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Ms. Ellen Pratt Harris, AIA
Harris Architects
36 West Probar Street
Brevard, NC 28712

Subject: Old Fort Depot

Dear Ellen:

On behalf of the NCDOT Rail Division, I want to thank you and Harris Architects for the outstanding work on the Old Fort Depot Rehabilitation. The depot was constructed in 1890 and in recent years had been used by the Town for functions and civic events. Unfortunately the Town and the railroad made contemporary alterations to the building which detracted from the historic character and aesthetic.

Your firm was very thorough in researching the history of the building and peeling back the layers to reveal a jewel. The design did an excellent job of preserving the old and introducing new elements to accommodate modern conveniences and accessibility.

The bid documents were very thorough and easy to interpret, and the low bid was amazingly within 0.01% of the estimate. During construction your firm addressed the contractor's questions expeditiously and overall it was a successful project.

Good luck with future ventures and I hope I have the fortune of working with Harris Architects again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig M. Newton".

Craig M. Newton, P.E.
Senior Project Engineer

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