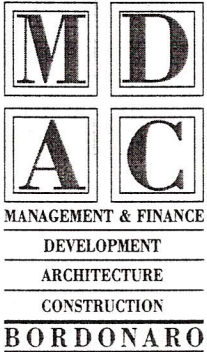


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:



In the greater Monterey-Salinas area, we have had the good fortune of having at any given time three to seven highly qualified general contracting firms to draw upon, for higher budget commercial projects, including public buildings as well as school and university buildings. Always in the top three of our local firms has been the firm of Tombleson Incorporated General Contractors. Their varied construction projects have continued to exemplify quality workmanship.

I have been a practicing architect on the Monterey Peninsula for the past forty years, and am a past president of the American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay Chapter. My professional experience with Tombleson Inc. dates back to the late 1950's and early 1960's, when school work was pre-eminent. Tombleson had their share of low-bidder acceptances. Their personnel performed top quality work with quick responses, and they were supportive and cooperative, as well as budget-conscious.

In recent years, with several of the younger personnel who were originally involved in the firm having taken over the ownership and administrative duties, the company has continued to move forward with a commitment to excellent service, and quality work. Exemplary projects completed more recently include the following:

- the reasonably large disposal service facility, with corporation yard and recycling center, for the City of Monterey, designed by my firm;
- the Student Services Bldg. for the California State University Monterey Bay campus, designed by Fisher Friedman Assocs. in the San Francisco Bay Area, whom I assisted as their architectural construction manager.

Tombleson's dedication, responsiveness to problem solving, and budget awareness were second to none, which resulted in a high quality product with high client satisfaction, in both projects named above. The same has been true for many other projects, as well.

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It has been my pleasure to work with, and to know, the members of Tombleson Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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