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## **Letter of Recommendation**

USS Hershel Williams, ESB-4 executed a 45-day maintenance availability in Rijeka, Croatia which ended 13 May, 2021. One of the major maintenance items performed was ventilation cleaning throughout the entirety of the accommodation spaces in the vessel.

Alkion was subcontracted by Viktor Lenac shipyard to perform the ventilation cleaning. Alkion was tasked with cleaning all of the ducting for accommodations spaces and several air conditioning units across all levels of the ship. The engineering drawings supplied to Alkion had some inaccuracies. This, coupled with the fact that their company had never before been on this vessel, added to an already challenging task to complete the large amount of work on time.

Not only did Alkion complete the work within the awarded contract period, they also performed additional work than was originally specified due to specification errors in the work detail statement. They executed cleaning of more than 20,000 feet of ducting with over 600 access cuts needing to be made. The cleaning was performed with first pass quality and the communication between the onsite foreman, the shipyard, and project management team was very effective. Alkion contributed largely with their work scope, ensuring the project's on-time completion and getting the ship back on mission. I would recommend Alkion for marine ventilation cleaning to anyone and hope that we get the opportunity to work with a professional team like Alkion again!

Best regards,

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