



January 2, 2007

Mr. David Reifman
Chairman
Blue Ribbon Panel

Re: William G. Conopeotis
ConopCo Realty & Development, Inc.
Project: World Trade Center Chicago & Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Dear Mr. Reifman;

The World Trade Center Chicago and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce recently decided to cement a long standing relationship by co-locating on the 22nd floor of the Aon building. What at first seemed a daunting task to simultaneously manage two company moves was made seamless and efficient by our project manager, Mr. Bill Conopeotis.

Bill's experience and professionalism were quite evident regarding every aspect of this move from meeting efficiency to maintaining a strict timeline. Nonetheless, there were two unique aspects of this move: the fact that we were managing two budgets separately and that both organizations are non-profit. From the first meeting Mr. Conopeotis worked with both groups diligently to outline individual needs as well as those that affected both groups. He easily explained options regarding the budget and how every decision would affect our future space. He ensured that we maximized the allocated budget.

Bill also went above and beyond the call of his project management duties. At times, the budgets for our project were tight as is inherent to non-profit groups. In light of this, Bill leveraged his contacts in Chicago to secure donations to the WTCC and CCC which made a world of difference in our new space. Without these donations, other pieces of the project would have been eliminated.

From the beginning, our team was entirely impressed by Mr. Conopeotis. We were thoroughly satisfied with the work performed and are indeed grateful to him for exceeding our expectations on the project. It is for these reasons that with extreme confidence, I recommend Mr. Bill Conopeotis for 'Project Manager of the Year'.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil F. Hartigan".

Hon. Neil F. Hartigan
Chairman

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