



February 21, 2022

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 19
BID #2022-412**
City of Texas City
ARKK Job No. 21-038

Dear Mr. Ballast:

On February 16, 2022, six (6) 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 – Six (6) 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 one (1) Add Alternate. Add Alternate No. 1 includes an additional area for replacement of existing water lines.
2. As discussed with the City of Texas City, only the Base Bid was utilized as a basis for award of the contract. **Add Alternate No. 1 was not considered for award.**

The bids for the project (Base Bid) are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>
Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC	\$1,295,565.00
McKinney Construction, Inc.	\$1,381,381.00
T Construction, LLC	\$1,641,842.00
Sohil Construction Services, LLC	\$1,709,535.00
D.L. Elliott Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,845,891.00
AR Turnkey Construction Company	\$2,046,100.00

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), Phase 14 (completed in 2016), and Phase 18 (currently under construction). 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 19 to Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC for a total amount of \$1,295,565.**

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