



**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION  
TO  
CITY OF WEST MONROE, LA.**

April 14, 2026

Project: **Black Bayou Canal Improvements – Thomas Road Area (EDA)**  
Bid Date: **April 2, 2026**

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

The following bids were received for the above referenced project.

(Engineer's Estimate: \$2,991,500)		
Bid No.	Contractor	Amount of Base Bid
1	Benchmark Construction Group of LA, LLC	\$2,983,606.00
2	Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.	\$3,520,650.00

We also provided plans and specifications to Amethyst Construction, Inc, Ashton Construction, LLC, Merrick, LLC, and Womack & Sons Construction Group, LLC. These contractors decided not to bid on the project.

After evaluation of these bids, **I hereby recommend award in the amount of \$2,983,606.00 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Benchmark Construction Group of LA, LLC.** Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 318-325-1791.

Respectfully,

S. E. HUEY CO

Don R. Arrington, P.E.

Enclosures:

Bid Tabulation

Benchmark Construction – Bid Form, Resolution, Attestations Affidavit, Affidavit of Non-Collusion

Don M. Barron Contractor - Bid Form, Resolution