

June 27, 2015

## Letter of Recommendation

During my 38 year career with the federal government, I have had the opportunity to present numerous Requests for Proposal to contractors for various construction projects involving infrastructure to support federal law enforcement. These ranged from specific agency projects, United States Secret Service, for which I served as subject matter expert on a classified project, to a 60+ acre project at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, where I served as the responsible senior executive, developing the strategic plan and training needs document, and overseeing the selection of contractors for a \$31 million post 9/11 Counter Terrorism Operations Training Facility. During these, as well as other projects that I was involved with, I had the opportunity to interview, select, negotiate with, and exercise quality control on a number of primary and secondary contractors.

Upon retirement from the federal sector, having served as Deputy Director of the United States Secret Service, as well as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the DHS, I became a consultant, and eventually, a partner with Command Consulting Group, Washington, DC. During my six + year tenure with this organization, I had the pleasure of working closely with Jim Gerold, President of Gerold Brothers Construction. While providing high level security consultancy for sensitive, multi million dollar projects, I developed a rapport and trust for Jim, and knew I could confide in him when discussing the rationale for the implementation of various security requirements within these projects.

In addition to Jim's in depth knowledge of the design, development, construction of large projects, he has a keen appreciation of intricate security needs required to thwart any attempted compromises of his clients' safety and welfare. Jim's attention to detail, ability to integrate passive and active security devices into his overall plan, dependability and punctuality make him, truly, a man "worthy of trust and confidence."

I *highly recommend* Jim Gerold as a person trustworthy and extremely competent to undertake a construction project of almost any magnitude. If an opportunity arises for me to utilize Jim Gerold's talents again, I would not hesitate to do so.

In my estimation, Jim is without peer.

Bruce J. Bowen

Deputy Director (Retired)  
United States Secret Service