

## Testimonial

I would like to express my thanks and deepest appreciation to Herman/Stewart Construction upon its successful completion of the Courtyard Marriott, a 144-room hotel located in Melford Business Park, Bowie, MD, for the Hospitality Development Company Group.

The project could not have been realized without the strong and committed support of the entire Herman/Stewart team including Matthew Whitney, Chief Financial Officer, who provided tremendous help in performing detailed financial analyses and assistance in applying for finance for the project; Rick Barnes, Senior Project Estimator, for his thoroughness in estimating the construction cost; Michael Hancock, Senior Project Manager, for his determination to remove the many bottlenecks created by deficiencies in the project design; and the team of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents who were in the field bringing the hotel out of the ground.

Herman/Stewart Construction gave my project top priority and I highly recommend them.

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