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We are writing this letter to recommend Larry and Andrea Olsen of Olsen Construction as the builders of your new home. We have been involved with several building projects over the past 30 years, both residential and commercial, and our experience with the Olsens has been exceptional.

Our first experience with Larry Olsen occurred when we had planned to build a large new home in the Lake of Egypt area. We had met with two other builders in addition to Mr. Olsen and had explained our plans for the construction. However, we were impressed with the interest and thorough documentation that Mr. Olsen made as we talked. His follow-up, thorough explanations, and attention to detail even in the preliminary meetings before he had been selected convinced us that we would work best with him in building our new home.

Although we have not yet followed through on our original plan to build the large new home, we did decide to make a sizable addition to our existing home in the Lake of Egypt area. Again, Mr. Olsen was thorough and accurate in his preparation of the cost estimates, and counseled us on what to expect at various stages of the construction, since we continued to live in the home while the construction was in progress. His sub-contractors were timely and courteous and Mr. Olsen was on-site almost every day to inspect and clean-up after each day's work. He treated our home as if it were his own in his care of our belongings, covering up items and protecting furnishings from dust, even to the point of mopping our floor so that the workmen did not track dirt through the rest of the house. He kept in contact with us almost daily, giving us updates and forecasting what would happen during the next few days and weeks. And what is even more amazing, he worked long hours himself to keep the construction timeline on schedule and he is quite a craftsman.

Larry and Andrea completed our work on time, within the budget that was originally set, and the quality of the work was excellent. After working with Larry on this project, we both feel that we can recommend him without reservation to build your new home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at elainemelby@4siwi.com.

Sincerely,

David and Elaine Melby
Lake of Egypt