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Subj: DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT N40080-05-C-0161, DESIGN BUILD PRESIDENTIAL
 HELICOPTER PROGRAMS SUPPORT FACILITY, NAVAL AIR STATION,
 PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND

Re: OUTSTANDING DESIGN PERFORMANCE

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your design performance associated with the subject contract has been outstanding. The entire design team to include Hensel Phelps leadership, architects, engineers, and support staff, has produced a monumental high quality effort on a commanding timeline.

Contract award January 27, 2005, catalyzed a superb design team and a fast track construction strategy to meet the contract completion date of July 31, 2006. All design and review milestones were achieved, demonstrating full accountability from both the Project Manager and Design Manager. The design team ability to work within ranges for all parameters to be honed prior to crossing decision phase lines, demonstrated superb customer care and efficient fast track construction skill. Utilizing the latest web enabled design critique techniques allowed diverse and geographically separate groups to make over 1,300 design comments electronically, with 100% tracking to confirmed resolution.

Completion of this construction project remains on the critical path to ultimately deliver the VH-71 helicopter into service. The 195,000 square foot Presidential Helicopter Support Facility design solution, encompassing research development testing and evaluation hangar spaces, aircraft modification shops for metals and composites, sensitive compartmentalized information facilities, x-ray equipment shielding, electromagnetic platforms, and administration office epitomizes intelligent architecture and engineering. Utilizing a collegiate design competition for the design and construction of the reception center in the hangar entry foyer is without precedence for a facility of this mission type, and further demonstrates your commitment to innovation.

The 174' air traffic control tower design exploited design/build opportunities by combining cast in place architectural concrete with specific reinforcement details to facilitate rapid site construction. On site support within 48 hours to increase the tower height from 10 to 11 floors and completely redesign the foundation, with only five workdays prior to auger cast piles being placed, exemplified the skill and responsiveness of the design team. The tower was at its final concrete height six weeks after placing the ground floor.

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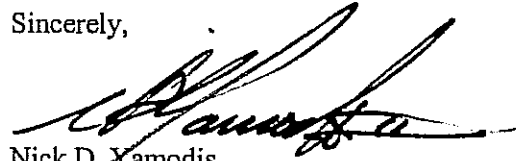
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Project partnering goals and mission statements established early on have played a pivotal role in the design success thus far, and are a testament to Hensel Phelps commitment to stalwart partnering.

Your organization has exceeded all anticipated design performance measures and contributed immeasurably to the overall success of this state of the art project. Please pass on my appreciation to your team and everyone else involved in making this project successful.

As this paramount project continues through construction I look forward to continued success for our NAVFAC Hensel Phelps partnership.

Sincerely,



Nick D. Yamodis
LCDR, CEC, USN

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