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To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Douglas entered into a contract with Cartographic Associates, Inc. for Base and Tax Mapping Services in March 1999, with an anticipated completion date of June 30, 2000. We found this project to consume a great deal more of our Staff's time than anticipated, due to our extensive review of the planimetric and cadastral maps. As a result, we requested an extension of the contract to update our maps through January 1, 2001.

The project included aerial photography and a full deed research. The metadata was stored in ARC/INFO format allowing us to implement a Geographic Information System. The Tax Map and GIS project was completed in December 2001. We just recently accomplished our final goal of publishing our GIS online. The implementation and publishing of the GIS was also contracted with Cartographic Associates, Inc. We are very excited having accomplished this goal and very confident with the quality of data we now have.

As you can see our business relationship with Cartographic Associates Inc. has been ongoing for quite some time. Working with Donald Butson, Bryon Kenne, Vice President of GIS Services, and all the staff assigned to our project has been a very positive experience as well as educational. We found them all to be very professional, thorough in their work, and extremely patient with our unending questions.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to contact me at 508-476-4000, Ext. 112. My office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, or you can email me at iouillette@douglasma.org.

Very truly yours,

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