



May 2, 2017

Ms. Susan Johnson  
Project Manager  
City of Pearland  
3519 Liberty Drive  
Pearland, Texas 77581

Re: **Letter of Recommendation for: Linwood, E. Orange, Old Alvin Reconstruction Project - Package 1 & 2**  
COP Bid No. 0317-28  
ARKK Job No. 16-025a

Dear Ms. Johnson:

On April 20, 2017, the City of Pearland received five (5) bids for the above referenced project. This project includes the reconstruction of Linwood Street from E. Orange Street to Old Alvin Road; E. Orange Street from Main Street (SH 35) to Schleider Drive; and Old Alvin Road from Plum Street to Town Ditch. This project generally involves reconstruction of existing asphalt streets to concrete curb-and-gutter streets with underground storm sewer as well as replacement of existing water lines. The following is a summary of our bid evaluation:

Bid Tabulation Sheet – Five (5) construction firms participated in the bidding process. The bids were checked for mathematical errors and/or bid irregularities. A copy of the bid tabulation is attached to this letter. The bids received for the project are as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
A Status Construction	\$5,260,185.00
SER Construction Partners, LLC	\$5,792,595.50
Conrad Construction Co., Ltd.	\$6,390,560.00
Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd.	\$6,888,491.00
Triple B Services, LLP	\$10,004,091.85

A review of the bid proposal submitted by the low bidder, A Status Construction, indicates several bid irregularities, specifically low unit pricing on critical bid items such as traffic control, water line and storm sewer installation. The pricing on these critical bid items were significantly below market costs, resulting in a lower total bid. The low unit pricing could potentially pose a higher risk to the City for successfully completing the project in a satisfactory and timely manner.

Relevant Projects and References – The low bidder, A Status Construction, submitted a list of relevant projects and references to aid with the bid evaluation. The three projects listed as relevant experience include:

- Brays Bayou Channel Modifications for Harris County Flood Control District
- Container Yard 6N at Bayport Terminal for Port of Houston Authority
- Grand San Jacinto Subdivision for a private developer in Liberty County, Texas

A Status Construction provided one reference for all three projects. ARKK contacted the reference, who is a principal partner with ASA Dally, Inc., an engineering consulting firm in the Houston area who confirmed that A Status Construction was not actually involved in any capacity on those projects. Rather, these were projects that ASA Dally, Inc. provided civil design and construction management services. The project team resumes submitted by A Status Construction shows that ASA Dally, Inc. will be providing construction management services for the Pearland Project as a sub-consultant. The reference contacted also confirmed that the Prime Contractor for the Brays Bayou Project and the Port of Houston Project was Trans-Global Solutions, Inc., who utilized ASA Dally Inc. as a subcontractor for performing construction management services. ARKK also contacted the project manager for Trans-Global Solutions, and he indicated that he was not aware of any involvement from A Status Construction on these projects.

A Status Construction also provided additional experience and capabilities information. This additional experience projects include construction of a waffle house, parking lots, and construction of a right turn lane for a municipality in the Austin area. These projects are significantly smaller in size and are not similar to the type of work requested by the City of Pearland.

Based on the above, A Status Construction does not appear to have a history of experience with similar type projects including roadway, drainage and utility construction of this magnitude, and more specifically, a history that encompasses work within established residential neighborhoods, with schools and emergency services facilities in the vicinity.

For these reasons, we recommend the City of Pearland not consider the bid from A Status Construction, but evaluate the next low bid received, which was submitted by SER Construction Partners, LLC.

SER Construction Partners, LLC has successfully completed multiple projects for the City of Pearland (Regency Park Subdivision & Kirby Drive Extension), and the work has been performed in a timely and satisfactory manner. City staff has been satisfied with the quality and performance of SER Construction Partners, LLC on these projects. SER Construction Partners, LLC has also successfully completed similar paving and utility projects for several municipalities including City of Houston, Texas City, Humble, and West University Place. The references

contacted did not have any negative responses that would lead us to believe that SER Construction Partners, LLC is not capable of performing the work.

SER Construction Partners, 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 Pearland award the Linwood, E. Orange, Old Alvin Reconstruction Project - Package 1 & 2 to SER Construction Partners, LLC for a total amount of **\$5,792,595.50**.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ARKK ENGINEERS, LLC



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Mr. Skipper Jones – City of Pearland