August 15, 2013

American Council of Engineering Companies
Attn: Daisy Nappier
1015 15th Street, N.W. 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005-2605

Dear Ms. Nappier,

The Town of Nederland is very proud of our new Wastewater Treatment Facility, one of the most energy efficient facilities of its kind. We are glad to have worked with Frachetti Engineering to create this successful project.

In spring 2011, the Town was facing a mandate from the State health department to replace its old sewage lagoons. We had put a mechanized plant project out to bid, but bids came back at more than $6 million – well over the budget our small town of 1,500 could sustain. We turned to Frachetti Engineering to assist us to create a plant that would not only serve our treatment needs but also do so affordably and while meeting our stringent goals for energy efficiency and overall conservative use of resources.

Just over two years later, we have opened a facility for a much more affordable $3.8 million – half of which was financed with zero-percent loans due to the sustainable elements of the project. Our facility’s design resulted in vastly reduced operations and maintenance costs over what we had anticipated in moving to a mechanized plant, filtering systems to produce even higher water quality for downstream users than ever before, and other elements that combined for an affordable, efficient plant for our small town. Frachetti’s engineers worked with us throughout the project to answer our questions and to continue to “push the envelope” whenever we could to achieve the lowest possible carbon footprint for this facility.

We are proud to support this application to recognize this impressive project.

Regards,

Alisha Reis
Town Administrator