



National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

March 8, 2004

Mr. D. Ted Edelman, P.E., C.F.P.S.
President
Cherokee Fire Protection, LLC
14 Larch Lane
Middletown, Maryland 21769

Subject: **Recommendation of Cherokee Fire Protection, LLC**

Dear Ted:

It is my pleasure to provide you this letter of recommendation. The National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) Division of the Fire Marshal has utilized Cherokee's staff since 1995 to assist in the day-to-day responsibilities associated with this office. This work entails design review services, construction submittal reviews, acceptance testing of sprinkler, fire alarm, fire pump and special suppression systems and general consulting services for the purposes of developing property protection and life safety schemes that can meet the intent of industry codes and standards while meeting the challenges associated with aged facilities. Major project participation entails accepting a 'cradle-to-grave' approach for the consistent and accurate application of NIH's Design Policy and Guidelines, being involved from the planning stages through to the final acceptance and occupancy of a new building.

Cherokee's engineers consistently provide accurate and timely services, and often times, creative solutions for the myriad occupancy challenges encountered at NIH facilities. To that end, I have utilized Cherokee's engineering and consulting experience to assist in the development of our own fire safety policies.

Based on my past experience with Cherokee, I am pleased to recommend them to other government agencies, as well as private concerns. Cherokee's engineers exhibit a high level of professionalism and never hesitate to serve, even when requests come outside standard work hours, or the standard workdays.

I look forward to continuing our relationship, as our past experience has been enjoyable and successful.

Sincerely,

J. P. McCabe, P.E.
NIH Fire Marshal