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City of Clearwater Construction Division
Attention: Alice Eckman, Construction Office Specialist
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Re: Letter of Reference, Johnson Bros. LLC

Dear Ms. Eckman:

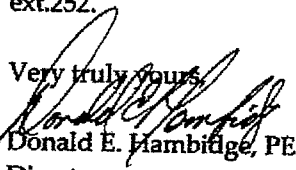
Johnson Bros. LLC (JBC) has been working on the replacement of the three (3) Treasure Island Causeway Bridges since 2003; the first phase of the project—construction of the two (2) fixed, end bridges—was completed, on schedule, in October of 2004 for a total cost of \$7,865,887.57, only \$162,045.98, or 2.1% over the original contract amount. The second phase of the project, construction of a 1,014' long, 21' high bascule bridge was started in January, 2005 and is scheduled for completion in August, 2007. This project phase is on schedule and currently is \$1.8M over the original contract price of \$42,755,658.34; however, \$1M of that overage is a bonus for opening the first half of the bridge twenty days early (incentive/disincentive contract clause) and \$300K of that overage is due to police duty required to maintain passenger vehicles only on the original structure due to its 4 ton load limit. Thus, the actual construction overage is approximately \$500K or approximately 1.2% of the original contract price. This phase of the project is the largest, fully LAP funded project in FDOT7 and has several state of the art components. EC Driver & Associates of Tampa was the Design Engineer and the CEI for this project. Their telephone number is (813) 282-9886.

JBC has conducted itself very professionally throughout this project; they have been cooperative, and all of their staff are very knowledgeable and the crews perform in a work-man like manner. I cannot say enough about the quality of their work or the competent manner in which they perform it. I would gladly hire them for any future work that might arise.

I am positive that the City of Clearwater would find JBC to be one of, if not the, best contractors that it had ever employed.

Should you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (727) 547-4575, ext.252.

Very truly yours,


Donald E. Hambidge, PE
Director