



## Homeland Security

May 29, 2007

Mr. Jimmy Hightower  
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Dear Mr. Hightower:

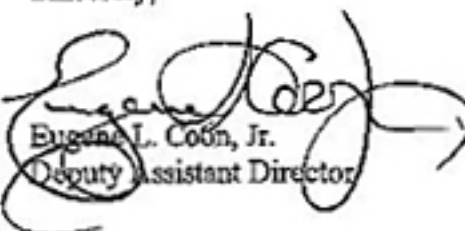
I would like to take this opportunity to commend Hightower Construction Company and their professional staff for a job well done. From the onset, the Indoor Firing Range FLETC, Charleston, SC, was a project described as unique and requiring special skill and expertise to complete. Hightower used this opportunity to build a facility that has been described by experts in the field as "the best indoor range (of that profile) in the country." Not only was the best range in the country built, but it was done so on time, under budget and most importantly there were no lost time accidents.

Aaron Norton, Project QC Manager, Dan Premo, Project Superintendent, Ken Palka, Manager, and Jamie Killgallen, Project Manager, were assets that cannot be measured. This team of professionals knew their job and committed many hours to ensure the project was approached with a work-forward attitude. This attitude allowed the stumbling blocks to be quickly replaced with new ideas. Prior to groundbreaking, there were countless hours spent combing the plans and specifications for problems that would later become roadblocks costing both time and money. These issues were then addressed and an answer was in hand before the problem physically arose. The team's efforts in multi-tasking were evident in every aspect of the project.

The savings that were passed on to the Government were due, in fact, to value engineering that was initiated by Hightower Construction. This value engineering was a result of experience which was displayed throughout by Hightower and their expert team of subcontractors. A savings of over \$100,000 was passed on to the Government as a direct result of this modification.

The new indoor firing range is, and will be, the cornerstone of FLETC Charleston, allowing us to meet the ever-pressing needs of Homeland Security. Once again, thank you for this successful project.

Sincerely,



Eugene L. Cohn, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant Director