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RE: Reference Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

As with many communities, the City of Kokomo, Indiana as been severely impacted by the recent rise in home foreclosures and the many problems associated with it. To combat these problems, the city was awarded a \$2.18 million grant under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, and our Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is now well underway as one of our many revitalization efforts.

After issuing an RFP to find a qualified firm to lead our administrative efforts, the City of Kokomo chose Mecca Companies, Inc. to assist us with virtually every aspect of this complicated, but highly beneficial program. Their team is doing a fine job in creating new homeownership opportunities for households at or below 120% of the Median Family Income, in addition to redevelopment of affordable rental units for those below 50% MFI. Responsibilities include overall grant management, property identification, assessment of blighted and vacant homes, work specifications, budgets and construction management, regulatory compliance, record keeping and monthly status reports.

On behalf of the City of Kokomo, I would highly recommend Mecca Companies, Inc. as valuable consultant and program administrator. Their knowledge and background, and most importantly, the results that we are now seeing are exceeding our expectations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry R. Meiring".

Jerry R. Meiring
Community Specialist