



February 5, 2021

Mr. Corbin Ballast
Director of Utilities
City of Texas City
911 Highway 146 North
Texas City, Texas 77590

Re: **Letter of Recommendation for Water Line Replacement Project – Phase 18
BID #2021-395**
City of Texas City
ARKK Job No. 20-039

Dear Mr. Ballast:

On January 28, 2021, five (5) bids were received for the above referenced project. This project involves the replacement of existing water lines at locations throughout the City. Following is a summary of our bid evaluation:

1. Bid Tabulation Sheet – Five (5) construction firms participated in the bidding process. The bids were checked for mathematical errors and/or bid irregularities. The project was bid with a base bid and three (3) Add Alternates. Add Alternate No. 1 includes approximately 820 L.F. of 8” water line, fire hydrants, connections and all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the work. Add Alternate No. 2 includes the installation of two (2) 14” cut-in valves. Add Alternate No. 3 includes the installation of one (1) 14” cut-in valve and all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the work.
2. As discussed with the City of Texas City, the Base Bid, and Add Alternates No. 1, 2, and 3 were utilized as a basis for award of the contract. The bids for the project (Base Bid + Add Alternate No. 1 + Add Alternate No. 2 + Add Alternate No. 3) are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC	\$1,040,995.00*
G & A Borning Directional, LLC	\$1,197,375.00
Resicom, Inc.	\$1,199,794.00
D.L. Elliott Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,357,725.00
AR Turnkee Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,622,408.00

*Adjusted due to mathematical error

3. Qualifications and References – Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC submitted a List of Qualifications, Subcontractors and Major Suppliers for this project. Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC has also worked on previous Water Line Replacement Projects for the City including Water Line Replacement Project - Phase 13 (completed in 2015), and Phase 14 (completed in 2016). Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC has completed the work in a satisfactory manner. Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC's personnel are familiar with the City's requirements and expectations. Lopez Utilities have indicated that they have the personnel and experience to complete the work and are planning to complete the work successfully.

Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC appears to be a responsible firm that is capable of performing the specified work in a satisfactory manner. For these reasons, we recommend that the City of Texas City award the **Water Line Replacement Project – Phase 18 to Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC for a total amount of \$1,040,995.**

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ARKK ENGINEERS, LLC



Mr. Madhu Kilambi, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

Cc: Mr. Jack Haralson – City of Texas City