

# City of Weslaco

"The City on the Grow"



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October 3, 2008

Ms. Diana R. Serna, Executive Director  
County of Hidalgo  
Urban County Program  
1916 Tesoro Blvd.  
Pharr, Texas 78577

Re: 2008 Sewer Line Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Serna,

On October 2, 2008, at 10 a.m. city staff met with Mr. Dennis Charkow from Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. to negotiate a professional civil engineering service contract on the 2008 Sewer Line Improvement Project.

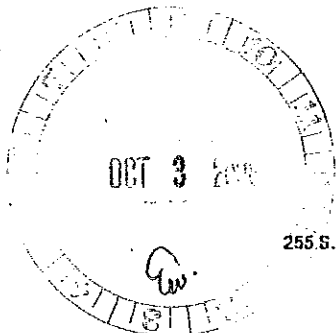
Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. informed us that they did not perform professional civil engineering services and therefore, we were unable to negotiate for such services. The City is respectfully requesting to negotiate a contract with L & G Engineering who was the second highest ranked firm.

Your review and approval will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Anthony Covacevich  
City Manager

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October 29, 2008

Ms. Sylvia Martinez, Community Development Coordinator / Planning Technician  
City of Weslaco  
255 South Kansas Ave.  
Weslaco, Texas 78596

Re: Sewer Line Project  
Calle de Las Palmas to Cedro Street  
Weslaco, Texas

Dear Ms. Martinez:

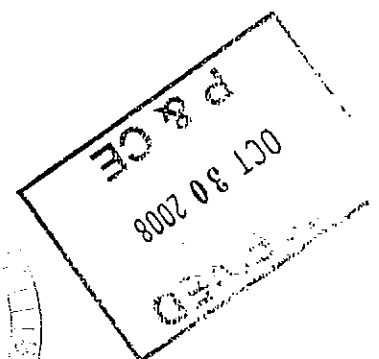
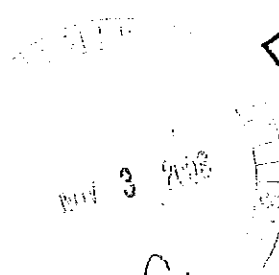
This letter is being sent at your request to document the fact that although Raba – Kistner Consultants (R-K), was selected to provide engineering services for the above-referenced project, an agreement to provide these services was not executed. R-K was listed as a provider of civil engineering design services for the City of Weslaco. In fact, R-K does not provide these services but would be able to provide Construction Materials Observation and Testing services during the construction phase of the above-referenced project. It is our understanding that the necessary civil engineering services will be negotiated with another qualified provider.

We hope that this may address any concerns which you may have in this matter; if we can be of additional professional assistance to the City of Weslaco, please do not hesitate to call.

Best regards,

**RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.**

Dennis Charkow  
Supervisor, CME



**URBAN COUNTY  
PROGRAM**  
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court  
Agenda Request Form

No. 11344

Date: September 23, 2008 Meeting Date Request: September 30, 2008

Deadline for Action: September 30, 2008 Contact Person: Diana R. Serna

Department: Urban County Program Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956)787-5291


*Diana R. Serna, UCP Director* 

**Caption:**

- a. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(4) for professional engineering services in connection with Hidalgo County Urban County Program from Program Year 21(2008) for a Water/Sewer Improvement Project in the City of Weslaco.
- b. Presentation of the scoring grid of at least three (3) engineering firms from the County's approved "pool" as graded and evaluated by the City of Weslaco and Hidalgo County Purchasing Department for the purposes of ranking by CC in connection with an Urban County Program Water/Sewer Improvement Project in the City of Weslaco.
- c. Authority to negotiate a professional engineering service contract with the No. 1 ranked firm of Raba-Kistner for the provision of engineering services for an Urban County Program -City of Weslaco Water/Sewer Improvement project.

**Background:**

The City of Weslaco and the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department have evaluated and graded three engineering firms from the County's approved "pool". Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., L&G Engineering Laboratory, LLC, and S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. were the three firms. The Water/Sewer Improvements Project includes the up grading and installation of sewer lines, and street resurfacing improvement to the alley between Calle Las Palmas and Calle del Cedro From Torritos St. to Calle de Hidalgo. See attached grading grid for your review.


Deputy Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager:  Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial for approval:**

Legal Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Human Resources \_\_\_\_\_

Dept./Fund No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Expended: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Impact on Future Budget: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

APPROVED Co. Comm. Ct.  
DATE 9-30-08 

**Action taken by Commissioner's Court:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

Hidalgo County – Urban County Program  
City of Weslaco  
Engineering Services  
Water/Sewer Improvement Project  
Grading Grid

CRITERIA	L & G Engineering Laboratory, LLC			Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.			S & B Infrastructure, Ltd.		
	Grader Weslaco	Grader Weslaco	Grader P. Dept.	Grader Weslaco	Grader Weslaco	Grader P. Dept.	Grader Weslaco	Grader Weslaco	Grader P. Dept.
Selection Criteria	17	10	20	18	10	20	17	10	18
Experience of Project Team	23	10	20	22	15	25	20	10	20
Experience/Availability of Project Manager	16	10	20	16	15	20	18	10	10
Understanding Projects	20	10	25	20	10	25	20	15	25
Familiarity w/Applicable Rules & Regulations	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
TOTALS	86	50	95	86	60	100	85	55	83
AVERAGES		77%			82%			74.3%	
		2			1			3	