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Dear Neil

Subject LCT 7074 - ASCIA CONSTRUCTION REFERENCE FROM ARTELIA UK

Ascia Construction were engaged by the National Museum of the Royal Navy (Portsmouth) (NMRN(P)) following a competitive tender process to construct a dry dock, canopy structure and hard landscaping for the new home of Landing Craft Tank (LCT) 7074 the last surviving LCT from the DDay Landings. LCT is approximately 60m long, 10m wide (beam) and ranging from approximately 4m high to 12m high. The project was constructed at the site of the DDay Story Museum at Southsea near Portsmouth, Hampshire and was Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), Portsmouth City Council and NLHF and was managed by Artelia UK.

During the project we had to deal with a number of challenges including the DDay Commemorations which involved worldwide VVIP's visiting the area to attend a national event and as well as the anticipated site issues, we had to deal with the Covid Pandemic 2020.

Following the tender process and initial appointment, it was necessary to value engineer the project, Ascia quickly became a trusted and valued contributor to that process and with their helpful and considered input along with their key sub-contractors, the project was able to progress within a matter of weeks of their appointment. Working with Ascia, I have found them to be very knowledgeable, experienced, with can do and make it happen attitude and a real pleasure to work with. Their key sub-contractors have been exemplar in achieving high quality finishes first time.

I have no hesitation to highly recommend Ascia Construction and would willing employ them again should the opportunity arise.

Yours sincerely

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