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**RE: DESIGN BUILD TEAM LETTER OF COMMENDATION
MESA COURT RENOVATION, UNITS 1 & 2
PROJECT NO. 996265**

Dear Jurors:

The University of California, Irvine commends the design build team of Slater Builders, Inc. and Carrier Johnson + CULTURE for their completion of the Mesa Court Renovation, Units 1 & 2 project. The project consisted of the renovation of 13 student resident buildings over the campus summer break periods in 2011 and 2012. After completing a prototype renovation project during the 2010 summer break, the design build team then renovated nine Unit 1 type buildings in 2011 and four Unit 2 type buildings in 2012. The total construction value of the project was over \$16.4 million.

The Mesa Court student housing community is the oldest at UC Irvine, opening with the campus in 1965. The Slater Builders/Carrier Johnson design build team was challenged to renovate and upgrade the suite-style residences by replacing and upgrading the roofs, MEP systems, fire suppression systems, bathrooms, lighting, floor coverings and exit signs. The design build team went beyond the basic project requirements and also repainted the building interiors and exteriors, provided new cabinetry in the common area kitchens and living rooms, upgraded the public and Resident Advisor restrooms, replaced exterior glazing and doors at common area balconies and courtyards, and upgraded the carpet padding, all within the project budget. Most significantly, the design build team was able to provide space for one additional student bed in each of the nine Unit 1 buildings, which is a long-term economic benefit to the University.

The Slater Builders/Carrier Johnson design build team accomplished the Mesa Court Renovation, Units 1 & 2 under difficult schedule constraints to meet the University's needs. Moreover, the design build team's creativity and close coordination with the University allowed for the inclusion of other upgrades too numerous to list here, but which improve the quality of student life and extend the buildings' life cycle. We heartily thank Slater Builders, Inc. and Carrier Johnson + CULTURE for their work on this highly successful project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Gary Krekemeyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Krekemeyer
Director of Campus Operations

/dmd

cc: Bill Dunlap, President, Slater Builders, Inc.
Gordon Carrier, Principal, Carrier Johnson + CULTURE



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April 12, 2011

Bill Dunlap
Slater Builders Inc.
3100 B Pullman Street
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Dunlap,

As a Senior Project Manager for Design and Construction Services, I have had the pleasure of working with the Slater Design Build Team on two projects and look forward with working with your team on the upcoming summer project.

Your team did an outstanding job on the recently completed RCT Landscape Enhancement project a key new entryway to the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. Your team working closely with our Department and our client were able to complete the project within the established aggressive schedule and within the budget.

Once again we look forward to working with your team on upcoming future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francesco Porcella".

Francesco Porcella, LEED AP
Senior Project Manager
UCI Design & Construction Services

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Reference: UC Irvine RCT Landscape Enhancement Project

Dear Bill,

On behalf of UCI and the Robert Cohen Theatre Arts School please accept our appreciation for completing this project on time and on budget.

Though this was a small project by dollar amount, the importance of this project cannot be overstated. Your design accomplishes a long needed reconfiguration of this area of the Theatre and establishes a new entry and focal point with your innovative vertical illuminated sculpture.

The entire design and construction team at UC Irvine enjoyed working with your team in creating this unique entry plaza for our campus. We look forward to continued relationship with Slater Builders, specifically with the project you were awarded for the Mesa Court Renovation. The hands-on approach you demonstrate is welcomed at UC Irvine. We wish you future success both here at UC Irvine and elsewhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebekah Gladson", written over a horizontal line.

Rebekah Gladson