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To Whom It May Concern:

Itron recently completed an extensive renovation of a building it purchased in Liberty Lake for their new corporate headquarters. Leone & Keeble was the General Contractor for this renovation and the construction budget was approximately \$8,300,000. Construction started April 1, 2006 and was completed by mid- September 2006. The project was completed on time and within budget. My role in this process was Project Manager for Itron.

In order to successfully complete this project, a team approach was developed to continuously monitor and guide the project. Members of the permanent committee included: the general contractor, project architect, major subcontractors and owners' representatives. Other suppliers participated on the committee on an "as needed basis." Paul Keeble of Leone and Keeble was the chairman of the committee. This committee met weekly to guide the project and resolve any construction issues as they arose.

Leone and Keeble, under Paul's direction, was not just the General Contractor but also provided vital assistance in areas other than actual construction. He was part of the pre-construction development of plans and specifications. Paul was able to provide pricing on considered alternatives, construction timelines and "value engineering" where needed. Paul and his team worked very closely with the project architects, Madsen, Mitchell, Evenson & Conrad, PLLC, to ensure the design plans and specifications would meet Itron's budget.

In conclusion, Itron was able to complete the construction on time and within budget. Paul Keeble and his staff at Leone & Keeble played a very significant role in making this happen.

Sincerely yours,

**ITRON, INC.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Klutz", is written over a horizontal line.

Tony Klutz  
HSE Director