



August 29, 2023

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

Re: **Letter of Recommendation for 2023 American Rescue Plan Act's Lift Station #30 Improvements Project**
BID #2023-436
City of Texas City
ARKK Job No. 23-010

Dear Mr. Ballast:

On August 24, 2023, the City of Texas City received bids for the above referenced project. This project involves upgrades and site improvements to existing **Lift Station #30** located on 521 25th Ave, Texas City, TX 77590 and improvements near the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The improvement include:

- a. Removal and replacement of a deteriorated section of 24-inch steel discharge pipe at lift station #30 including new pipe, fittings, couplings, and valves. Rehabilitation of existing sanitary junction box manhole and a segment of 48" pipe discharging into lift station.
 - b. Installation of 30-inch and 36-inch plug valves onto an existing force main pipe header near the City Wastewater Treatment Plant.
1. Bid Tabulation Sheet – One (1) construction firm participated in the bidding process. The bid was checked for mathematical errors and/or bid irregularities.
 2. The bid received for the project is as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
McDonald Municipal and Industrial	\$590,469.00

During the bidding phase for this project ARKK Engineer's staff reached out to several qualified contractors to generate interest and to request that they provide a bid for the project. ARKK Engineers staff followed up with these contractors after the bid opening to ascertain the reason for not submitting a bid. A majority of the contractors indicated that they did not bid the project due to non-availability of resources and manpower to meet the project schedule.

McDonald Municipal and Industrial was the lowest bidder for this project, and they submitted a list of qualifications. Based on the information provided, McDonald Municipal and Industrial has worked on projects of a similar nature for several municipalities around the City of Texas City area.

McDonald Municipal and Industrial 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 **2023 American Rescue Plan Act's Lift Station #30 Improvements Project to McDonald Municipal and Industrial for a total amount of \$590,469.00.**

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