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To whom it may concern:

For the past year and one half, it has been my privilege to work with SC&A and specifically Gary Drumheller on a renovation/rebuild project for the Chester County SPCA. The circumstances of this project all reflect back on the character of the firm and the owner, Mr. Drumheller.

The CCSPCA, being a donation based entity, was prepared to execute a much needed total renovation to their existing facility, but, of course, funds were tight and required that every dollar count. The first event the SPCA performed was the solicitation of proposals for CM services. SC&A was clearly the best selection of a group of 6 competitors. If you, the reader, understand this process, the selection of a CM at this early stage becomes more a judgment of character and attitude than dollars and cents. This firm was very able to project and communicate that attitude.

After selection, SC&A was very aggressive in taking a leadership role in cost control, materials options, and bringing an overall practical point of view to the owner and design team. Where the owner and/or the design team were limited on their experience of materials and process, SC&A was able to utilize their marketplace relationships as a powerful resource to the team.

Throughout the project, as issues arose surrounding changes, SC&A was able to keep the project moving, procure pricing/back up for the event, and work as an agent of the owner to procure the best value for the cost event; in fact, SC&A would often waive costs as well as convince the prime subs to do the same in a total team effort to accomplish the owners definition of success.

The act of building a comfortable environment for shelter animals has a limited amount of history and resource; what I mean is there are precious little other shelters to seek "best practices" from. A good portion of this project was research and development – time consuming stuff. Again, SC&A never shirked the need to fully research the solutions proffered to make sure the owner was getting the absolute best value possible, keeping in mind life cycle cost as well.

The project is a grand success in great part due to SC&A and Gary Drumheller. In fact, as a business owner myself, I know that it is his values and character that created the culture that is SC&A. Any project would benefit from partnering with SC&A.

Sincerely,


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