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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Recommendation for Coastal Technology Corporation, Coastal Engineering Consultants and Truitt International Consulting

The Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County would like to express its sincere appreciation to our Consulting Team, comprised of Coastal Technology Corporation, Coastal Engineering Consultants and Truitt International Consulting, for their dedication and perseverance in helping us achieve our coastal management goals.

Led by Project Managers Dr. Cliff Truitt and Michael Poff, our Consulting Team submitted the original permit application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in February of 2002 for Phase I of Charlotte County's Erosion Control Project. This project entailed restoring the original 1980 Stump Pass channel and restoring the critically eroded beaches adjacent to the Pass.

Approximately one year later, these two agencies issued us our permits and notice to proceed, which we understand is unprecedented in the coastal management business these days. Together with our Consulting Team, we overcame several challenging hurdles, including negotiations with the Florida Park Service to mitigate for dredging through upland park property, the development of shorebird habitat mitigation to offset impacts to the protected shore birds frequenting our beaches, and the coordination of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion for construction during sea turtle nesting season. If it were not for the technical expertise of our Consulting Team and the timely and professional manner in which they performed, we could not have achieved such success.

Our project has been successfully completed, *on time and under budget*, thanks to the construction management oversight that our Consulting Team provided. The countless hours this team has provided have not gone unnoticed. They represented the County at over 100 public meetings, starting with the kick-off meetings for the Regional Beach Study we completed in conjunction with Sarasota County and DEP and ending with the celebration party held last week to acknowledge the hard work of everyone involved.

It is a privilege of this Board to give our highest recommendation to our Consulting Team for a job well done.

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