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**RE: Reference Check Request – Urban Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)**

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**From** Thompson, Kevin <kthompson@cityofelcampo.org>

**Date** Mon 3/2/2026 1:04 PM

**To** Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.org>

**Cc** Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.org>; Wayne Shaffer <wshaffer@portlavaca.org>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.org>; Reyann Grimaldo <rgrimaldo@portlavaca.org>

Good afternoon, please see my responses below.

1. What type of project did Urban Engineering provide services for, and what was their role? *Multiple projects including but not limited to: Engineering, Design and inspection of 4,815 LF of sanitary trunk lines with external service reconnections, ( 18",15"and 8" HDPE by pipe burst and 1275 LF of 15" CIPP). Manhole rehabilitation and new installation where required. A number of Sanitary rehabilitation projects, a force main project, and completing a design and inspection of an 8" water installation project currently*
2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule? *Project was completed ahead of time and under budget.*
3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders? *No change orders were required.*
4. How effective was Urban Engineering's communication with your staff? *Urban was extremely responsive and coordination was handled easily.*
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs? *No*
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements? *No*
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance? *On a scale of 1-10= 8 ( I'm very picky)*
8. Overall, how satisfied were you with Urban Engineering's performance? *On a scale of 1-10=10*
9. Would you hire Urban Engineering again for future engineering services? *Yes and currently accepting a proposal for a grant opportunity from them*
10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration? *Urban Engineering has been timely with pay applications, design milestones and project implementation and contractor selection.*

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Good afternoon Mr. Kevin,

The City of Port Lavaca is currently soliciting proposals for Engineering Services in connection with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. As part of the procurement and award process, the City is conducting reference checks.

Urban Engineering submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation and listed you as a reference for prior work on the Wharton Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement. We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding your experience working with Urban Engineering.

If you are willing, please take a few moments to provide your input by responding to the questions below. Your feedback will assist the City in completing its evaluation process.

### Reference Questions:

1. What type of project did Urban Engineering provide services for, and what was their role?
2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule?
3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders?
4. How effective was Urban Engineering's communication with your staff?
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs?
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements?
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance?

8. Overall, how satisfied were you with Urban Engineering's performance?

9. Would you hire Urban Engineering again for future engineering services?

10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration?

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Reference Check Request – Coast & Harbor Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)**

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**From** Todd Baker <Todd.Baker@LA.GOV>

**Date** Mon 3/2/2026 11:17 AM

**To** Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.org>

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See responses below – Excellent firm to work with.

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**Subject:** Reference Check Request – Coast & Harbor Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)

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Good afternoon Todd,

The City of Port Lavaca is currently soliciting proposals for Engineering Services in connection with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. As part of the procurement and award process, the City is conducting reference checks.

Coast & Harbor Engineering submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation and listed you as a reference for prior work on Coastal Protection projects. We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding your experience working with Coast & Harbor Engineering.

If you are willing, please take a few moments to provide your input by responding to the questions below. Your feedback will assist the City in completing its evaluation process.

**Reference Questions:**

1. What type of project did Coast & Harbor Engineering provide services for, and what was their role?

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Reference Check Request – CivilCorp, LLC (CDBG Engineering Services)

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From Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.org>

Date Mon 3/2/2026 10:57 AM

To Gary Broz <gbroz@cityofedna.com>

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Good afternoon Gary,

The City of Port Lavaca is currently soliciting proposals for Engineering Services in connection with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. As part of the procurement and award process, the City is conducting reference checks.

CivilCorp, LLC submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation and listed you as a reference for prior work on Roadway, water, and sanitary sewer improvements for various streets in Edna projects. We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding your experience working with CivilCorp, LLC.

If you are willing, please take a few moments to provide your input by responding to the questions below. Your feedback will assist the City in completing its evaluation process.

**Reference Questions:**

1. What type of project did CivilCorp, LLC provide services for, and what was their role?  
[1. Drainage Project \\$2 Million](#) [2. Street Rehab \\$4 billion](#) [3. Drainage \\$2 million](#) [4. Street Rehab \\$5 million](#)
2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule?  
[Yes- they kept project on schedule](#)
3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders?  
[Yes, all project have been delivered as designed with only a few minor change orders](#)
4. How effective was CivilCorp's communication with your staff?  
[Vey, Call and they respond](#)
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs?  
[Yes, Big Drairage was federal money, cureent major drainage project federal money](#)
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements?  
[Yes, Gilbert Rd project, started with 24 inch pipe and ended with 60 inch pipe](#)
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance?  
[Would rate as very good](#)
8. Overall, how satisfied were you with CivilCorp's performance?  
[Very satisfied](#)
9. Would you hire CivilCorps again for future engineering services?  
[Yes](#)
10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration?  
[No](#)

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Coast and Harbor provided data collection and modeling services for the lower Mississippi River (Bellechasse, LA to the Gulf). This was to inform the engineering and design of a large scale costal restoration Project, Birdfoot Delta Hydrologic Restoration Project (MR-173).

2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule?  
Yes
3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders?  
Yes, CPRA amended C&H's contract to add scope to their task.
4. How effective was Coast & Harbor Engineering's communication with your staff?  
Communication is a strongpoint of C&H. They routinely touched base with me on their progress and provided interim progress reports, solicited feedback, and worked the feedback into there deliverables. Whenever I had a question they were quick to respond or pick up the phone for an impromptu discussion.
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs?  
Yes, C&H has worked on a number of tasks with our agency. All these tasks are federally or state funded programs.
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements?  
Yes, The Birdfoot Delta Hydrologic Restoration project is large scale drainage project that involves the lower Mississippi River. They also have experience working on a drainage project on the lower Calcasieu River.
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance?  
Outstanding. C&H's ability to model complex systems such as the lower Mississippi River, sediment and water movement around Grand Isle, and Calcasieu River drainage, is exemplary. Their ability to and explain these complex models in simple terms to diverse group of stakeholders was exemplary.
8. Overall, how satisfied were you with Coast & Harbor Engineering's performance?  
Outstanding 10 out of 10.
9. Would you hire Coast & Harbor Engineering again for future engineering services?  
Yes and already have.
10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration?  
C&H is an excellent firm with professional engineers and modelers. They listen and understand the assigned tasks and have met all our deadlines. Communication and stakeholder inclusion is a strongpoint. On several occasions we have needed multiple meetings to convey complex topics. C&H was always accommodating and have been key to the successful progression of the Birdfoot Delta Hydrologic Restoration project.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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**RE: Reference Check Request – Urban Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)**

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From Wayne Berger <citymanager@cityofcuero.com>

Date Tue 3/3/2026 4:49 PM

To Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.org>

Cc Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.org>; Wayne Shaffer <wshaffer@portlavaca.org>; Brittney Hogan <bhogan@portlavaca.org>; Reyann Grimaldo <rgrimaldo@portlavaca.org>

Good afternoon,

My responses to your reference questions are listed below in red. Please let me know if you have any additional questions, or if there is anything else that we could help you with.

Thank you,

*Wayne Berger*

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**Subject:** Reference Check Request – Urban Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)

Good afternoon, Mr. Wayne

The City of Port Lavaca is currently soliciting proposals for Engineering Services in connection with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. As part of the procurement and award process, the City is conducting reference checks.

Urban Engineering submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation and listed you as a reference for prior work on the Hillside Cemetery Road Improvements project. We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding your experience working with Urban Engineering.

If you are willing, please take a few moments to provide your input by responding to the questions below. Your feedback will assist the City in completing its evaluation process.

### Reference Questions:

1. What type of project did Urban Engineering provide services for, and what was their role? In 2020, Urban Engineering prepared plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of approximately 17,000 square yards of existing hot mix asphalt concrete roadways in Hillside Cemetery. They also worked on the 2023 Street Improvements CDBG Project, the 2026 Skate Park (TPWD) Project, 2025 Water Tank Repair project, 2024 Waterline Improvements GLO project, 2024 San Antonio Street Water Plant Improvements and numerous other road, water and wastewater improvements projects here in the City.
2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule? Yes. Projects were completed on time and in accordance with project schedules.
3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders? Yes. There were no change orders on the Hillside Cemetery project. There have been a couple of change orders on the other mentioned grant projects but all within the original scope of the project. Primarily quantity changes.
4. How effective was Urban Engineering's communication with your staff? Urban Engineering has always kept staff informed on progress with all projects they are working on with the City. They are also available for Council Meetings when needed.
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs? Yes. The City of Cuero has both State and Federal programs that are engineered by Urban Engineering.
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements? The City's 2023 GLO MIT-MOD project (\$1.4 million) was a streets and drainage project that was engineered by Urban Engineering.
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance? Excellent
8. Overall, how satisfied were you with Urban Engineering's performance? Very Satisfied with their services.
9. Would you hire Urban Engineering again for future engineering services? Yes
10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration? The City is very satisfied with the services performed by Urban Engineering—not only on our grant programs but our other City projects as well.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**RE: Reference Check Request – META Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)**

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**From** Richard Gallegos <rg@gallegoseng.com>

**Date** Wed 3/4/2026 2:20 PM

**To** Kateryna Thomas <kthomas@portlavaca.org>

**Cc** Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.org>; Wayne Shaffer <wshaffer@portlavaca.org>

Kateryna,

See my comments below.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Richard Gallegos <rg@gallegoseng.com>

**Cc:** Jody Weaver <jweaver@portlavaca.org>; Wayne Shaffer <wshaffer@portlavaca.org>

**Subject:** Reference Check Request – META Engineering (CDBG Engineering Services)

Good afternoon Richard,

The City of Port Lavaca is currently soliciting proposals for Engineering Services in connection with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. As part of the procurement and award process, the City is conducting reference checks.

Meta Engineering submitted a proposal in response to this solicitation and listed you as a reference for prior work on the East Central SUD 12" Water Lines at Zigmont Road Low water Crossings project. We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding your experience working with Meta Engineering.

If you are willing, please take a few moments to provide your input by responding to the questions below. Your feedback will assist the City in completing its evaluation process.

**Reference Questions:**

1. What type of project did Meta Engineering provide services for, and what was their role?  
Provided Civil Engineering Services for a 12" water line relocation project.
2. Were the engineering services completed on time and in accordance with the project schedule? Yes, no issues. Very prompt.

3. Was the project delivered as designed, and were there any change orders? Project delivered, have not bid yet waiting on County review comments.
4. How effective was Meta Engineering's communication with your staff? We meet once a week to go over projects so very effective.
5. Did the engineers have experience working on projects funded by federal or state programs? Not on this one, but I am sure they are familiar with Federal and State programs.
6. Did the project involve large-scale drainage or street drainage improvements? No, 3 new culverts requiring water line adjustments.
7. How would you rate the quality of the engineering design and overall technical performance? Excellent, will continue to use their services.
8. Overall, how satisfied were you with Meta Engineering's performance? Very Satisfied. Will use again.
9. Would you hire Meta Engineering again for future engineering services? Yes.
10. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for the City's consideration? They do great work, you should not hesitate to hire them.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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