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Dear Mr. Gage,

In 2008, I was the Project Officer and subsequently assigned to be the Contracting Officer's Representative for management of the installation of a complicated perimeter security upgrade construction project at the U. S. Geological Survey National Center campus in Reston, Virginia. The project consisted of two phases, involving placement of natural geologic specimens of sandstone boulders into landscaped beds, installation of engineered removable K-12 rated bollards, and installation of a new operable K-12 rated plate barricade system onto a Service Roadway with all associated electrical power circuitry, hydraulic system, and barricade control system.

Throughout the course of construction, I coordinated with your installation personnel on a daily basis. I quickly learned that your personnel were well-versed in all aspects of construction, especially involving installation of physical security equipment and features. In addition to their construction technical knowledge, your crew members were an absolute pleasure to work with. The bitter cold that was experienced on days in late December 2008 and early January 2009 did not delay progress because your crew maintained a positive attitude and had a true goal of accomplishing daily progress. They quickly gained an understanding of the day-to-day operations on the USGS campus, and integrated the construction process very smoothly with traffic operations and Security Management Office requirements, ensuring that the construction work did not disrupt USGS operations. Considering the difficult access to areas where your crew needed to place the anti-ram boulders, they performed this task with ease, and were very professional in their handling of the heavy equipment necessary to transport and set the anti-ram boulders. The designing landscape architect visited the site regularly, and stated that this project was one of the smoothest and most efficient installations that she had ever seen.

On behalf of the United States Geological Survey, I would like to thank you for a job extremely well done! Thank you for accomplishing this project in such a professional and efficient manner.

Sincerely,

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