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**City of Ann Arbor WTP Flocculation 4/5 Gallery Improvements
Recommendation for Sole-Sourcing E&I Corporation for Stuffing Box Equipment Procurement**

Fishbeck designed the replacement of select horizontal flocculation equipment at the City of Ann Arbor Water Treatment Plant (WTP), including the replacement of four stuffing boxes for Flocculation 4. Through Fishbeck's previous experience with projects of similar scope, we identified two manufacturers to provide the required stuffing box assemblies: E&I Corporation and WesTech.

During design, Fishbeck contacted the two manufactures to request quotes and detailed information regarding the equipment. WesTech indicated they no longer offer stuffing boxes or replacement equipment for horizontal flocculation systems that were not originally furnished by WesTech. The existing horizontal flocculation equipment installed in Flocculation 4 at the City's WTP was not furnished by WesTech, therefore WesTech took exception to providing new stuffing boxes.

E&I Corporation is able to furnish the stuffing boxes required for the Flocculation 4/5 Gallery Improvements project, and can meet the specifications outlined by Fishbeck.

Fishbeck recommends that E&I Corporation be the single named manufacturer of the four stuffing boxes procured for the Flocculation 4/5 Gallery Improvements project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 616.464.3906 or awade@fishbeck.com.

Sincerely,



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