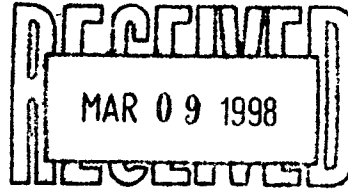


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Dear Mr. Athalye,

Accomplishment on the Local Agency Retrofit Project

As we approaching to the completion of the Local Agency Seismic Retrofit projects, on behalf of Caltrans, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to your company's efforts and cooperation.

Your company as one of the subconsultant firms to HNTB corporation, not only has performed all of its assignment in a very professional manner but also has demonstrated a high degree of quality works. These particular project consisted of total 29 bridges which the total consultant design fees is about \$2,000,000.

In summary, I would positively recommend your company to other transportation agencies for future work on bridge seismic retrofit projects. I am looking forward to a continuing positive working relationship with your company on future projects.

Sincerely,

ANDREW TAN, Deputy Contract Manager
Consultant Contract Management Branch

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