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Recommendation for Buddy Williams

Dear friend,

This letter provides the highest recommendation for Buddy Williams.

Buddy has been an key part of the senior staff at Van der Ryn Architects for the past 6 years.

Buddy is an extraordinary blend of brilliant designer and thoughtful project architect who is comfortable in conceptual design as well as meticulous detailing.

He has been a pivotal person on our major projects –

- Berea College Ecovillage – Commons buildings, Child Development Lab and 28 units of innovative housing in Kentucky using about 1/4 the energy and water of the regional average – Buddy was project designer and project manager and followed through from concept to construction documents on key parts of the project. He was highly regarded throughout the complex client organization and consultant team.
- The \$22 million 800 Corte Madera residence - built to the standards of the highest quality art museum. Buddy was the project team member who designed and detailed the many of the most complex parts of the project, including the Media Room and Pond Entrance sequence.
- Romberg Center for Environmental Studies - \$18 million marine research and teaching facility on a former military base next to San Francisco Bay. Innovations in social layout and systems infrastructure. Buddy was a key conceptual designer and produced all the conceptual drawings on the project.
- Kirsch Center at De Anza College in California - 23,000 sf classroom and office building with LEED silver registration, photovoltaics and special energy conservation techniques – Buddy was a key conceptual designer.
- Kol Shofar Synagogue in California, RiversEdge Nature Center in Wisconsin and Image Winery Visitors Center in California are other recent projects where Buddy has produced stunning conceptual design packages.

The breadth of his skills make him a uniquely valuable staff member as he has expertise through the whole architectural process. He is skilled in project programming and concept workshops, schematic design and complex construction documents. He has an extraordinary knowledge of sustainable energy, water and waste systems and materials.

Two things especially stand out about Buddy: he is an exceptional communicator, both in drawings and renderings - and also verbally. And he is a fast, efficient producer who meets his deadlines while providing spectacular work.

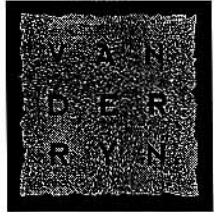
It has been a pleasure to work with Buddy and I believe anyone who has the chance to work with him is very fortunate.

Sincerely,



Dave Deppen, Vice President

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