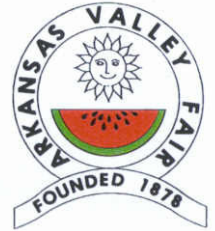


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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as a letter of reference for Marc Diament of Marc Diament Architecture. I have had the opportunity to work with Marc Diament over the last several years in regard to the Arkansas Valley Fair. Most of that work has been involved in the historic rehabilitation of the historic adobe stables which are located at the fairground.

I and my fair board have been pleased to work with Marc Diament for the following reasons:

- He has the technical expertise to help us determine good solutions to the historic, construction and budget problems related to the rehabilitation of our horse stable project.
- He is well acquainted with the State Historical Fund, their procedures, requirements and personalities.
- He has the ability and willingness to work with us to help develop additional funding for our project as the project develops.
- Marc has a continuing interest in working with our community. Therefore, our project gets the attention that it needs.
- Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Marc Diament and his firm have demonstrated a willingness to stick with us and our project for the long haul. Though his work funded under the initial grant for this project has long since completed, Marc has continued to work with me, my board and other community members in supporting us all in developing this project.

Please call me should you have any additional questions about Mr. Diament's skills and abilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sally Cope'.

Sally Cope, Manager
Arkansas Valley Exposition & Fair Association