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September 21, 2017

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Mr. Jeff Walker, P.E.
City of Clearwater
100 South Myrtle Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33758

**Re: Recommendation of Award
Reverse Osmosis WTP #1 Blend Tank Removal
Contract No. 16-0032-UT**

Dear Mr. Walker:

Pursuant to the City's preparation of the Bid Tabulation, verification of the contractor's references, review of the bids for accuracy and review of the bid packages for completeness, McKim & Creed has reviewed the compiled bid tabulation provided by the City on September 20, 2017 for the referenced project. Our review of the documents provided by the City revealed no additional errors and/or omissions in the bid tabulation and package.

It should be noted that materials and labor costs for piping and piping installation have recently seen significant increases. Additionally, an instrument was added to the project late during design and was not included in the engineer's cost estimate. Therefore, based on the City's bid evaluation and our subsequent review, it is our opinion that **Poole & Kent Contractors** is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder with a bid of \$511,750.00.

Bids ranged from the low bid to a high bid of \$1,271,119.15. As such, we recommend award of the Reverse Osmosis WTP #1 Blend Tank Removal to Poole & Kent Contractors.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,
McKIM & CREED, INC.



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