



The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler

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Mr. Tim Hengelsberg
UHL Construction Company, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Hengelsberg:

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler is proud to support your nomination of the Historic Pullman Baseball Park located in Butler, Pennsylvania which was constructed by Uhl Construction Company for the 2008 Building Excellence Award.

We are extremely satisfied with the result of this contract and Uhl's performance for the following reasons:

1. **Design/Craftsmanship:** The overall design of the project was completed by Ligo Architects, however, there were many uncompleted design issues not fully addressed by the architect. The design was constructed to fit within the existing aesthetics. Uhl Construction, and more specifically your project superintendent, Dwight Heitzenrater, provided many innovative ideas/improvements which addressed or improved the deficits found in the design. These ideas/improvements were done with the utmost professionalism and always addressed the safety and final outcome of the project;
2. **Project Challenges:** This project was on a tight timeline and needed to be constructed through the fall and winter months with completion by March 2008. Project teamwork was very critical as it involved our Operations Manager and Inspector in partnership with Mr. Heitzenrater dealing with existing utilities, connecting utilities, existing structures, architectural support, project engineers, water flow conditions (an existing water system involving rain and storm water runoffs had to be renovated), and teamwork with all local municipalities on the project as it also involved the relocation of the power lines and the water vault. Construction began late in September 2007, after the outfield sod/infield artificial turf had been installed, which meant protecting a \$500+ million dollar project. After the demolition of old buildings, caissons had to be measured, drilled, formed, and poured to provide the foundation for the project. The construction then continued throughout the winter months, with ice storms, high winds, and sub-zero temperatures. During this adverse weather conditions, Uhl Construction kept moving forward in an effort to meet the contract deadline;

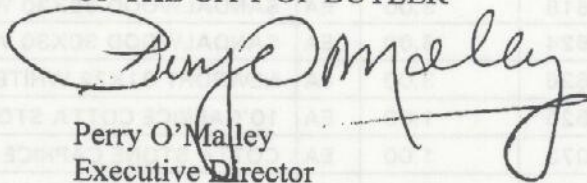
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3. Costs: All activities were completed within the project scope, all change orders were truly comprised of added features or options, and said change orders were negotiated by Mr. Heitzenrater with various suppliers for the best cost;
4. Performance: All of Uhl's personnel involved with this project were extremely competent, professional, organized, and dedicated to the overall success of the project;
5. Communication/Teamwork: Ms. Heitzenrater was in contact with our Operations Manager and the Inspector at all times, and weekly progress meetings were held between the architect, Uhl Construction, and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler;
6. Customer Satisfaction: As director of the Butler County Housing and Redevelopment Authority along with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, the County has had an extended relationship with UHL. All of the County projects have been very satisfactory, within budget amounts, within budgeted time lines, and extremely competitive for the quality of the product that we received. We are extremely satisfied with this project and would not hesitate to use UHL Construction in any future projects. For service, quality, and professionalism, Uhl Construction is our contractor of choice.

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler is pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Uhl Construction Company.

Sincerely,

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OF THE CITY OF BUTLER



Perry O'Malley
Executive Director

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