



May 6, 2009

RE: REFERENCE LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

Opportunity Builders is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks to provide low income individuals with the opportunity to have decent, safe and affordable housing for their families while at the same time providing services such as literacy classes, computer training, financial counseling, and other development efforts aimed at arming our residents and other low income individuals with the tools necessary to rise above their current economic status and achieve self-sufficiency.

Opportunity Builders engaged Mecca Companies, Inc to coordinate all development efforts on two (2) Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) opportunities in Liberal, KS and Rock Island, IL in 2008. The Village at Liberal, a 24 unit single family lease purchase development received an allocation of tax credits in 2008 in the amount of \$4,947,260, the development was funded with LIHTC equity. River Heights Lofts (Rock Island, IL), a 42 unit elderly rehab received an allocation of tax credits in 2008 in the amount of \$8,900,020, the development was funded with LIHTC equity, and a \$300,000 AHP grant.

Mecca Companies was responsible for site identification, entitlements, pro forma analysis, LIHTC application preparation, pre development coordination (including architect, market analyst, etc) and will be considered for construction management services upon development closing.

On behalf of Opportunity Builders I would recommend Mecca Companies as a valuable consultant for any entity interested in revitalization development needs. In my personal experience with their organization they have provided superior service and exceeded expectations.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. D. Kjeldgaard", is written over the typed name.

Eric Kjeldgaard
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