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**RE: Loveland Sports Park Letter of Recommendation**

To whom it may concern:

In the spring of 2004 the City hired ECI Site Construction Management as the Construction Manager and General Contractor (CM/GC) for Loveland Sports Park, Loveland Colorado. ECI proved to be knowledgeable and ready to administer the construction and completion of our 55 Acre community sports park.

The project was complex and involved the construction of post tension in-line hockey rinks, a street course and bowl Skate Park, a championship synthetic turf soccer field and 7 full size multipurpose sports fields for soccer, football and lacrosse. A new satellite maintenance facility with yard was constructed which includes a public restroom. Two additional restroom buildings and 3 shelters were also completed under ECI's management.

The project was under a tight time line and budget for completion. The full construction contract bid in July/August 2004 with a grand opening scheduled for June 2006. The City wanted to give seed time to establish and needed a full year to "grow in" the sports fields. ECI was successful in meeting deadlines and provided value engineering to the project both in the design phase and made the best use of funding during construction.

The total project cost was over \$10 million, ECI managed over \$6.5 million in construction work with a contingency of less than \$262, 225 spent on change orders and work change requests. This was a very low percentage of change orders - 4%, and allowed the City to add additional items as the project progressed. Subcontractors were great team members and ECI was responsible for bidding and bringing the "team" approach to complete the project for the City. As the project manager for the City, I strongly recommend ECI for their knowledge and expertise on administering and managing a CM/GC contract.

Regards,

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