

U.S. Equities Realty

December 29, 2005

Mr. David Reifman
Chairman
Blue Ribbon Panel

**Re: William G. Conopeotis
ConopCo Realty & Development, Inc.
Project: Lord, Bissell & Brook**

Dear Mr. Reifman:

I first was introduced to Bill Conopeotis many years ago when U.S. Equities Realty represented North American Company for Life and Health Insurance (NACOLAH) and ConopCo acted as owner's representative. It was a nascent industry at the time and frankly I was skeptical about layering in to the relocation process one more service provider, one more consultant to which the tenant would owe a fee.

But Bill was outstanding, more than earned his fee, saving NACOLAH way more in time and money than Bill charged.

Since then I have recommended Bill for several large relocations, the Lord, Bissell & Brook relocation from 115 South LaSalle Street to 111 South Wacker Drive being one of the most complicated and largest at 200,000 square feet.

Bill is a task master and cracks the whip for sure. He is THE most organized person I know, and without him the project may have floundered at several key junctures. As in all major design/construction/relocations there is an entire team assembled. But each member of the team is not officed in one place, is not working only on one assignment, does not always interpret matters the same way, has strengths and weaknesses, and sometimes has divergent interests from other members of the team.

The head of the team is technically the client, the tenant that is relocating. But the client is running or participating in its own business – in the case of Lord, Bissell & Brook, the business of practicing law.

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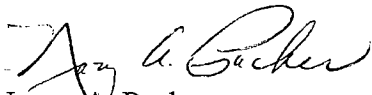
Here's where Bill comes in, to act as Army General, as team leader, as THE person who guides the team members and makes each accountable for doing the right job, and as important, the right job on time.

Bill kept the process moving oh so smoothly. Lord, Bissell & Brook will relocate in January, 2006; the space is complete; I visited it on December 28th and Larry Gray, the managing partner, assured me "We could not have done it without all the team – Gary Lee and his team from Gary Lee Partners; Mike Clune and his team from Clune Construction; but "Billy C" [as he is known] was the glue holding us all in place."

I hope the Blue Ribbon Panel recognizes Bill's success with this project by awarding him the "Project Manager of the Year."

Very truly yours,

U.S. EQUITIES REALTY, LLC



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