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Re: Reference Letter for Finley Engineering Group, Inc.  
SR 87 PD&E Study

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter on behalf of Finley Engineering Group, Inc. (FINLEY) as a testament to the high caliber of engineering work provided to Metric Engineering.

The Florida Department of Transportation is conducting a study to evaluate potential corridors that would connect SR 87S at US 90 east of Milton to SR 87N in Milton or north of Milton. The primary objectives of the extension of SR 87S is to facilitate north/south traffic to more effectively serve railroad freight movement and to provide for a more direct hurricane evacuation route from the coast to areas north in Alabama. It also is FDOT's intent to reduce congestion in the City of Milton.

FINLEY has a thorough understanding of the local transportation environment and experience working with the Florida Department of Transportation. As our engineer, they were able to implement best practices to identify the most appropriate type of bridge for the location. FINLEY provided alternatives that were sensitive to the natural environment and "contractor-friendly"; yet providing a sensible economic solution for FDOT.

I was impressed with the FINLEY'S expertise, and their ability to serve a diverse direct and indirect clientele.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached by calling (407) 644-1898 or sending an email to:  
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Sincerely,  
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