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Letter of Recommendation for Korte & Luitjohan Contractors

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To Whom It May Concern:

St. Joseph's Hospital has undertaken a "major" renovation project for our small community hospital. The project entails our main entrance, admitting stations, waiting rooms, business office, vending and rest rooms, and a new air handler system within the affected areas. In addition, the project involves sections of our adjacent Emergency Department including treatment rooms, triage room, waiting room, and the nurses'/physicians' station.

Korte & Luitjohan (K & L) have partnered well with us and our architectural/engineering firm to assure an end product that will meet our functional needs in these service areas as well as improve the aesthetics/first impressions for our customers and visitors as they enter our front door or Emergency Department. This is a challenge considering we are based in a 1947 structure. Several variations to plans have occurred due to unforeseen discoveries during the demolition.

K & L have maintained open communication and have responded quickly to questions and concerns that commonly happen during projects such as these. I believe they maintain open and honest communications and expectations with the subcontractors. K & L personnel have spent many hours preparing, making adjustments, and submitting documentation as needed and when requested by the engineering firm and/or per the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Health.

I feel confident that Korte & Luitjohan have kept the best interests of St. Joseph's Hospital at the forefront as this project has progressed. They have understood and conformed well to the unique challenges of demolition and construction within a healthcare environment. I would highly recommend K & L for future construction projects in our and other health care facilities.

Sincerely submitted,

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