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RE: Aloha Landscaping

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to take the opportunity to recommend Aloha Landscaping for your upcoming landscaping project.

I have had the opportunity to work with Roger and Jake Grothe on numerous projects in the past several years. Projects have ranged in size and complexity, and Aloha Landscaping has always been a valued partner in the execution of these projects.

The most notable project that I worked with Roger and Jake on was the New Garden Mausoleum at Lakewood Cemetery, located in Minneapolis, MN. Roger and Jake were engaged in the project during the preconstruction phase and assisted in the development and coordination. The Mausoleum project was very unique and required extreme attention to detail to meet the expectations of the design team.

In addition to the design team expectations, Aloha Landscaping was able to meet our aggressive project schedule and complete the project on time. This would not have been possible without the technical background and project management support that Roger, Jake, and their team contributed.

To date, the project has been awarded over twenty different awards, which speaks to the unique nature of the facility and the craftsmanship of all parties involved on the project.

After project completion, when warranty related items presented themselves, the Aloha Landscaping team was a true partner and provided the necessary resources to make the necessary corrections. Some of the corrective work required detailed coordination with the Customer, as timing of work in a cemetery can be challenging due to the unknown timing of last minute events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-287-5381, or via email at doug.mccoy@mortenson.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug McCoy", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Doug McCoy
Senior Project Manager
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July 2, 2014

Subject: Aloha Landscaping

To Whom It May Concern,

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with Roger and Jake Grothe at Aloha Landscaping on several large publicly funded projects. I was especially impressed with their work at the Landmark Center park in downtown St. Paul. Creating a new home for the Snoopy sculptures on a small parcel of land in the middle of a busy intersection required teamwork, project management skills, and tenacity. The project was a great success – thanks in part to Roger and Jake Grothe and the Aloha team.

Construction is more than flow charts and budgets. At the end of the day it comes down to people - people willing to do whatever it takes to make the customer happy and to make a positive difference. Roger and Jake Grothe bring an amazing skill set to the table, which creates collaboration onsite and contributes to the success of the project.

I highly recommend Aloha Landscaping for use on any project - large or small. Should you wish to discuss this further with me, I am available at 612-202-7925 or dave.peterson@mortenson.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David P. Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "P".

David Peterson

Sr. Design Phase Manager
Mortenson Construction

June 22, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I highly recommend Roger and Jake Grothe and Aloha Landscaping and Blue Ocean Properties. These guys get things done and have a deep love and respect for the Twin Cities. Their commitment to environmental stewardship can be seen in two current projects I am designing with them – Upper River Services Headquarters green roof and an environmentally sensitive new home project just off the Hiawatha Light Rail Line. Both projects are forward thinking and will make an immediate impact on the way the public thinks about new construction and the environment.

I am especially excited to work with Blue Ocean Properties as they become more involved in aesthetically pleasing, environmentally conscious, single-family rehabbing and commercial/residential development.

Sincerely,



Bruce Knutson, AIA

Bruce Knutson Architects

July 1, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mall of America is pleased to recommend both Roger Grothe and Jake Grothe with Aloha Landscaping. Since 2005 they have been our Landscaping Partner at Mall of America. During this period they have managed four major projects and numerous mid-size/small projects. The major projects include the following:

- Complete landscape renovation for Mall of America exterior property.
- Design, construction and operations management of a 3-month indoor flower show and retail garden store.
- Complete design build effort for theme-based landscape construction of the rebranded Nickelodeon Universe Amusement Park.
- Revenue partnership including managing design, development, construction and technical operations of the Butterfly Bay attraction within Nickelodeon Universe Amusement Park.

Both Roger and Jake possess exceptional project management skills and have continued to meet or exceed our expectations in a demanding and complex environment. Their genuine creativity along with their ability to get things done on schedule and budget has always made it a pleasure to work and partner with them.

Sincerely,



Rich Hoge
Vice President Operations
Mall of America

CAMPUS PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

24 June 2014

To Whom It May Concern-

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Aloha Landscaping. I first worked with Roger and Jake in 2007 when Aloha Landscaping was brought on board as the landscape team for the award winning *Russia's Grizzly Coast* exhibit. This seminal, immersive exhibition of the Russian far-east included re-creating specific ecosystems for the animal collection. This project required sourcing material and executing the design in less than ideal conditions. Roger, Jake and their team embraced this challenge, and truly brought their teamwork atmosphere to the project. They were flexible and understanding, all the while, pushing the team about prospective beneficial changes based on their extensive experience. They never balked when we wanted to move a 16' tall tree "just a little more to the left, please", and always had ideas about a different way to execute some small but critical piece of the project- even beyond landscaping.

The Minnesota Zoological Garden, not surprisingly, has a horticulture team. They were so impressed by the work done by Aloha that they now call on them whenever there is a project that falls outside of our capacity, because we know the level of service and dedication that they will bring. Since 2008- when we completed the afore mentioned *Russia's Grizzly Coast*, they have also been instrumental in the continuation of bringing green roofs back to the zoo on the *Heart of the Zoo* project as well as more exhibit plantings for Black Bears on the Minnesota Trail, not to mention numerous smaller projects.

These projects were large, complex and required massive amounts of creativity and tenacity to reach completion. Bringing cutting edge design and eco-friendly features to life alongside project management, teamwork and a great attitude is just something Roger and Jake Grothe do well. I especially appreciate their willingness make decisions that look to the long-term and the best interest of the Minnesota Zoo and, ultimately, the people of the State of Minnesota. I look forward to working with them on future projects.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,



Ken Kornack
Vice President for Campus Planning and Management



General Contractors
WATSON - FORSBERG

To Whom It May Concern,

Since 2001, Watson-Forsberg Co. has enjoyed working with Roger and Jake Grothe and Aloha Landscaping on a wide range of low-income housing projects across the Twin Cities. They have demonstrated the kind of project management and customer service that we strive for and look for in our team members. The work Roger and Jake did on the two phases of the massive Little Earth Renovation project was a great example of managing the details and the customer.

I am currently working with Roger and Jake Grothe and the Aloha team on an interesting public project funded by the Native American Community Development Institute at the Franklin Light Rail Station. This project involves the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and numerous neighborhood groups in the building of a cultural arts/marketplace corridor and park.

Sincerely,
WATSON-FORSBERG CO.

David Forsberg
Senior Project Manager and Corporate Secretary

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June 27, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly recommend Roger and Jake Grothe and Aloha Landscaping. I have worked with them for over a decade on high profile public construction projects and I have always been impressed with their "can do" attitude, professionalism, initiative, and commitment to excellence. Our work together at the Woman Suffrage Memorial at the State Capitol, Harriet Island Park, and the historic paver project along the Green Line have given me an opportunity to see these guys in action – and I am impressed!

Everything starts and ends with people and Roger and Jake Grothe get it. They are great team players and they are committed to doing projects that make the Twin Cities a great place to call home.

Sincerely,
Meisinger Construction Company



Tom Meisinger
President



23 June 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to recommend Roger and Jake Grothe and Aloha Landscaping for their outstanding work, commitment to the Native American community and the Phillips Neighborhood. I've worked together with Roger and Jake Grothe and the Aloha Landscaping team on several community building projects such as Eagle's Wings Sober Housing Apartments, the First Natives Recovery Center; in my former role as Executive Director of the American Indian Community Development Corporation we have teamed up on several large low-income housing projects including, Many River's East and West Apartments and the groundbreaking Supportive Housing facility for formally homeless chronic alcoholic Native men and women – Anishinabe Wakiagun (Ojibwe translated the People's Home).

Since the beginning, when Roger and Jake stepped up and donated the design and construction of award winning outdoor patios and gathering areas at Eagle's Wings I have always been able to count on Roger and Jake Grothe for support. Their boundless creativity and belief that "everything that goes around, comes around" have made it a pleasure to work with them and dream about the future of our community together. Roger and Aloha has invested in our community to make it a better place to live and maintain a sense of pride.

I look forward to working with Roger and Jake and Aloha Landscaping as we prepare for the next chapter of our work in the Phillips Neighborhood and the Twin Cities. Please call me if you have further questions. (715) 699-3980

Sincerely,

Gordon Thayer
Board President
Overcomers Outreach Ministries Inc.

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June 1, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I am happy to recommend Aloha Landscaping for their excellence in design and construction management. Shortly after I retired from the NFL, I chose Roger and Jake Grothe of Aloha Landscaping to completely design and renovate my landscaping. They did a fantastic job redesigning my entire property – from the front driveway to the lakeshore and everything in-between. They met both our schedule and budget goals. Over the years, I've continued to use them for other projects – big and small. Their project management skills are exceptional. I highly recommend the Aloha team and now, Blue Ocean Properties – they're real pros!"

Sincerely,

Randall McDaniel

2009 NFL Hall of Fame... Regarded as one of the NFL's finest offensive lineman during his 14 year career... Named to an NFL record 12 consecutive Pro Bowls... Played twelve seasons for the Minnesota Vikings and spent his last two seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers... Played for the Arizona State Sun Devils in college



MCNAMARA ALUMNI CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly recommend Roger and Jake Grothe at Aloha Landscaping for their ability to manage complex projects in high profile settings. The work they did for the University Gateway Corporation (University of Minnesota McNamara Alumni Center) at the Scholars Walk and the renovation of the McNamara Alumni Center landscaping and main entry walkway and sculpture garden was outstanding. These two projects are enjoyed by students, alumni and guests of the University of Minnesota 365 days a year.

Roger and Jake Grothe bring a unique blend of traditional construction management skills and forward thinking approaches to design/build situations. I look forward to working with them again on future projects through the University Gateway Corporation and the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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& General Manager, McNamara Alumni Center
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