Gutknecht Construction Inc. has our most enthusiastic recommendation as a General Contractor and Project Management Company.

This is a project has experienced some excellent results directly due to the efforts of Gutknecht Construction. All problems and areas of concern have been handled in a professional and organized manner while maintaining a level of consciousness about all safety issues. As a result of Gutknecht Construction's professional handling of this project it has moved along on time and on budget.

In addition to the projects that Gutknecht Construction has been hired to do for Franklin County, they have also been a valued advisor on a number of other facility issues when we needed assistance and direction.

If you require more specific information relative to the performance of Gutknecht Construction or the project referenced above we would be happy to provide it upon request.

Sincerely,

Michael Aiello, Project Manager



# *Pickerington Police Department*

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1311 Refugee Road  
Pickerington, Ohio 43147  
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(614) 575-6223 - fax  
Emergency 9-1-1

Gutknecht Construction Company  
Attn: Bob Stronberg  
1925 East Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

April 1, 2003

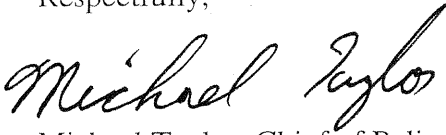
Dear Mr. Stronberg:

As the new Pickerington Police facility is coming to completion I wanted to take a minute and acknowledge and show my appreciation for such a fine job on this project. Tom Beddon, Project Superintendent, was extremely knowledgeable and personable when working one-on-one with us. He ran this site efficiently and effectively. Jeff Fienman, Vice President, was also very knowledgeable and took care of the nuts and bolts of the contract. He frequently visited the job site to follow the progress of the facility. Whenever we questioned the additions or deletions to the building, he constantly worked with us and was willing to do a little give-and-take. I wanted to thank these two gentlemen and make sure they are recognized for their superior work.

Overall, when questions concerning the facility arose, we could easily reach or calls were promptly returned from the appropriate person or department. Communication as you and I know alleviates so much of the frustration and stress in such large endeavors such as this. Time would be taken out for updates on construction and upon the completion of the building; we have received exactly what we have requested. Although no company is perfect, I would highly recommend Gutknecht Construction. The problems we encounter were corrected with little inconvenience and always to an acceptable level of satisfaction. Many of the sub-contractors used on this project did superb work.

The Gutknecht Construction Company is a professional company, who tackled this project with a great deal of integrity and experience in many areas of development. They were confident in knowing how to correct problems resourcefully when they arose. The personal rapport established early on, sold us on the company. This entire job went smoothly due to the good working relationship between Tom Beddon, Jeff Fienman, and us, the customer. These two gentlemen are valuable assets to your company. I will recommend that Gutknecht Construction to oversee the next building the City of Pickerington chooses to construct.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Taylor, Chief of Police  
Pickerington Police Department



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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MARY LOU LANGENHOP, DIRECTOR

April 1, 2003

To Whom It May Concern,

Please regard this correspondence as a letter of recommendation for Gutknecht Construction. I have been working closely with them for over a year as they have worked on a major renovation project at our East Opportunity Center.

I have found Gutknecht staff, Ben Lindsay, and in particular, Dick Jones, to be extremely professional and sensitive to the needs of our staff as the phased in construction project has progressed. The overall work has been of high quality and Gutknecht has worked hard to stay on schedule while doing everything in their power to assure an acceptable work environment for staff.

I am happy to write this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Jones  
Facilities Manager

# Reynoldsburg

City Schools



April 1, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is a recommendation for Gutknecht Construction. I am impressed with their work and the quality of their employees.

Gutknecht was hired by Reynoldsburg Schools as a replacement for the original low bid contractor. That contractor created a very tense and adversarial environment for both the owner and the other prime contractors. Mr. Gutknecht personally met with me and the building and grounds committee and assured us that Gutknecht would pick up the job and carry it through in a professional and positive manner.

Gutknecht came on the job and finished it as promised. We have received nothing but raves on this renovation project. Going from a police station to an administration building was a unique transition that Gutknecht helped us accomplish. I will rehire them to do other work for us in the future.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Strussion  
Business Manager

Board of Education  
Mrs. Hudson  
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Vice President  
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Drew Swope  
Larry Zeune

Richard A. Kory, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

Michelle G. Biederman  
Assistant Superintendent



University Human Resources  
169 West Union Street  
Human Resources and Training Center  
Athens OH 45701-2979

September 18, 2002

Joe Caprio  
Project Supervisor  
Gutknecht Construction Company  
1925 East Livingston Ave  
Columbus, OH 43209

Dear Joe,

University Human Resources would like to commend you and your construction crew members for the outstanding job done in the preparation of our office space in the new building, 169 West Union Street, Athens, in August 2002.

We appreciate the many times that you came to check with us on matters and went out of your way to make sure that our needs were met. You were very professional, efficient, and thoughtful of our staff.

Thank you for helping to make the transition to the new office a pleasant one.

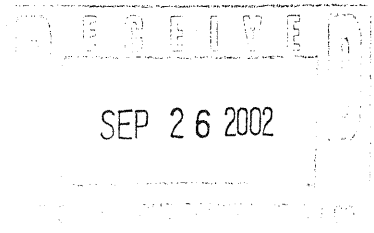
Sincerely,

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Jim E. Kemper  
Assistant Vice President for Human Resources  
Ohio University

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Pc: Dick Planisek



June 21, 2000

Mr. Harold Gutknecht, CEO  
Gutknecht Construction Company  
1925 East Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43209

  
Ron D. Hopper  
Senior Vice President

The Ohio State University  
Alumni Association, Inc.  
Longaberger Alumni House  
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Dear Harold:

With every succeeding day we occupy the Longaberger Alumni House, the new home of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., the building continues to grow on all of us. What a grand facility.

We do realize, too, that it could not be as it is without the great help of many. Please let me take this opportunity to express my feelings about Gutknecht Construction and your team that pulled this project through to completion.

Project Superintendent, Steve Gregory, Project Manager, Jeff Feinman, and the myriad of workers representing Gutknecht performed with the highest ethical and professional standards. This \$10 million project could not have been done on time and with quality results without their constant supervision and caring. As far as I am concerned, Gutknecht performed as if it were their very own building going up.

The Longaberger Alumni House on the campus of The Ohio State University is a work of pride for all connected. Thank you for providing the leadership that would make it so.

And, last but not least, please let me comment about our weekly construction meetings. I had heard stories that there could be battles and at times armor might be needed. It never happened. Steve and Jeff pulled everyone together and lead with integrity. What few problems arose were resolved expeditiously with the support of all.

So, thank you again for helping provide a new home for alumni, students, faculty, and friends to call their alumni gathering place on Ohio State's campus.

Cordially,



Ron D. Hopper