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To whom it may concern:

Re: Bard College Performing Arts Center

Darlind Construction Inc., from Lagrangeville, NY entered into a contract for the reinforced cast-in-place concrete scope of work as a Subcontractor to Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc. for the Bard Performing Arts Center, designed by the renowned Architect, Frank Gehry.

The concrete scope of work was an exposed, as-cast architectural concrete structure supporting the signature undulating structural steel and stainless skin. The work was complicated by nature including 90 ft high fly tower walls, curved auditorium superstructure walls, cantilevered seat supports and access walks, together with a maze of structural slab and seating work.

A crane handled climbing gang form system was used to form the walls. Multiple shoring and framing systems were used to accommodate the unusual geometry. All concrete was placed utilizing a concrete pump.

Safety is of paramount importance to Daniel O'Connell's Sons and Darlind's equal commitment, particularly with the heights involved and the difficult nature of the work, set the example for the entire project. This difficult work was completed without a single serious accident.

Darlind's Field staff consisted of a Superintendent, Assistant Project Manager, and a Construction Engineer, together with relevant Foreman.

Formwork lift drawings were produced by Darlind, on site, using AutoCAD and Rhino, which facilitated in coordinating the MEP trade work and insuring accurate placement of all formwork elements.. (ie: each placement was reduced to an individual drawing).

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The overall performance by Darlind Construction was professional and ultimately led to a very successful project and the complete satisfaction of the owner and architect. Based on our experience with Darlind, we would highly recommend Darlind Construction as a Concrete Subcontractor, and in fact have just retained them for another project at Bard College.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me @ 413-733-4017.

Very truly yours,

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