

# **Elliott & Hughes, Inc.**

## **Engineers/Planners**

October 28, 2011

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 2011~City of Euless Bid No. 010-11

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. Sealed bids for the construction were received and publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM, October 19, 2011. A copy of the Bid Summary Sheet is attached to this correspondence for your review.

Five (5) sealed bids were submitted. They ranged from a low bid of \$421,286.75 submitted by Ark Contracting Services, LLC of Kennedale, Texas; to a high of \$658,182.00 submitted by Circle "C" Construction of Fort Worth, Texas.

We recommend that a construction contract be awarded to Ark Contracting Services in the amount of their low bid of \$421,286.75. Completion time was set in the documents at 120 calendar days.

Ark Contracting was formed in 2004 as a multi-disciplinary construction firm with emphasis on water, waste water, and storm water management projects, ranging in cost from \$340,000.00 to \$13 million. Their list of clients or project owners include: North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant County Regional Water District, Trinity River Authority, and the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, and Irving. Ark completed a \$400,000 storm water management project (erosion control using rock filled gabion baskets) on Little Bear Creek for the City of Euless in 2010. We have been advised by former clients that they have experienced no problems with the contractor and find them to be very professional in the performance of their work.

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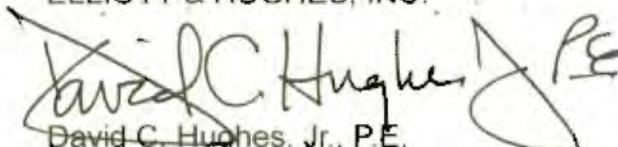
Representatives of Ark have advised us that they have reviewed the unit prices of their bid as well as those of the other bidders and they are comfortable with their bid prices as submitted.

Surety bonds (performance, payment, and maintenance bonds) are underwritten by North American Specialty Insurance Company. According to the Surety's agent, no claims have been made to the Surety under any of the bonds written to Ark Contracting Services.

The project is located in two (2) geographic areas of the City as indicated on the enclosed area location map. In the Wilshire Village area, the project provides for replacement and up-sizing of deteriorated 6-inch vitrified clay tile and/or concrete pipe with 8-inch high density polyethylene pipe by pipe bursting (trenchless technology) methods. Reconnection of individual sewer services and other incidental construction items required for a complete project are included. The Whitener-Crum Outfall generally follows Fuller Branch Creek from East Huitt in a southerly direction, crossing East Whitener Drive and tying into a new section of outfall in the Park Hollow Addition. The work in this area includes replacement of deteriorated or undersized 8-inch and 10-inch pipe with 12-inch high density polyethylene pipe installed by pipe bursting and open trench methods. Reconnection of services, installation of manholes, rehabilitation of manholes, and other incidental construction items required for a complete project are included.

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.

  
David C. Hughes, Jr., P.E.  
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