

Syracuse Builders Exchange
C/O 2011 Craftsmanship Award Committee
6563 Ridings Road
Syracuse, NY 13206

May 9, 2012

RE: Sherman Construction Inc.
7000 Airway Park Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Sherman Construction Inc. for the 2011 Craftsmanship Award. In May 2011 Sherman Construction completed the interior and exterior light metal framing and the interior drywall work at the Additions and Renovations to the Fayetteville Fire Department located at 425 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, NY. The project was extremely challenging. The addition to the Fire Department was located between and joined two existing buildings. It also spanned over the top of and encapsulated a section of the existing Village Hall. A fast tracked schedule added to the difficulty.

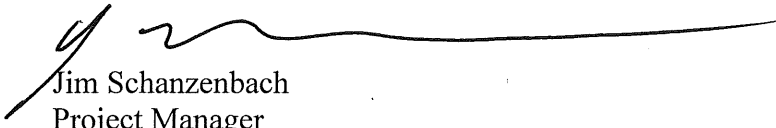
The work Sherman Construction performed on the project was some of the most difficult. The heavy gauge exterior framing was 4 stories high on some elevations. It also contained numerous large window and door openings. Sherman proposed and won approval to use a unique rough opening framing system from Dietrich Metal Framing that provided stronger, faster, and more accurate rough openings for the exterior walls. They took the time to meet with us and the mason to meticulously plan the locations of the openings so they matched perfectly with the complex brick work façade of the building.

Their work on the interior framing was equally as accurate and precise. While the interior walls may not have been as complex as the exterior, I cannot think as a single issue we found with the framing during the course of construction. Every wall was plumb and square. Every door opening was exactly the correct size. Every line and intersection was crisp and accurate. Precise framing and craftsmanship is a tremendous time saver and in this case I am sure we would not have made our schedule had we had to rework door openings or reframe walls.

The drywall and finishing crew also exhibited superior craftsmanship. Sometimes the best testament to a subcontractors work is the word of the subcontractor that follows them. On this project I used a painter that I have worked with often over the past 10 years. It is fairly common that this painter will find numerous flaws in the drywall finishing work and has spent many hours skimming and sanding imperfection before he paints a wall. He could not say enough good things about the work Sherman Construction did with the drywall. Again their work made the project move faster and made the jobs of other trades easier.

In closing I want to especially mention the work of the project foreman for Sherman Construction on this project, Ron Cellamare. All the planning, precision, hard work, and accuracy that Sherman delivered on this project can be also be said about Ron. Ron worked with us every step of the way to point out problems, develop solutions, and deliver a high quality product. Ron has a tireless work ethic and extensive knowledge of his trade. I hope you consider both Sherman Construction Inc. and Ron Cellamare for your prestigious award.

Sincerely,
Parsons-McKenna Construction Company, Inc.



Jim Schanzenbach
Project Manager