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Mike Eckstine
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Re: Wes Brown (Formerly Columbine) Water Treatment Plant

Dear Mike,

This letter is to express our appreciation for the fine job your firm did as the electrical and instrumentation subcontractor on the Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant Expansion for the City of Thornton Colorado.

At fifty-seven million dollars, this is the largest single project that Garney Water Facilities Group has completed. It is also the largest single capital improvement project that the City of Thornton has done thus far. The project included a new Administration Building, Chemical Building, High Service Pump Station, Warm Equipment Storage Building and a three million gallon buried concrete reservoir. But the biggest challenge of the project was the complete renovation of the treatment process in the existing treatment building. The time frame for the renovation portion of the job was six months; from October 2004 to March 2005. In that time period we had to completely gut the existing plant process equipment and piping and replace it with a new, state of the art membrane treatment system. Once this renovation started, there was no turning back and, if we could not start up the new equipment by April 1, 2005, the residents of the City would be out of water.

As with all renovation work in an old, existing plant, it was impossible for the Design Engineers to completely anticipate all conflicts and problems that would arise due to unforeseen existing conditions. This was especially true for the electrical and instrumentation work. We knew we would need an electrical and instrumentation subcontractor that was highly experienced in plant work; innovative in their approach to problem solving; fair in costing of inevitable changes in the work and one that was a team player who could help us from design assistance through start-up.

Because of Garney's experience with Eckstine Electric on past projects, we knew that they were the subcontractor that could insure the successful completion of this project. However, our contract with the City required that we bid out any subcontracts in excess of \$100,000. But since this project was so critical to the City, when we approached them with Eckstine's qualifications, they quickly agreed to allow us to negotiate a guaranteed maximum price subcontract with Eckstine with a provision for shared savings.

Our faith in Eckstine's ability to perform was not misplaced. Their work was completed safely, on time, under budget and with excellent quality. Eckstine's final subcontract GMP was \$8,482,250 and they returned \$314,232 to the City in shared savings.

We would like to thank the great crew that Eckstine assembled for this project. Special recognition goes to Dave McEntee, Rick Hiatt, Adam Munoz, Steve Printz, Mark Chandler, Ion Oniu, Joe Salazar, Nancy Messenger and Murray Joss (AmWest) for the long hours and dedication that helped to make this project a success for all the team members. Also, Renee McEntee deserves credit for her ability to handle the complicated accounting and billing requirements of the job.

We do not hesitate to give Eckstine Electric the highest recommendation for any water and wastewater treatment plant work in Colorado regardless of size and complexity and we are looking forward to working with you on many future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fisher', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan L. Fisher
Sr. Project Manager
Garney Construction