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Dear Colleague:

I am writing this letter of testimonial as a very satisfied tenant of "The Base", formerly known as Newark Air Force Base. My exposure to The Base occurred first in the early eighties, when I spent an extended time establishing organic repair for one of the U.S. Air Force's most accurate gyroscopes. It was the people who made this off-site assignment the most enjoyable one of my career.

Following that assignment, I was fortunate enough to return numerous times. When our Norwood, Massachusetts, home facility was slated to close in the mid-nineties, my first choice was to take-up roots and return to this facility. Nine hand-picked employees relocated from our home facility and joined me in early 1996 to support the privatization-in-place transition effort occurring at that time. Over the years, our team has grown to more than 50 highly skilled professionals.

Our primary growth and almost nonexistent turnover rate are due to the excellent cadre of talent available in this area. The majority of our employees in operations, engineering, and finance are from the local area. We benefit from being geographically close to the main campus of Ohio State University. We are also near DeVry University in Columbus, and are within a few miles of Ohio State University Extension, Central Ohio Technical College, Licking County Joint Vocational School in Newark, and Denison University in Granville.

I can't speak highly enough about the people of this area and this facility. The tenants at The Base treat us like family. We have a unique and wonderful relationship with Boeing and the Port Authority. Bob Weideman, Boeing's Center Director and his team co-exist with us and they are one of our major customers as well. Rick Platt, Executive Director of the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority, and his excellent staff continue to impress us with their superior customer service.

We lease portions of two buildings and all of a third one on this campus. Boeing and the Port Authority have been very accommodating and quite responsive in supporting our lease needs. In addition, county, city, and state officials have been very cooperative in supporting our growth needs.

The Base also offers a café that serves hot meals and offers catering services for events, a state-certified day care center, park and picnic areas, walking paths, and a city-operated recreation center. The Base is conveniently located near State Highway 79, is only five minutes from Interstate 70, only 33 miles from Port Columbus International Airport, and 37 miles from the Rickenbacker Airport cargo facility.

The Base is an excellent choice for selecting this site for your business location. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.



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