

# **Elliott & Hughes, Inc.**

## **Engineers/Planners**

February 1, 2010

City of Euless  
201 North Ector Drive  
Euless, Texas 76039

Attention: Mr. Allen J. Harts, P.E.  
Senior Civil Engineer

Re: Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation  
FY 2008-09~City of Euless Bid No. 002-10

Dear Mr. Harts:

Our firm completed the civil engineering design and construction plans and prepared contract documents for the above captioned improvements. An official "Advertisement for Bid Notice" was published by the City of Euless Purchasing Department. The plans and documents were available for review in our offices, the City of Euless Engineering Department, and in area plan rooms. Sets of documents for bid purposes were available from the Director of Purchasing and were obtained by twelve (12) firms. Sealed bids for the construction were received and publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM, January 13, 2010. A copy of the Bid Summary Sheet is attached to this correspondence for your review.

Eight (8) sealed bids were submitted. They ranged from a low bid of \$516,992.20 submitted by Dolan Directional Drilling, Inc., of Keller, Texas; to a high of \$1,442,423.00 submitted by WRS Infrastructure and Environment, Inc. of Tampa, Florida. The engineer's estimate of cost for the construction was \$1,007,606.00.

We recommend that a construction contract be awarded to the second lowest bidder, PM Construction and Rehab, Inc. of Pasadena, Texas in the amount of their bid of \$613,035.15. Completion time was set in the documents at 120 calendar days.

It is our opinion that the bid of Dolan Directional Drilling, Inc. should be rejected, for reasons outlined in this correspondence.

As a matter of information, PM Construction has been involved in rehabilitation of sanitary sewer facilities utilizing trenchless technology methods since 1986. They have installed over 5,000,000 feet of pipe liner using pipe bursting methods, and in the past three years have contracted and completed in excess of 30 sanitary sewer rehabilitation projects with construction costs ranging from \$75,000 to \$3,700,000. Three of their projects currently in progress are located in Grapevine, DeSoto and Farmers Branch. Representatives of the cities and the consulting design engineers have advised us that they have had no problems with the contractor and they find PM to be very professional in performance of their work.

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Representatives of PM advised us that they have reviewed the unit prices of their bid as well as those of the other bidders and they are comfortable with their bid prices as submitted.

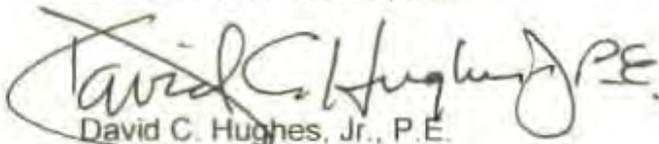
Surety bonds (performance, payment, and maintenance bonds) are underwritten by Arch Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The local agent is Aon Risk Services of Texas (Dallas). According to the Surety's agent, no claims have been made to the Surety under any of the bonds written to PM Construction and Rehab.

The project is located in five (5) geographic areas of the City as indicated on the enclosed area location map. It generally includes replacement by upsizing deteriorated 6-inch vitrified clay tile and/or concrete pipe with 8-inch polyvinyl chloride pipe and/or high density polyethylene pipe by traditional open-trench, boring, and pipe bursting (trenchless technology) methods. In one section, approximately 1200 linear feet of deteriorated oversized 12-inch concrete pipe will receive an 8-inch diameter high density polyethylene pipe liner installed by trenchless technology methods. Reconnection of individual sewer services, replacement and/or rehabilitation of manholes, and other incidental construction items required for a complete project are included.

Our recommendation to reject the bid of Dolan Directional Drilling, Inc. is primarily based on the fact that they have no verifiable experience as a prime contractor in waste water pipeline rehabilitation of the type required by this contract. They are unable to provide a record of successful pipe bursting operations in confined rear yards; sewer service reconnections; manhole construction in confined spaces, landscape restoration; or being solely responsible for all aspects of the project.

We trust the foregoing will be beneficial to you as you prepare your final recommendations on this project. We appreciate very much the opportunity to be of service to you and the City of Euless and respectfully invite you to contact us should you have questions or if we may provide additional information.

Very truly yours,  
ELLIOTT & HUGHES, INC.

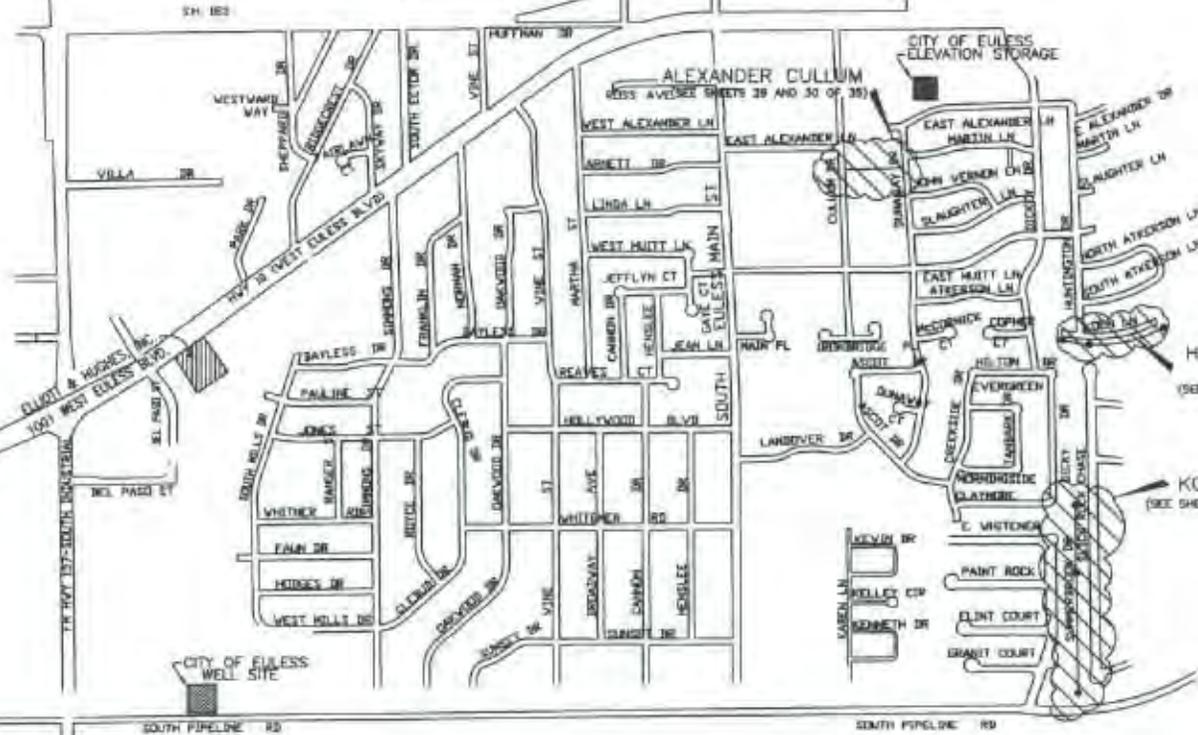
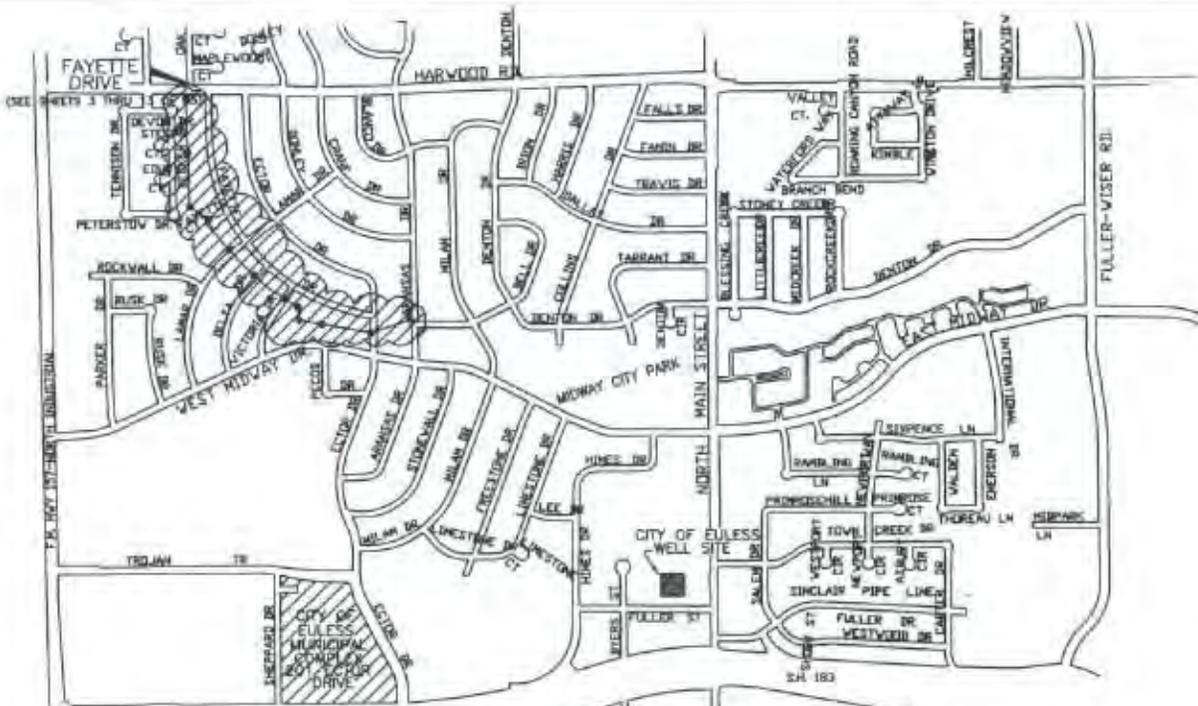
  
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PROJECT LOCATIONS