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To whom it may concern:

Portico Builders has been working as a subcontractor to Van Acker Construction Associates on an estate in San Anselmo for the past three years. They have completed the carpentry work on two guesthouses and are nearing completion on a third. Their work has consisted of framing, exterior siding and trim, and interior finish carpentry - new work and remodeling. In addition to these three projects they have also performed numerous other carpentry tasks on a number of other structures and buildings on the site, including miscellaneous remodeling projects, fences, and arbors. Some of the work has been competitively bid and some of it has been T&M.

In all regards I have been very pleased with Portico's entire effort. The projects they have worked on have been very sophisticated, requiring a high level of precision, attention to detail, and clear thinking. They have kept good schedules, their prices are competitive, and I consider the quality of their work to be the best available. Their paperwork and billings are clearly executed. The crews have been focused, hardworking, and well mannered. The whole way through I have felt that Casey Lasnier and the key members of his crew have had the best interests of Van Acker Construction and our client in mind. There have been countless times when Lasnier or one of his crew has called my attention to an architectural or engineering detail or specification that could use a second look. Lasnier has consistently been able to offer creative solutions to construction issues we have faced. As a construction supervisor these kinds of contributions are invaluable.

In thirty years of running construction projects I consider Portico to be among the very best contractors I have worked with.

Best regards,

Covey Cowan