



May 18, 2009

Mr. Thomas Lopatosky  
LOPCO Contracting  
19 Joslin Street  
Providence, RI 02909

Dear Mr. Lopatosky,

The Hive Archive (The Hive) was founded in 2001 as a non-profit, women-run feminist arts organization, focused not just on art making and empowerment through creative expression, but also on civic involvement and social change. We are a multi-faceted organization that strives to dismantle obstacles that limit women and girls in reaching their full creative potential.

The Hive is currently renovating the historic Gasometer located on the corner of Manton Avenue and Aleppo Street in the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence. We have been working hard to transform the space into an accessible and safe community arts center that will provide women and girls with access to art studios, career learning opportunities, and skills expansion.

On April 25, 2009, LOPCO Contracting brought The Hive one step closer to realizing our dream by giving the Gasometer a fresh coat of paint during the *Olneyville Shines 2009* event. LOPCO Contracting's proprietor, Tom Lopatosky, helped organize the event and led a team of volunteers on the painting project. The job was professionally and meticulously done - Tom and his team went above and beyond our expectations.

**Thank you Tom and LOPCO for making our building beautiful!**

Warmly,

Alyssa Holland Short  
Executive Director  
The Hive Archive