



June 26, 2023

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

Re: **Letter of Recommendation for Rehabilitation of the Heights 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank**  
**BID #2023-431**  
City of Texas City  
ARKK Job No. 22-058

Dear Mr. Ballast:

On June 13, 2023, eleven (11) bids were received for the above referenced project. This project includes the rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of an existing 300,000 gallon steel potable water storage tank and associated work. The following is a summary of our bid evaluation:

1. Bid Tabulation Sheet – Eleven (11) construction firms participated in the bidding process. The bids were checked for mathematical errors and/or bid irregularities.
2. The bids for the project are as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u>                                   | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|---|------------------|
| FIVE12 PAINTING & REMODELING, LLC.              | \$ 329,000.00    |
| A&M CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITIES, INC.            | \$ 399,800.00    |
| O&A CLASSIC COASTINGS AND PAINTINGS CORPORATION | \$ 435,728.01    |
| TANKSCO, INC.                                   | \$ 458,600.00    |
| TANKEZ COATINGS, INC.                           | \$ 497,000.00    |
| NOVA PAINTINGS, LLC.                            | \$ 520,000.00    |
| CFG INDUSTRIES, LLC.                            | \$ 553,000.00    |
| D&M TANK, LLC.                                  | \$ 583,925.00    |
| VIKING PAINTING, LLC                            | \$ 607,800.00    |
| N.G. PAINTING, LP.                              | \$ 643,000.00    |
| MAGUIRE   | \$ 645,500.00    |

Qualifications – After our review of the qualifications of the bidders to perform the work, we offer the following recommendations to the City:

1. We recommend that the City reject the bid received from Five12 Painting & Remodeling.
  - a. This project has an extensive amount of welding and steel repairs. The bid from Five12 for the steel work at \$55,000 is less than half (44%) of the average of the other 10 bidders at \$124,500.
  - b. Five12 has presented qualifications that show completed tank painting, but the company does not appear to have performed work outside of the state of Florida;
  - c. The list of completed and ongoing projects lists only 4 elevated tanks completed, only one of which is for a contract that has been completed and closed.


**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Bidder, A&M Construction and Utilities, Inc** submitted a List of Qualifications for this project. A&M Construction and Utilities, Inc has successfully completed several projects with local municipalities including Houston/Galveston area and many more in the state of Texas. A&M Construction and Utilities, Inc's personnel have indicated to us that they are familiar with the City's requirements and expectations.

**A&M Construction and Utilities, Inc** appears to be a qualified firm and should be able to complete the specified work in a satisfactory manner. For these reasons, we recommend that the City of Texas City award the **Rehabilitation of the Heights 300,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank to A&M Construction and Utilities, Inc for a total amount of \$399,800.00.**

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