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UNITED STRUCTURES of AMERICA



P.O. BOX 60069
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77211
281-442-8247

August 1, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

United Structures of America, Inc. has had the pleasure of doing business with Ahrens Companies, of Lake Park, Florida since 1993. Ahrens Companies became our Authorized Builder on August 29, 1994.

This fine company has always paid their bills within terms and they do an excellent job on any project they are involved in.

I would highly recommend Richard Ahrens and his employees to any prospective client.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ron Fletcher

Senior Vice President Sales/Marketing

PROPOSAL

ORIGINAL

**DESIGN BUILD DOCK MASTERS BUILDING
BID NO. 11-03
at
Lake Park Harbor Marina
Lake Park, Florida**

December 8, 2003



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Section 1

Bid Form

A vendor must bid on complete sections of this bid. Sections will not be subdivided for award. Any bid containing a "NO BID" in any portion of a section will not be considered for award of that section.

<u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</u>	<u>TOTAL BID PRICE</u>
DOCK MASTER BUILDING	
Mobilization	Lump sum <u>15,000.00</u>
Building pad construction	Lump sum <u>3,200.00</u>
Building 3,914 SF	Square Foot <u>188.47</u>
Brick pavers 1,924 SF	Square Foot <u>3.50</u>
Lighting allowance	Lump sum <u>13,500.00</u>
Floor covering allowance	Lump Sum <u>3,297.00</u>
TOTAL DOCKMASTER BUILDING	<u>779,404.58</u>
RAMP ATTENDANT BUILDING	
Mobilization	Lump sum <u>2,000.00</u>
Building pad construction	Lump sum <u>1,200.00</u>
Building 270 SF	Per Square Foot <u>202.11</u>
Lighting allowance	Lump sum <u>880.00</u>
Floor covering allowance	Lump Sum <u>217.00</u>
TOTAL RAMP ATTENDANT BUILDING	<u>58,866.70</u>
ADDITIONAL BID ITEMS	
Installation of Natural Gas service	Lump sum <u>Florida Public Utilities</u> <u>will confirm after design</u>
Excavation of unsuitable material	Cubic yard <u>4.50</u>
Embankment compacted in place	Cubic yard <u>8.50</u>
ALTERNATE BUILDING A	
Building pad construction	Lump sum <u>1,800.00</u>
Building 2,300 SF	Per Square Foot <u>80.00</u>
TOTAL ALTERNATE BUILDING A	<u>185,800.00</u>

ALTERNATE BUILDING B

Building pad construction

Lump sum

1,200.00

Building 1,500 SF

Per Square Foot

70.00

TOTAL ALTERNATE BUILDING B

106,200.00

Dated this

8th

day of

December

(month)

2003

(year)

INDIVIDUAL, FIRM OR PARTNERSHIP

By:

(signature)

(print name)

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Social Security Number (OR) Taxpayer Identification Number:

CORPORATION

By:

(signature)

/Barbara Ahrens

(print name)

Address: Ahrens Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ahrens Companies

1461 Kinetic Road

Lake Park, FL 33403

Telephone: (561) 863-9004

Fax: (561) 863-9007

Taxpayer Identification Number: 65-0297589

State Under Which Corporation Was Chartered: Florida

Bid #1 1-03 Design Build Dock Masters Building Town of Lake Park

Corporate President: Barbara Ahrens Barbara Ahrens
(Print Name)
Corporate Secretary: Barbara Ahrens Barbara Ahrens
(Print Name)
Corporate Treasurer: Barbara Ahrens Barbara Ahrens
(Print Name)

CORPORATE SEAL

Attest By: Barbara Ahrens
Secretary

Bidder acknowledges the receipt of Addenda;

No.'s One (1)
No.'s _____
No.'s _____

The following individuals are the designated contacts assigned to the Town:

VENDOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (REGULAR WORK HOURS):

Name: Dove Furer

Address: 1461 Kinetic Road, Lake Park, FL 33403

Telephone: (561) 718-9952

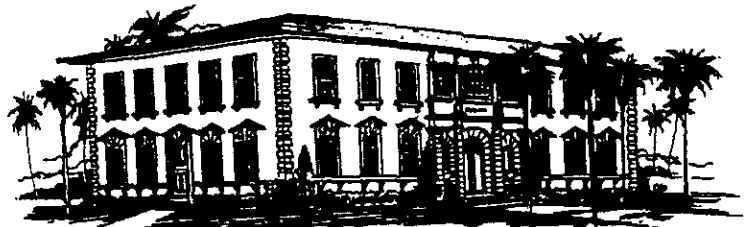
VENDOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (AFTER WORK HOURS, WEEKEND & HOLIDAYS):

Name: Dove Furer

Address: 1461 Kinetic Road, Lake Park, FL 33403

Telephone: (561) 718-9952

The Town of Lake Park




LAKE PARK TOWN HALL

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

"Jewel" of the Palm Beaches

ADDENDUM # 1

Date: November 18, 2003
To: Bidders for project 11-03
From: Paul E. Carlisle, Director of Public Works 
Subject: Addendum to Bid Documents
CC: Doug Drymon, Town Manager
Hoa Hoang, Assistant to the Town Manager
Carol Simpkins, Town Clerk

Attached please find the referenced questions and the response to each as was discussed in the pre-bid meeting of November 17, 2003:

1. Is Builders Risk Insurance going to be required?

- The Town will not require the Builders Risk Insurance. The Town would recommend however that the Contractor obtain such insurance to protect their interests.

2. What will the provision be for unsuitable material?

- The Town will supply a copy of the borings that were provided by Dunkelburger Engineering. It does not depict any unsuitable material, however the Town will place a bid line item for excavation of unsuitable material and compacted embankment. This does not include the embankment to construct the building pad, that embankment is to be included in the price for the pad construction line item.

Department of Public Works

3. Can the Town provide copies of the plans for the waterside construction and the proposed utilities?

- The Town has made one copy of the plans for each Company that paid for the bid package and attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

4. Is the Town willing to allow the Contractor to use Gas for the proposed facility?

- The Town will provide a line item to the Bid for using Gas. The complete design, permitting and installation shall be included in the bid line item.

5. Can the Town provide the requirements for the types of equipment to be used in the laundry Facility?

- The Town will provide the machines and the Contractor shall supply all of the electrical, gas, vents, drains and other apparatus as necessary for the installation of said equipment.

6. Due to time constraints can the town extend the Bid Opening date?

- The Town will reschedule the opening to December 8, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the Town Commission chambers located at 535 Park Ave. Lake Park FL. 33403

7. Can the Town extend the Construction time to 150 days after receipt of permit?

- After further discussions with the perspective bidders the Town agrees that the construction time should begin 150 days from receipt of the construction permit to substantial completion. Additionally the Town will require the submittal by the Contractor for permit be 45 days from Notice of Award.

8. Can the Town revise the Bid documents to reflect the different portions of the construction?

- Yes, Attached are the revised bid sheets that are to be submitted for consideration.

9. Can the Town prepare a qualification process to determine the most responsible and responsive bidder?

- The Town has prepared a set of required forms that are attached for each bidder to submit with the respective bids.

10. What are the specifications for the Elevator?

- The weight is to be 2,500 pounds and the speed is to be 125 feet per minute

11. Is the access adequate?

- No , an additional stairway will be required for emergencies.

C-1
Civil Litigation

Please provide a summary of all civil litigation your firm has been involved with since November 1992. Include all litigation with Government Entities, customers, and suppliers. Copy this page and attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please attach any additional information you feel is necessary to clarify and support the information in this form.

Litigants: Ideal Paint & Body
Brief Description of Case: Last Payment made by client returned for insufficient funds.
Outcome/projected outcome: We are proceeding with judgment & foreclosure.
Amount of Claim Monetary Award/Settlement \$15,000.00

Litigants: Jet Aviation
Brief Description of Case: Client did not pay final amount owed. Their project manager made claims which were unsubstantiated.
Outcome/projected outcome: Settlement has been reached. We have received 50% of outstanding money due and will receive remaining 50% by year end.
Amount of Claim/Monetary Award/Settlement \$165,000.00

Litigants: N/A
Brief Description of Case:
Outcome/projected outcome:
Amount of Claim Monetary Award/Settlement

C-2
Criminal Litigation

Please provide a summary of all criminal litigation your firm has been involved with since November 1992, Include all criminal convictions and any outstanding indictments. Copy this form and attach additional sheets if necessary.
Please attach any additional information you feel is necessary to clarify and support the information in this form.

Defendant: N/A
Charge(s): N/A
Brief Description: N/A
Outcome/Projected Outcome: N/A

Defendant:
Charge(s):
Brief Description:
Outcome/Projected Outcome:

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Brief Description:
Outcome/Projected Outcome:

SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTOR MATERIAL SUPPLIER PARTICIPATION

As specified in the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Bid Document, Bidders are to present the details of subcontractor/material supplier participation. If none, please specify N/A and submit form with Bid.

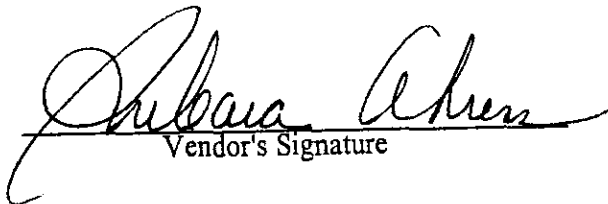
SUBCONTRACTOR MATERIAL SUPPLIER NAME(S)	ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP PHONE & FAX NO'S	TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED
BCM Construction	15287 67th Court North Loxahatchee, FL 33470 P: (561) 762-5709	Site work, drainage
GLOBE AIR CONDITIONING	3630 CONSUMER ST #109 RIVIERA BCH, FL 33404 (561) 844-3115	H.V.A.C.
CHARLIE'S PLUMBING	10111 IRONWOOD RD, STE C P.B. GARDENS, FL 33410 (561) 775-3937	Plumbing
TAURUS ELECTRIC OF THE TREASURE COAST	12924 SE SUZANNE DR HOBE SOUND, FL 33455 (772) 545-3338	Electric
PIONEER CONCRETE	6352 SW BANKS ST PALM CITY, FL 34990 (772) 260-3060	Concrete
FILIGREE WIDESLABS OF FLORIDA	3501 SW 46th ST FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33314 (800) 441-7393	2nd Floor system
ACI-CENTURY	1213 POPE LANE LAKE WORTH, FL 33460 (561) 547-3661	Roofing
JAMIE WHALEN CONSTRUCTION	2878 DONNELLY DR LANTANA, FL 33462 (561) 967-8150	Masonry
COBRA PAVERS & ENGINEERING	735 SW 15th AVE DELRAY BCH, FL 33444 (561) 276-3820	Brick Paver
BK MARINA CONSTRUCTION	3500 SW 14th ST DEERFIELD BCH, FL 33442 800-932-0122	Piling

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more Bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the Town for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a Bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie Bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under Bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under Bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.


Vendor's Signature

ANTI-KICKBACK AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____
_____, who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:

(1) I am Barbara Ahrens, President of Ahrens Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ahrens Companies the bidder that has submitted a proposal to perform work for the following project:

Bid # 11-03 Bid Name: Design Build Dock Master Building

(2) I, the undersigned, hereby depose and say that no portion of the sum bid in connection with the work to be performed at the property identified above will be paid to any employee of the Town of Lake Park or, Public Officer as a commission, kickback, reward or gift, directly or indirectly by me or any member of my firm or by an officer of the corporation.

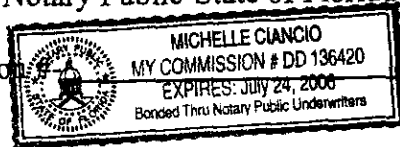
Barbara Ahrens
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 8th day of December, 2003 by Barbara Ahrens, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

SEAL:

Notary Signature: Michelle Ciancio

Notary Name: Michelle Ciancio
Notary Public-State of Florida

My Commission: 
Expires on: _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says of his/her personal knowledge that:

(1) He/she is of, the Bidder that has submitted a proposal to perform work for the following:

Bid #- 11-03 Bid Name: Design Build Dock Masters Building

(2) He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;

(3) Such bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;

(4) Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid price or the Bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the Town of Lake Park or any person interested in the proposed Contract: and

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

Handwritten signature of Barbara Ahrens

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 8th day of December 2003 by Barbara Ahrens who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.

SEAL:

Notary Signature: Michelle Ciancio

Notary Name: Michelle Ciancio
Notary Public-State of Florida

My Commission #-

Expires on:



CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

The Bidder certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder certifies further that he/she will not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she will not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location under his/her control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of his bid. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The bidder agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certification from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$ 1 0,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he/she will retain such certifications in his/her files.

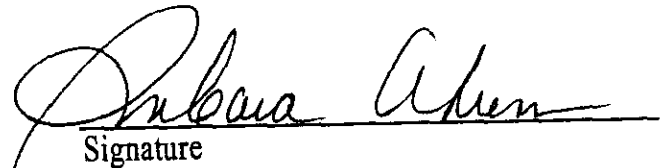
NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Company Name and Address:

Ahrens Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ahrens Companies

1461 Kinetic Road

Lake Park, Florida 33403


Signature

Barbara Ahrens, President
Name and Title

12/8/03
Date

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(a),

FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to Town of Lake Park, Lake Harbor Marina
 (print name of public entity)
 by Ahrens Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ahrens Companies
 (print individual's name and title)
 for Barbara Ahrens, President
 (print name of entity submitting sworn statement)
 whose address is
1461 Kinetic Road
Lake Park, FL 33403
 and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FIEN) is 65-0297589
 (if the entity has no FIEN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____)
2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a) Florida Statutes, means:
 - i. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - ii. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arms length agreement shall be prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person knowing enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e) Florida Statutes, means any natural person entity organized under the laws of any state or the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provisions of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, and agents who are active in the management of an entity.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Indicate which statement applies.)

Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, or one of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH I (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

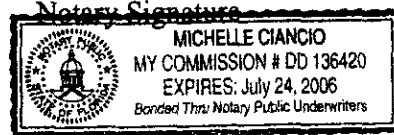
Barbara Ahrens
(Signature)

STATE OF FLORIDA
PALM BEACH COUNTY

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8th day of December 2003 by Barbara Ahrens as President of

Ahrens Companies, who is personally known to me or has produced

_____ as identification. Michelle Ciancio



Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we Ahrens Enterprises, Inc
dba Ahrens Companies

as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Hartford Plaza, Hartford, CT 06115
a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of CT
as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto
Town of Lake Park

as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of

Twenty-Five Thousand & NO/100-----Dollars (\$25,000.00).
for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by
these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for Design Build Dock Master Building,
650 Old Dixie Hwy., Lake Park, FL, Project #11-03

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract
with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding
or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt
payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter
such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty
hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract
with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain
in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of December 19 2003

Ahrens Enterprises, Inc. dba
Ahrens Companies

Mary B. Rose
(Witness)

Barbara Ahrens (Principal) (Seal)

Barbara Ahrens (Title) President

Hartford Fire Insurance Company (Surety) (Seal)

[Signature]
(Witness)

John M. Barnes
John M. Barnes, (Title) Attorney-in-Fact

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

THE HARTFORD
BOND, T-4
690 ASYLUM AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

Agency Code: 21-222297

HOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, up to the amount of unlimited:

Georgina C. Serio, John M. Barnes
of
Coral Gables, FL

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by , and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on July 21, 2003 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Paul A. Bergenholtz

Paul A. Bergenholtz, Assistant Secretary

David T. Akers

David T. Akers, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } ss. Hartford

On this 23rd day of July, 2003, before me personally came David T. Akers, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

Scott E. Paseka

Scott E. Paseka
Notary Public

My Commission Expires October 31, 2007

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of December 5, 2003.

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



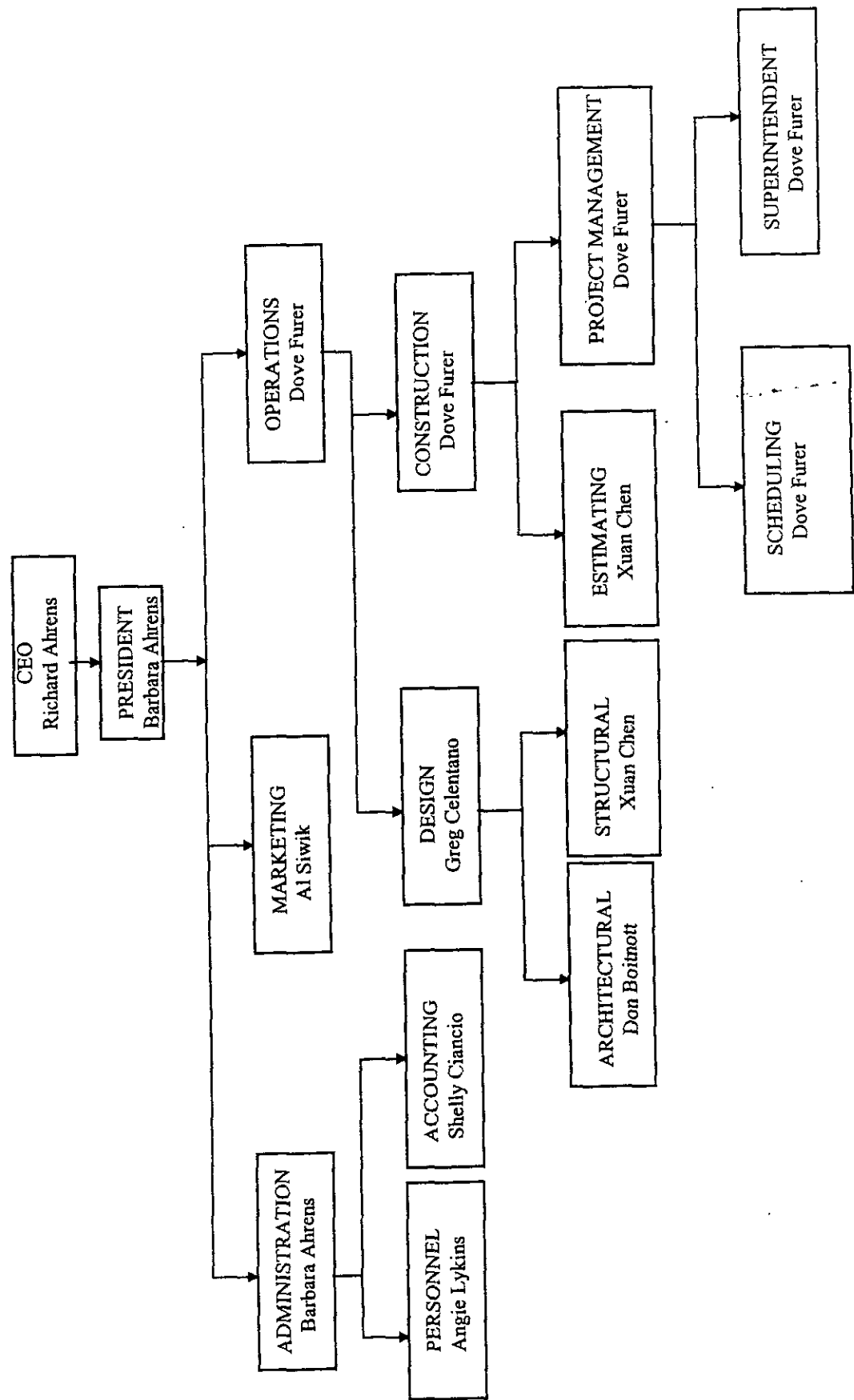
Yves Cantin

Yves Cantin, Assistant Vice President

Section 2

Section 7

DESIGN BUILD DOCK MASTERS BUILDING
LAKE PARK HARBOR MARINA



RICHARD C. AHRENS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Based on business experience & education, Richard has developed a firm foundation from which to base logical and fundamentally sound development decisions. Since his graduation in 1969, he has been involved in the design & construction of projects ranging in size from 20,000 to 200,000 square feet from such firms as Frit-o-Lay, National Gypsum Corporation, Kimmins Recycling, Grumman Aerospace, PGA National Golf Resort, Emerald Dunes, Loblolly Pines, Rybovich-Spencer Boatworks and Florida Power & Light. He also has gained great experience in dealing with governmental authorities such as environmental agencies, planning/zoning departments & city councils. Some of his major project experiences include:

- **LAKE WORTH GYMNASIUM.** (10,000 s.f.) Metal/CMU gymnasium – Lake Worth, FL.
- **PIERSON PARK GYMNASIUM** (24,000 s.f.) Multi-purpose gymnasium - Village of Wellington, FL.
- **PGA NATIONAL COMMUNITY** (30,000 s.f.) Design/Build project consisting of maintenance buildings, Property Owner's Association buildings, and site work project area, 10 acres – Palm Beach County, FL.
- **GRUMMAN AEROSPACE** (30,400 s.f.) Design/Build of 10-acre engineering complex - Martin County, FL.
- **KIMMINS RECYCLING** (130,000 s.f.) Design/Build of three facilities utilized for construction/demolition debris recycling in Lantana, Jacksonville and Miami, Florida.
- **KILPATRICK BUILDING** (40,000 s.f.) Design/Build of a new office/distribution center. This project consisted of tiltwalls and pre-engineered construction – Boynton Beach, FL.
- **ESMOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES** (104,000 s.f.) Pre-engineered building erection - Pahokee, FL.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 1969 - B.S. Business Administration
Licensed Building Contractor, CB – C006515, State of Florida Affiliation
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, University of Florida Athletic and Booster Associations
Past Advisory Member to the President of Republic Steel Corporation, Kirby Building Systems and A & S Building Systems
Building Code Advisory Board member – Palm Beach County
Member of the Associated General Contractors of America, Associated Builders & Contractors, Jack Miller Network and the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County



BARBARA AHRENS, C.I.D.

PRESIDENT

Barbara is the President and Controller of Ahrens Companies. She is responsible for budget control, bank relations, bonding, insurance needs, financial reporting and works closely with the company's CPA. In addition, she handles human resource and safety policies for the company

Barbara has worked in the real estate and construction field over the past 30 years in Florida. She has an extensive background in office and financial administration, having worked for several large real estate development firms in addition to owning her own real estate and property management companies since 1985. Barbara is the Broker/Owner of Ahrens Realty, Inc.

Prior to owning her own businesses, Barbara was Property Manager for Old Port Cove Management, Inc. in North Palm Beach County for 8 years. She assisted the General Manager in managing the facility, which is a 60-acre residential complex consisting of over 1,100 condominium units. Her responsibilities consisted of financial administration including complete budget preparation for seven condominium associations, assisting the Board of Governors in financial operations, and overseeing ground maintenance and the security force. In addition Barbara worked closely with the General Manager in the complete operation of the Management Company relative to supervision of the office staff, administrative policies and procedures, arranging for bids and coordinating repair work with the Building Managers, Board Committees and Contractors.

EDUCATION:

C.W. Post College, Long Island University
Greenvale, New York - Business Administration

Claremont Business School
Manhattan, New York - Business Administration

Florida Licensed Broker - BK242583
Certified Interior Decorator

GREGORY L. CELENTANO

PROJECT COORDINATOR, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Celentano moved from New York to Palm Beach Gardens shortly after graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He joined the Ahrens team in October of 1989 and during this time he has been involved in all areas of design and development, from preliminary design proposals and estimating and in the early years, project management. His creative and innovative design solutions have not only been cost effective and functional, but architecturally appealing to our clients. The following are some of the projects Greg has been involved with:

Lake Worth Gymnasium
Infinity
Jet Aviation Hangars
Premier Aviation
Florida Power & Light Maintenance Facilities
Emergency Vehicles, Inc.
Kilpatrick Building Office/Distribution Center
Lion Country Safari
Ibis Golf & Country Club
Kimmins Recycling
Palm Beach Gardens Parks & Recreation
Pineapple Groves Designs
Rybovich Spencer Boatworks
Broedell Plumbing Supply
CAMtech Precision Manufacturing, Inc.
Speranza
Pioneer Roof Tile
Security First Self Storage

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Building Science, (1989)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York

OSHA Safety Training

AL SIWIK***VICE PRESIDENT – SALES***

As Vice President, Sales, Mr. Siwik is responsible for procurement of new business and expansion of our firm utilizing Design/Build Business Agreements with our clients. A partial list of Al's most recent projects acquired is as follows:

Emergency Vehicles, Inc. Manufacturing Facility
Truck Max Repair Facility
Lauderdale Marine Boat Storage / Maintenance Facility
CAMtech Precision Manufacturing Office / Warehouse
Hanson Roof Tile Manufacturing Facility
Palm Beach Gardens Fire/Police Station
Summit Christian School Gymnasium
High Ridge Properties

Mr. Siwik has over 31 years of business experience, including 24 years in the procurement field at Florida Power and Light and 7 years as Vice President of Sales with Ahrens Companies. At Florida Power and Light, Al was responsible for bidding, selection and administration of all service related projects including building construction (new, renovations and maintenance), power plants, transmission/distribution, administrative services, telecommunications, security and environmental services. In 1983, he received Special Recognition for establishing and expanding Florida Power and Light Company's Minority Business Enterprise Program.

EDUCATION:

Master of Science in Contract & Procurement Management
Florida Institute of Technology

Bachelors of Science in Business Management
Florida Atlantic University

DON B. BOITNOTT***ARCHITECT***

Mr. Boitnott joined the Ahrens Companies' Design Department in February of 2003. He brings with him over 30 years of architectural experience.

For the past four years, Don has provided Construction Management and Supervision for Filia CoMan International Overseas, including architectural design development and details to support the construction of a multi-tower condominium project in Nassau, Bahamas; Club Med Hotel in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Club Med Hotel in Paradise Isle, N.P. Bahamas, and several other smaller projects including design of private residences on the Islands.

Since 1972, Don has been involved in a wide variety of projects including: Hotels, Restaurants, Clubs, Industrial and Manufacturing facilities, Schools and Colleges, Shopping Centers, Retail, Residential and Hospital & Laboratory facilities.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Architecture, (1977)
University of Texas, Austin, TX

Graduate studies: Management, Construction Management, Energy Conservation
University of Kentucky & Western KY State – Physics, Math & Art
University of Colorado, Denver, CO – Physics, Architecture
Brookhaven C.C., Dallas, Texas – Language

REGISTRATIONS:

Registered Architect in the states of: Florida #10650, California #13051, Kentucky #1705, Tennessee #10361, Texas #4653

NCARB Certified #16,062, AIA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Construction Specification Institute
APPA, CSI

XUAN CHEN***Estimator/Cost Engineer***

Mrs. Chen joined the Ahrens Companies in February of 2002 as an estimator/cost engineer. Her areas of responsibilities include: estimating budget price, performed cost/design analysis, performing bid estimates and quantity take-offs. Following are some of the projects Mrs. Chen has taken part in:

Smith Bros., Inc. -
Fred Keller Trustee
Morris Building
Palm Beach Gardens Police and Fire Station
Youth Activity Center
Summit Christian School - Gymnasium
Wellington Hockey Rink
Emergency Vehicles Inc. – Office/Warehouse Facility Addition
City of West Palm Beach – design/build of Equipment Storage Building

Prior to joining Ahrens Companies, Xuan worked as a Senior Quantity Surveyor in Singapore and a Structural Engineer in Beijing, China and Singapore. Mrs. Chen conducted internal ISO 9000 audits to ensure that quality management systems were running smoothly. She was involved in developing and implementing new project documentation procedures that reduced file-finding time and enhanced completion of project time line. Through these positions she has obtained extensive knowledge on performing bid estimates/submissions, evaluating subcontractor/vendor qualifications, and conducting Critical Path Method Analysis. Xuan managed contracting and purchasing of \$12 million police headquarters for the Public Works department in Singapore and successfully bid/contracted \$17 million in work.

EDUCATION

Master of Engineering in Construction Management, (2000 – 2001)
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA

Master of Engineering in Structural Engineering, (1987 – 1990)
Southeast University, Nanjing, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering, (1981 – 1985)
Harbin Architecture & Civil Engineering Institute, Harbin, China

AWARDS RECEIVED

Research Assistant Fellowship, 2000 – 2001
(ASCE)
Outstanding Academic Accomplishment, 2001
Society
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Masters Fellowship, 1987 – 1990
Southeast University, Nanjing, China

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Member of American Society of Civil Engineers
Member of Tau Beta Pi, The Engineering Honor

Registered Engineer, Florida #58578

1461 Kinetic Road, Lake Park, FL 33403-1911
Office (561) 863-9004 Fax (561) 863-9007
License # CBC006515

EXPERIENCE (Copy and complete one form for each contract for similar work)

Contract Name: Hanson Roof Tile

Address:

1340 SW 34th Avenue
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
City State Zip Code

Please list three (3) current references directly responsible for overseeing the above contract.

Contact Employee	Job Title	Telephone Number	Fax Number
1. Gary Reid	President	(954) 421-2077	(954) 426-2260
2. Scott Lelling	General Manager	(954) 421-2077	(954) 426-2260
3.		()	()

DATE OF CONTRACT

Contract start date 01 / 14 / 02 Contract expiration date 08 / 20 / 02
(NOT INCLUDING FUTURE EXTENSIONS)

Does the contract have a renewal or extension option? YES NO

If yes, how long? N/A

If yes, has the contract been extended or renewed? YES NO See below,

If yes, how many times? We are in the process of building a second project for Hanson Roof & Tile.

For how long has the contract time been extended N/A

Has your company ever requested a rate increase or additional compensation during the term of this contract? YES NO

If yes, please state the reason for the request and if the increase was granted?
N/A

Starting Contract Amount \$1,011,878.00

Final Contract Amount \$1,149,713.00

EXPERIENCE (Copy and complete one form for each contract for similar work)

Contract Name: Abacoa Fire Station

Address:

3550 Military Trail

Jupiter, FL 33458

33458

City

State

Zip Code

Please list three (3) current references directly responsible for overseeing the above contract.

Contact Employee	Job Title	Telephone Number	Fax Number
1. Phil Luchner	Stephen Boruff, AIA	(561) 471-8520	()
2. David Lowe	PB County Project Manager	(561) 233-0281	(561) 233-0270
3. Thomas M. Wenham	Capital Projects Coordinator	(561) 616-7070	(561) 616-7080

DATE OF CONTRACT

Contract start date 04 / 03 / 00

Contract expiration date 12 / 01 / 01

(NOT INCLUDING FUTURE EXTENSIONS)

Does the contract have a renewal or extension option? YES ● NO

If yes, how long? N/A

If yes, has the contract been extended or renewed? YES ● NO

If yes, how many times? N/A

For how long has the contract time been extended N/A

Has your company ever requested a rate increase or additional compensation during the term of this contract? YES ● NO

If yes, please state the reason for the request and if the increase was granted?

N/A

Starting Contract Amount \$1,075,799.00

Final Contract Amount \$1,099,562.00

EXPERIENCE (Copy and complete one form for each contract for similar work)

Contract Name: Palm Beach Gardens Fire/ Police Station

Address:

5161 Northlake Blvd.

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

33418

City

State

Zip Code

Please list three (3) current references directly responsible for overseeing the above contract.

Contact Employee	Job Title	Telephone Number	Fax Number
1. Mike Flattery	Gee & Jensen, Architect	(561) 515-6500	(561) 515-6502
2. Scott Fetterman	City of PBG Deputy Chief/ Fire Marshall	(561) 799-4300	(561) 799-4399
3. Peter Bergel	City of PBG Fire Chied	(561) 799-4300	(561) 799-4399

DATE OF CONTRACT

Contract start date 02 / 10 / 02

Contract expiration date 08 / 01 / 02

(NOT INCLUDING FUTURE EXTENSIONS)

Does the contract have a renewal or extension option? YES NO

If yes, how long? N/A

If yes, has the contract been extended or renewed? YES NO

If yes, how many times? N/A

For how long has the contract time been extended N/A

Has your company ever requested a rate increase or additional compensation during the term of this contract? YES NO

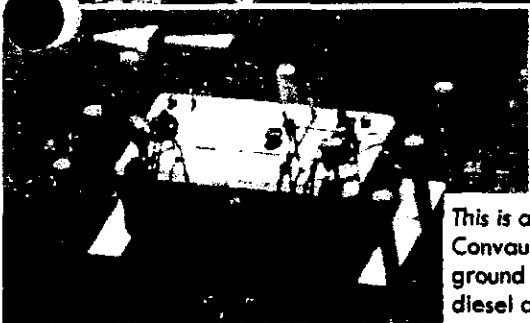
If yes, please state the reason for the request and if the increase was granted?

N/A

Starting Contract Amount \$1,645,647.00

Final Contract Amount \$1,652,349.00

AHRENS COMPANIES



This is a close-up photo of the Convault system: an above-ground fuel storage tank for both diesel and gasoline.



FACILITY TYPE: *Fire/Police Station*

LOCATION: *Jupiter, Florida*

CLIENT: *Palm Beach County*

DESIGNED BY: *Stephen Boruff, AIA*

SIZE: *5,500 SF*

FEATURES: *This facility is a replacement station that serves the Abacoa Development. It is sized to accommodate a duty office and 6 fire-fighters. The equipment bay houses 3 engines and a forestry vehicle. A liquid gas tank feeds the emergency generator in the event of loss of normal commercial power. The above-ground Convault provides on-site fuel for the service vehicles.*



SUMMIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Telephone: 561/686-8081 Fax: 561/640-7613 E-mail: summit@summitchristian.com

"Excellence in all things and all things to God's glory"

August 15, 2003

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to state how very satisfied we have been with Ahrens Companies and it's owners and staff. Ahrens provided very professional assistance from the post design process through the building's completion. They were very professional in mediating any issues during the building phase of our gymnasium. We would highly recommend Ahrens Companies to others and plan to request bids from Ahrens for our future building projects.

If you have any questions regarding Ahrens' team, please do not hesitate to contact me at 561-718-6000.

Very sincerely yours,

Donald L. Stimely
Chief Financial Officer

DLS/mmr



August 29, 2002

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1340 S.W. 34th Avenue
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Tel (954) 421-2077
Fax (954) 426-2260
www.hansonrooftile.com

Mr. Richard Ahrens
President
Ahrens Companies
1461 Kinetic Road
Lake Park, Florida 33403-1911

RE: Construction Project – 1340 SW 34th Street (Deerfield Beach)

Dear Richard,

As you know, your company became involved in our project after it was already partially designed. Utilizing the existing design, your design team made modifications that enhanced the functionality and construction process for our remodeling/expansion project.

Our new 34,000 SF facility consists of new curing chambers for our roof tiles, expansion for our tile lines, warehouse space, an employee lounge and locker rooms, office space, reclaiming pits and site work.

What made our project particularly challenging was the fact that the building was constructed over our existing plant – while the plant remained in operation. With very limited work and storage space, you were able to remove an existing roof without us suffering any downtime for weather. Your off-hours scheduling kept our production on track and our customers happy. Amazingly, the project proceeded with very few challenges considering the difficult conditions. Throughout the construction process, your staff made recommendations that have further enhanced the entire project. Furthermore, the overall quality of your work was excellent.

As you also are aware, as a result of your first rate performance on this project, I chose your company to handle the design for our intended expansion and renovation of our Hobe Sound plant. Having recently received all County approvals, I expect to commence with this project in the very near future.

Richard, thanks again for all of your hard work. Having a contractor that is focused on a safe and highly productive working environment while, at the same time, looking out for our best interests is vitally important and very comforting. I look forward to our continued good working relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Reid".

Gary A. Reid
President



IMAGE COMPANIES

Image Janitorial Services, Inc.
561-844-8778

814 14th Street

Lake Park, Fl 33403-2354
Facsimile 561-844-8986

August 2, 2002

Ahrens Companies
1461 Kinetic Road
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RE: Our New Building

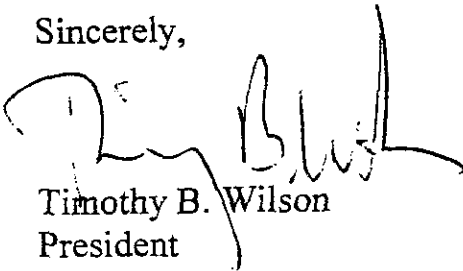
Dear Richard Ahrens & Staff:

Thank you so much for the excellent job in "creating" our new facility. From the onset, through the design, implementation, and finally the completion stages, Ahrens Companies has exceeded our expectations. Everyone was knowledgeable, helpful in the difficult decision making process, and professional in all aspects.

Richard Marks was instrumental in handling last minute changes and details, and Rochelle Walters was especially helpful in assisting with the administrative issues surrounding the move.

I would highly recommend Ahrens Companies.

Sincerely,



Timothy B. Wilson
President

CAMtech Precision Mfg

1365 Park Lane South; Jupiter, Florida 33458
Phone: 561-575-1905
Fax: 561-575-0795

August 2, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ahrens Companies designed, acquired site plan approvals and permitting, and constructed our new 16,424 SF corporate office and manufacturing facility.

They introduced my firm to a 3" insulated wall panel with 8" roof insulation. My manufacturing process requires that the entire building be air-conditioned and maintained within a few degrees of variation. Considering this factor, they designed and installed a system that has out-performed my expectations. Amazingly, my monthly electrical bill has been less than \$900.00 per month, even though the daytime temperature has been ranging from 90° to 100°.

In addition, the stucco-embossed exterior finish incorporated with the other architectural features was admired by the City Planning & Zoning Department and the Town Council. I have also received numerous compliments that my building is one of the most outstanding buildings constructed in this industrial park, which has very stringent architectural standards.

Your company's superintendent, project manager, in-house design team and subcontractors worked well together to provide a quality facility that built within both my budget and time constraints.

I highly recommend the Ahrens Companies Design/Build program since it saved me time and money as well as being a single source of responsibility.

Sincerely,



Ron Weaver
President