

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

It is with great pleasure that we write this testimonial for DNA Design Associates.

During February of 2015 the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa sent out an RFP to various international interior design companies to compete for the revamp of the Niger building at the UN compound.

We received 16 proposals from various companies around the globe and three companies was shortlisted to compete for this exclusive contract based on their knowledge and previous experience of similar projects of this magnitude, DNA Design Associates being one.

The brief given to the design companies was to change the staid environment into a contemporary, innovative, modern, minimalist international look and feel and to then execute the installation within a very limited period to be completed for the "Horn of Africa Summit" attended by tens of thousands of delegates from all over the globe including Barack Obama so timeous completion of this project was critical.

During the second week of April 2015 the shortlisted companies were asked to present their initial space layout, look and feel together with budget estimates for the successful installation and execution of their design intent.

The result? DNA Design Associates came up with a revolutionary new looking office with loads of public space and support areas that no other design company addressed. What struck us most about their presentation was the organic shapes and the textured influence on lobby and accent walls with wood, brushed aluminum, accent lighting & glass combined that created an attitude difficult to define and impossible to resist. Their accent was on taste, good elegant taste with clean and organic shapes. The space designed seemed highly suited to its occupants as each and every person was taken into consideration.

With DNA's projects manager who outlined the critical path in detail at outset and then always attended to the site daily there was never any doubt in our mind that the project will be completed within the tight deadline and to the international standard a UN company will expect.

The on time and within the budget estimate they provided this contemporary interior is conducive to efficient new working conditions that will propel a progressive workforce well into the new millennium.

There are plenty of opportunities for those companies willing to serve before they collect. DNA performed a service that is greater in quantity and better in quality than what they were paid for doing and this eventually paid them for more than what they performed as we not only awarded phase 2 of the project to DNA Design Associates with confidence but also awarded them a further five-year contract on the UNECA campus based here in Addis Ababa "Ethiopia".

Well done to all the DNA staff involved on this immense achievement, from the design team to the quantity surveyor to the project manager to the hands on approach by Eben himself as they clearly operate as a unity.

We recommend DNA Design Associates on any such work as what they performed here so effectively.

Yours sincerely,  
  
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