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Ms. Cyndi Moore
E. S. Babcock & Sons, Inc.
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Cyndi,

Tetra Tech, Inc. is pleased to provide this letter recommending E.S. Babcock & Sons, Inc. (Babcock) for laboratory analytical services. Babcock has provided environmental sample analysis for Tetra Tech, Inc. for several projects including sites located in Beaumont, California. Babcock was selected from several subcontractors to perform the analytical services for this program based on their superior performance on low level drinking water analytical methods and the best value offered by their laboratory.

Babcock's responsibilities include providing laboratory analysis under a project specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), client specific Electronic Data Deliverables (EDD), and analytical result reports all within 10 business days. During the course of their subcontract agreements with us, Babcock has demonstrated outstanding performance in meeting these goals. Babcock's electronic data deliverables are nearly flawless and their overall analytical quality has met contractual obligations, resulting in cost savings for our project. The laboratory has consistently scored well in drinking water performance evaluation testing. Babcock staff has been responsive to Tetra Tech's analytical needs, special requests, and quality assurance follow-up correspondence.

During the Beaumont program there were Performance Evaluation (PE) samples sent to Babcock. The PE samples consisted of two types. Type one PE samples were those "off the shelf" PE samples that contained many target analytes and are therefore recognized as PE samples once analyzed. Type two PE samples were custom made low- level PE samples that mimicked contaminated project samples. All of the PE samples were sent as blind whole volume samples that were given believable project sample names. Babcock scored 100% on the recent PE sample testing event. The main purpose behind the two tiered PE sample protocol was to determine the laboratory average ability to accurately determine target analytes concentrations in project samples. The PE sample results were close to the actual certified concentrations with little bias. The results of the PE sample analyses show Babcock can produce data of high quality. All QC results were within control limits for all PE samples. Babcock was able to meet the Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) and detection limits for the project.

The laboratory has also handled large sample volumes and complex analytical methods with high level QA/QC requirements. Project management was very responsive to our needs and handled all issues in a professional manner. When QA/QC issues were identified, corrective actions were quickly performed and implemented to bring the issue under analytical control. Babcock provided corrective action documentation that demonstrated the corrective action was successful.

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Babcock is located between the Beaumont site and our Tetra Tech office. This convenient location has allowed Tetra Tech to accommodate sampling emergencies in the field with the help of nearby laboratory supplies. Babcock project management makes supplies available with little advance notice and will deliver to the site. This professional and proactive behavior has saved our company both time and money.

If a project requires analytical excellence, rigorous quality control procedures, and quick turnaround times then Tetra Tech would recommend utilizing E. S. Babcock & Sons services. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Wilson
Senior Project Chemist