



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Illinois*

April 17, 2008

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago  
111 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-3154

Attention: Mr. Richard Lanyon, P.E.  
General Superintendent

Re: Review of Qualification Based Selection (QBS) of Engineering Consultants

Dear Mr. Lanyon:

It is with pleasure that the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-Illinois) received and accepted the request to review and comment regarding the Water District's consultant selection procedure. ACEC-Illinois is a statewide association of 227 engineering firms that together employs over 10,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors, scientists and support personnel. The review was conducted by ACEC-Illinois Honorary Life Member Robert Wire, a retired Professional Engineer who has over forty years experience in engineering and its professional procurement.

Our review concluded that the MWRDGC QBS procedure is a model for public works agencies and complies with the Illinois Local Government Professional Services Selection Act. Therefore, ACEC-Illinois can endorse the procedure and support the continued use of the QBS procedures currently in place.

This letter is intended to be brief and precise, without the cost to the Water Reclamation District. However, should you desire further review and comment, we will be happy to comply with any reasonable request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David E. Kennedy  
ACEC-Illinois Executive Director