



City of Umatilla

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It gives me great pleasure that I have been asked to write this letter of recommendation for Booth, Ern, Straughan & Hiott, Inc. (BESH Engineering). I have known Rob Ern, a principal of BESH for at least 15 years and have always found him to be forthright, honest and diligent in his approach to civil engineering as it relates to municipal government. More recently, I have had the opportunity to work with Duane Booth, P.E. and principal as well as other principals and engineers of this firm. All are more than capable, easy to access and willing to go the extra mile for their clients.

In my tenure with various governmental entities in Lake County, Rob has been intimately involved in either assisting with, or conducting the direct engineering of various water and wastewater treatment facilities and distribution systems for my cities. He has also been instrumental in both finding and applying for low cost loans and grants and completed numerous studies that have led to awards of grants and loans. Overseeing private development as it relates to utilities and how they are connected to municipal utility systems is also a service that BESH is able to provide.

I am most proud to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding firm. Any organization, either private or public could not chose a better or more well-rounded engineering firm than BESH.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Irby
City Manager