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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to take this opportunity to highly recommend the work done by the Black Hills Institute of Geologic Research.

When The Children's Museum embarked upon creating our new exhibit "*Dinosphere, Now You're in Their World*" we were venturing into new territory for this museum. We were creating the largest, interactive gallery in our history. We had major funding lined up, amazing publicity, grand ideas – and suddenly we actually had to create something.

The Black Hills Institute played a major role in the success of the exhibit.

- They worked well with our exhibits staff, development team and executive team to carefully craft a plan for the preparation, shipping and installation of the key dinosaur specimens.
- The Institute worked with our design team to create dinosaur scenes that are dynamic and yet anatomically accurate.
- In each step of the process they worked with members of the press, our PR firm and our editors to make sure that all content was accurate. Pete and Neal Larson made themselves available for numerous press interviews.
- The Institute worked as a liaison between the museum and members of the commercial and academic paleontological community.
- Having been given a frighteningly tight timeframe to prep, mold, cast, and articulate multiple specimens – they accomplished this with amazing results. Initially we were told that the Black Hills Institute has never missed a deadline, and they certainly never did with us.
- Pete and Neal Larson continue to serve on our International Advisory Board and help to guide the future of the dinosaur program at The Children's Museum.

The final product created by Black Hills Institute far exceeded our expectations. (And our expectations are always very high - the museum can be a most demanding customer.) The dinosaur mounts have a gracefulness and fluidity that are unmatched. The specimens and work done by the Institute have been given rave reviews by the paleontological community, the museum associations, and by over a million visitors within the first year.

I can highly recommend to anyone that they take advantage of the knowledge and professionalism offered by the Black Hills Institute of Geologic Research.

Most sincerely,
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