

January 8, 2009

Pete Dawson
Dawson Construction
405 32nd Street, Suite 110
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Pete,

I want you to know how much my colleagues and I admire and appreciate the work of Dawson Construction as General Contractor for the \$4.5 million Phase II renovations of the historic Mount Baker Theatre.

Dawson and its subcontractors have done the highest quality work updating the major infrastructure of this historic and iconic building—electricity, heating, air conditioning, security, fire suppression, lighting, and acoustics.

The timeline was tight for such a complex project, which had to be sandwiched into the nine months between our closing show March 2, 2008, and our Gala Reopening Dec. 6. Dawson met this critical timeline with a comfortable margin. Punch list items are continuing to be addressed promptly by Dawson or their subs.

It has been a relief and pleasure to work with a contractor who, at every step of the way, was reasonable, responsive, and concerned about the quality of the product. When the inevitable surprises contained in a historic building undergoing renovation presented themselves, Dawson employees were always cooperative, reasonable and creative working out change orders. Ben Thompson, Dawson's job superintendent, deserves special praise for his competence, calmness, and day-to-day leadership of the project.

Please share this letter as a reference, and send future prospective clients to me. I'll be happy to sing your praises. Thank you for a job very well done.

Sincerely,



Brad Burdick
Executive Director

cc: Ben Thompson