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Mr. Paul Bricking, Vice President Howell Contractors, Inc. 13310 Walton-Verona Rd. Walton, KY 41094

RE: Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

Howell Contractors recently completed a complex 1.7+ Million dollar water main replacement project for the City of Hamilton to eliminate a large leaking issue where the City was losing approximately one million gallons of water per day. This project included the replacement of over 4,000 feet of 24" spiral welded steel pipe that was installed in 1935. There were a lot of intricacies with this project including a bore and jack under the railroad tracks, tying the new main into an existing river crossing, plus working in close proximity to an hydraulic canal to the electric power plant. This project was completed in a timely manner and with minor change orders to the project that were changes requested by the City.

They are also about to begin modifications to our existing sanitary sewer siphon chamber along the Great Miami River. This project will reinstate an existing 24" siphon under the river by connecting to siphon chambers and constructing some additional internal modifications. This project is especially unique due to the need to perform the construction near the base of the levee inside of the Great Miami River corridor. This river has a tendency to rise in an instant, but I have no doubt they will be very cognizant of that fact and keep things safe while performing the project in a timely manner.

I have had the privilege of working with Howell Contractors, Inc. on several project in two different City's that I have worked for during my career. All of the projects have been successful and exceeded my high expectations. They have been conscientious as a company to put together several excellent crews where each member knows their roles and responsibilities as opposed to spreading themselves too thin with less knowledgeable talent as the construction industry has flourished.

I look forward to hopefully working with Howell Contractors on many more projects during my career and would recommend their work to anyone without hesitation.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Arthur, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer City of Hamilton, Ohio

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