



Shelby Township Library

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October 6, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as my wholehearted endorsement of our positive experience with the construction management and general contracting firm, Bernco, Inc. for our newly completed Shelby Township Library. Our Shelby Township Library Building Committee worked seamlessly with the Bernco assembled team that supported our vision, worked collaboratively and steered proficiently during a complex, multi-part project (during a pandemic, no less!) What remains of Bernco's devoted care and resolute attention to our project is a beautifully crafted, entirely functional, state-of-the-art Library here in Shelby Township.

The Township has contracted with Bernco, Inc. for many large-scale, significant projects in the past few years including the 41st District Court. While Bernco, Inc. has experience with a variety of types of municipal projects, (many of massive scale), from the initial meeting forward, we felt the attention and focus the Bernco team gave our library building project was personalized to our needs and customized for our community. Having managed public library construction projects in the past, we found our Bernco team to be uniquely qualified to respond to our concerns. We found the communication with our team including general contractor, Tony Cattivera and construction superintendent, Gerald Domagalski to be open and approachable and we appreciated their organization and flexibility during the building process.

Our June 2022 grand opening ushered in a new era for the Shelby Township Library. Our library staff love watching our community explore the new building with mouths agape at our soaring wood ceilings and charmed by our beautiful seating areas awash in natural light from our panoramic windows that showcase our park-like setting. Our library reveals features that make every area of the Library feel like a distinct nook for a special experience. Under Bernco's steady guidance and attention to every detail, the new Shelby Township Library is a spectacular vision of gathering place, learning space and community treasure.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for more information or to ask questions.

Warmly,

Katie Ester, Director

Shelby Township Library

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MACOMB COUNTY FACILITIES and OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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March 31, 2021

Bernco, Inc.
20816 11 Mile Road -- Suite 202
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

To Whom it May Concern:

Bernco, Inc. has successfully performed construction services for the County of Macomb approaching 20 years.

In the past five to six years, Bernco, Inc. has performed construction services for the following projects:

- Jail Door Replacement Project
- Food Program Freezer & Building Renovation Project
- Masonry Restoration Project
- Jail Lighting & Intercom Project
- Cable Replacement & Electrical Upgrades
- Court Building Tunnel Replacement Project
- Underground Electrical Replacement & Power House Construction Projects
- County Building Interior Demolition Project

Bernco, Inc. also completed several large projects such as complete renovation of our Juvenile Justice Center Renovation in addition to the original construction of our Medical Examiner's Office.

Over the years, as it related to our construction projects, Bernco has demonstrated a strong work ethic, professionalism, ability to communicate and performed in an ethical manner.

If you have any further questions or require additional information relative to the projects, please feel free to call.

Respectfully,


Lynn M. Arnott-Bryks, Director
LMAD:jsf

Facilities and Operations Department

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March 15, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

As Court Administrator for the 40th District Court, it is with pleasure that I compose a letter of recommendation regarding the Bernco Construction Company.

Bernco Construction was awarded the contract for construction of the new 40th District Court building. We did not employ a designated Project Manager, but rather a team consisting of the major stake holders of this project. Construction of the building lasted approximately one and a half years. We met on a weekly basis with the contractor to discuss progress. As we neared the end of the project, we met, or spoke almost daily.

It was evident to me at the beginning of this project that Bernco brought much professionalism and knowledge to this project. Through many change orders, unforeseen events, and many difficult decisions, Bernco's direction and knowledge made each event easier for me to maneuver.

Of particular personal gratitude, Bernco remained mindful of my lack of construction expertise, therefore, taking special care to explain (sometimes in detail) any concerns that I had.

Bernco's portion of our project has been completed. We now have a beautifully constructed building. I continue to contact Bernco, and although their involvement in this project is complete, they remain available to assist me with any concerns I have.

As stated above, I am confident that any building project brought to the Bernco Construction Company will be handled in the most efficient, effective, and professional manner.

If further or more detailed information is required, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Carolyn A. Povich
40th District Court Administrator



NEW BALTIMORE

POLICE

SECURING OUR COMMUNITY, PRESERVING YOUR SAFETY AND TRUST.

Timothy P. Wiley M.P.A.
Chief of Police

November 23, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

After the City of New Baltimore purchased the building that now houses the New Baltimore Police Department, Bernco, Inc. was hired to renovate the facility to make it suitable for a police department. This included, but not limited to, the addition of an up-to-date detention center.

Bernco was very hands-on with their sub-contractors to ensure that the work was done correctly and in a timely manner. After we took occupancy of the building and found items that needed tweaking, they were here to see to our needs. With Bernco's desire and willingness to bring this renovation in on time and on budget, we have a great facility that suits our needs.

I would recommend Bernco, Inc. for any renovation that is within their scope of expertise.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Wiley, M.P.A.



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Lynn M. Arnott-Bryks
Director

February 4, 2009

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Mechanical Systems Supervisor

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Maintenance Supervisor

Bernco, Inc.
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To Whom It May Concern:

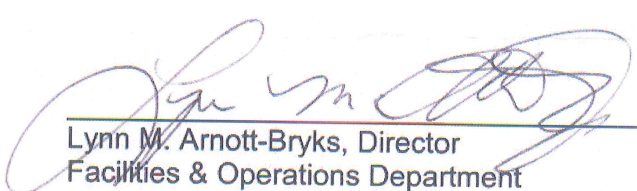
Bernco, Inc. renovated a Prisoner Lock-Up located in the Macomb County Circuit Court Building, constructed a new Medical Examiners Office Building and is currently completing a very difficult renovation of our Juvenile Justice Center.

Bernco has demonstrated a strong work ethic, professionalism and integrity.

Bernco has been easy to work with throughout all of these projects.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,


Lynn M. Arnott-Bryks, Director
Facilities & Operations Department

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Bernie Cattivera
Bernco, Inc.
20816 Eleven Mile Road
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Ref: Lake Shore Presbyterian Church Project #2003.008

Dear Bernie;

As our Church's representative overseeing our Welcome Center Project I want to thank you and your entire organization for the job you did. As you know our Project was not an easy one for many reasons. The addition to and the renovations made to our almost 50 year old facility made for a very challenging Project. The main focus was the addition of our Welcome Center which included an elevator and handicapped restroom facilities. This addition has made all areas of our facility accessible to everyone.

Your company's efforts in conjunction with your architect to bring our ideas to a completed project, within the budget framework we had was most appreciated. But what I appreciated the most was how you and your staff worked with me when we were faced with the many challenges this project presented.

Thanks again for your efforts in making our Church accessible to all who come as well as adding to the overall beauty of Lake Shore.

Sincerely,

Skip Bearance

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Port Huron Area School District

William D. Kimball, Superintendent

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April 27, 2005

Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera
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St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie:

It has been my pleasure to get to know you and to have the discussions that we had the last few months. Your company certainly achieved quality results on the major renovations at Garfield Elementary School in the gymnasium and the total renovation at Port Huron South Alternative School.

Please feel free to use me as a reference for your company when you are dealing with new clients.

Again, thank you for this relationship and our quality results.

Sincere regards,

William D. Kimball, Superintendent
Port Huron Area School District

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BERNCO, INC.

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To Whom It May Concern:

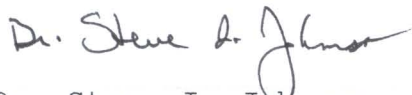
Bernco Company was chosen by the Madison District Public Schools to renovate Schoenhals Elementary School and erect a new gymnasium. Bernco has been very cooperative in all discussions with the architectural firm and the owner throughout this project.

As the Superintendent of the District, I appreciate the honesty of the company. If items are found missing on the blue prints, they don't write frivolous change orders. They communicate to the owner and to the architects their concerns and come back with alternative solutions.

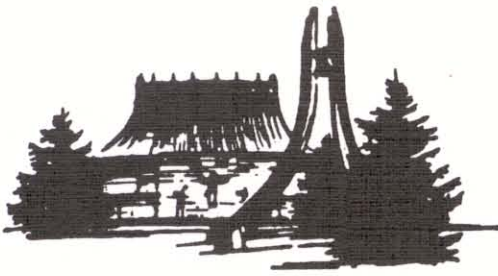
Bernco Company is a well-managed firm with qualified sub contractors performing excellent work. We are very pleased with the company and would look forward to using them again in future projects.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 248-399-7800.

Respectfully,



Dr. Steve I. Johnson
Superintendent
Madison District Public Schools



St. Andrew Catholic Community

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April 6, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to provide this recommendation for Bernco, Inc. General Contractors of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. We have had the pleasure of Bernco's services for a major interior renovation project that we did in our Church. The project, in the \$1.5 million range, required extensive coordination and planning, as well as oversight of the work being done.

I am pleased to say that, from the time we received Bernco's presentation as a bidder for this project, they have been highly straight forward and cooperative with us in the design of our work, and in seeing to its completion very much to our satisfaction. Their expertise contributed considerably to the success of the project as they coordinated the planning with our architects and with their own contractors.

We found Bernco, and their on site Project Manager, to be very reliable in following through on what they promised. They kept us regularly informed about all issues pertaining to the project. They cooperated extremely well with our own maintenance staff on issues of common concern. I was also very pleased that they involved me whenever it was necessary, but only when it was necessary. I had a very high level of confidence in their work, and in their judgment about the best ways to accomplish the task.

In this time when it is very difficult to obtain skilled labor, especially for "smaller" projects, we also were very impressed with Bernco's ability to obtain the labor needed for all aspects of this project in a timely manner. It is obvious that they have a strong working relationship with the variety of contractors needed for projects such as this. This was, in our judgment, a key element in the success of the project.

Finally, we found the staff of Bernco very accommodating with the local circumstances and needs of the Parish. When it was necessary to make adjustments in the schedule, they did so graciously and willingly. The attitude of cooperation and attention to the concerns of St. Andrew Parish throughout the project was exceptional.

In short, Bernco accomplished our project virtually on time, according to budget and with high quality. It would be hard for me to recommend them strongly enough.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Timothy F. Babcock
(Rev.) Timothy F. Babcock

SS. SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH

32500 PALMER RD.
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48186-4773
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November 16, 1999

Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera, President
BERNCO, Inc.
20816 Eleven Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie,

As we near completion of our project here at SS. Simon & Jude Church, I wanted to express our thanks and appreciation for all your concern and dedication. Thanks to your suggestion, we are about to be the proud owners of a 120' geodesic dome to house our new church.

I personally appreciated your unfailing support and encouragement through a long and difficult development phase to our project.

The building phase, though always disruptive, was a delight thanks largely to your people Rick Hutter and Brad Borkowski. I was especially pleased with the cooperation and sense of "team" between the architect, your builders, trades and myself. This combination made short work of any number of potential problems with quick solutions to what could have been costly delays.

God willing, we can soon begin renovation of our present space. When that time comes, happily we can eliminate the selection phase for both builder and architect. Why break up a winning team. Thank you again for all your help.

Gratefully.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Gerry Bechard", written in a cursive style.

Fr. Gerry Bechard
Pastor



TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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February 9, 1999

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Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera, President
BERNCO, Inc.
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Dear Bernie:

Immediate Past President
John E. Jacobs

On behalf of Temple Emanu-El, we would like to commend the BERNCO organization for all of its efforts during the planning and renovation of our Temple building. The professional manner and work ethic of you and your office and field staffs are very much appreciated.

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Your skill in moving our renovation forward while allowing us to maintain a near normal operating schedule was outstanding. Your selection of competent subcontractors also contributed a great deal to maintaining this schedule.

We are very pleased with the quality and functionality of the expanded areas of our building. Your close working relationship with Redstone Tiseo Architects and your execution of their pleasing design made the renovation a success.

Should the need arise for future construction work at Temple Emanu-El, BERNCO will be strongly considered as our construction manager.

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Please feel free to use us as a reference for prospective BERNCO clients.

Sincerely,

Glenn Liebowitz
President

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Executive Director

Donald Cohen
Executive Director

Marcia Leibson
Director of Education & Youth Activities

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Nursery School Director



GARY R. LEY
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April 11, 2001

Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera
President
Mr. Brad Borkowski
Construction Manager
BERNCO
20816 Eleven Mile Road
Suite #202
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie and Brad:

I wanted to let you know that I will no longer be working at Garden City Hospital after April 13th 2001. I have taken a new job with a Health System in Columbus, Ohio, which begins on April 18th. It is a tremendous opportunity for me, one that I could not pass up.

It has been a pleasure to work with you over the past few years. I have felt that our working relationship has been a good one. BERNCO has been extremely supportive of our projects and needs in the past and I am sure will continue to be a tremendous resource for Garden City Hospital. You both know Chris Palazzolo well and he will be your contact related to any questions that you might have about future capital projects or working relationships.

Again, I have always been impressed with BERNCO, the way you run your organization and the attention you have paid to us as a customer. I can only hope that I find a firm such as yours in the Ohio market to work with on construction issues as I am sure that I will be facing those in the future. I learned much from our engagements and appreciate that.

I wish you much continued success for your future.

Sincerely,

Kreg R. Gruber
Senior Vice-President
& Chief Operating Officer

cc: Chris Palazzolo, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

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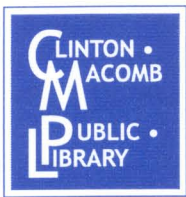
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COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



May 3, 2001

Bernard Cattivera, President
BERNCO
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St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie:

On behalf of the Board, staff and customers of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, I want to thank you for the wonderful job you, your staff and sub-contractors did on our South Branch. We are so pleased with the way the building turned out and public response has been tremendous.

In particular I appreciated the way you prepared the detailed billings that our architect required. You went above and beyond the call of duty in helping to appease the architect's unreasonable demands.

In retrospect we should have followed your expert advice to demolish the building and start a totally new construction, but even as a renovation the building does everything we want and provides a welcoming environment for our staff and customers.

Thanks again for the manner in which you managed our project. Much of our success is due to your efforts and I enjoyed working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christine Lind Hage'.

Christine Lind Hage
Library Director

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
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RAY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN 48096

January 19, 1999

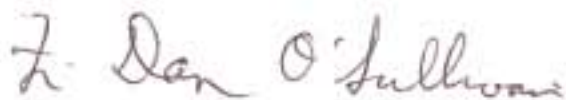
Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera
President
BERNCO, Inc.
20816 Eleven Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie:

On behalf of our parish St. Francis of Assisi and myself, please accept our gratitude for a job well done. We are very pleased with our new facility and wanted to express our feelings. The staff of BERNCO, both in the field and in your office, always conducted themselves in a helpful, professional manner.

Bernie, please feel free to use this letter as our form of recommendation to other parishes or potential clients of BERNCO, Inc. We are confident they will share our feelings if BERNCO is given the opportunity to perform on their future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dan O'Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father O'Sullivan,
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Church



July 25, 2000

BERNCO

Attention: Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera
20816 Eleven Mile Road, Suite 202
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Re: Letter of Recommendation.

Dear Mr. Cattivera,

Please accept my personal gratitude for the efforts and professionalism demonstrated by your team through our project. Please also forward my appreciation to your entire team for keeping this project running as smoothly as possible, despite several significant challenges. In particular, please commend Tim Rothermill, who having been put in many difficult circumstances over the course of our construction, demonstrated mastery of communication and interpersonal skills which kept an otherwise struggling team together. Without his personal efforts to keep our project moving, we surely would have seen even greater delays, and greater costs.

It has been a wonderful learning event for myself as well as my team. I am very proud of the building your team has constructed. My team and peers are very aware of the extra efforts your team and Tim put into ensure that the fit and function planned for were delivered. Our building is ready to become the very useful tool it was planned to be, and will enhance not only our marketing efforts, but also our cultural efforts.

Please don't hesitate to put perspective clients in touch with me, as I will certainly be happy to act as a positive reference for your firm. I look forward to our continued relationship, and the enjoyment of this new building for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Paul Blatt'.

Daniel Paul Blatt, CPIM
Vice President and General Manager



Friday, February 11, 2000

BERNCO, Inc.
Bernard C. Cattavera, President
20816 Eleven Mile Rd. Suite 202
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Bernie,

I would like to take this opportunity to more formally thank you and your people for the years of service that you provided to New Holland North America, Inc.

As you recall, I was given the responsibility of managing our Troy facility, while continuing my responsibilities here at the New Holland Campus as well as other properties around the country and Canada. The Troy facility, at 88 acres and 750,000 square ft., demanded considerable attention. I put together a very general property management specification and went looking for qualified companies for the bidder's list in late 93. Fortunately, you were recommended to me by a roofing industry contact I had in the area.

I will always remember the first time I met you at the bidder's meeting. As we toured the facility, it became clear to me that your knowledge of facilities and systems was head and shoulders above the other bidders. The competitive pricing structure you proposed was the icing on the cake.

We initially thought we would need your services for approximately a year while we closed and sold the property. What happened was considerably different. You ended up with multiple tenants to take care of as well as providing support to our environmental people over a period of almost 8 years.

Your organization was able to provide all the service needed for various construction and demolition that you handled for tenant accommodations over the years.

Again, thank you! You have earned my trust and respect and I will miss our business association and personal contact.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter M. Thies".

Peter M. Thies
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March 8, 1999

RICHARD C. LAMETI

Executive Director for Business Affairs

Accounting/Business Affairs Office

Mr. Bernard C. Cattivera
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Dear Bernie:

On behalf of The Detroit College of Law, we would like to commend the BERNCO organization. for your efforts during the past five and a half (5-1/2) years. The professional manner in which you and your staff conducted Facilities Management Services was very much appreciated.

Bernie, regardless of the project, new construction or day-to-day operations and maintenance, we were always satisfied with the results. Your staff accomplished their work with minimal disruption to our student body. This was particularly difficult with our day and evening class schedule.

Unfortunately, the years of effort and positive results in restoring our facilities were lost to the wrecking ball. We were, however, able to enjoy the improvements for many years as a result of BERNCO's efforts.

Please feel free to use us as a reference for prospective BERNCO Clients.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Lameti

Executive Director of Business Affairs

