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To Whom It May Concern:

The Gainesville Housing Authority contracted Merik, Inc. to provide professional surveying and inspection services for 43 two story roofs that had been re-roofed by three separate contractors. This inspection was key to identifying and correcting problems before they became a problem. We received a bound report which included pictures and locations of deficiencies that were clearly articulated. This was helpful for staff to make necessary corrections and learn also from the identified problem.

After the initial survey experience we then contracted Merik, Inc. to provide professional services on a major reroofing project at seven of our sites during 2009. Their work involved surveying each building to assess the conditions and make recommendations for corrective actions. Merik developed budget estimates and assisted us in selection the most cost effective options for the work.

A total of 69 one and two story buildings were reroofed with asphalt shingles installed by two different roofing contractors. The project was bid as two separate blocks with an alternate for a single low combined bid. This allowed us to get the most cost competitive pricing and fast-track the work.

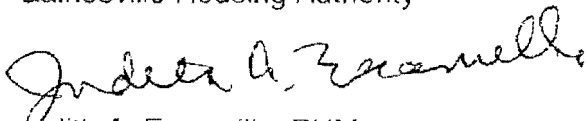
Merik provided construction contract administration and construction observation services throughout the project. They conducted a final inspection with punchlist at the completion of the work. As problems and issues came up during the reroofing work, Merik assisted us in dealing with each in a very professional manner.

In looking back at the services provided by Merik we feel our interests were continually served in a professional and very efficient manner. We have recommended Merik to other Housing Authority entities and would use their service again when the need arises.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to further discuss their services in this project.

Sincerely,

Gainesville Housing Authority



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