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IN REPLY REFER TO:

GP-2400 (KGroepler)

Russell Van Cleve, General Manager  
B & C Diving & Construction South, Inc.  
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San Diego CA 92170

Subject: Willow Creek Dam Modification

Dear Mr. Van Cleve:

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you and B & C Diving for your excellent work on the Willow Creek Dam Rehabilitation contract in northern Montana during the Fall of 1997. The work was of a critical nature to the Bureau of Reclamation's Safety of Dams program and was a "high-profile" job in every respect.

This office approached the contracting of this work with great anticipation due to the politically sensitive nature of the work and the short time frame under which to have it completed. As you are aware, successfully completing an outdoor, confined-space diving program and intricate mechanical contract in late fall in northern Montana made for some anxious moments for our program managers. The completion of the work on-time and within budget during this stressful time brought your firm's capabilities to the attention of other managers within the Bureau as evidenced by their consulting you on other Bureau work involving diving operations.

Your firm's highly professional approach to the planning, organizing, and scheduling of your daily work activities and the creative problem-solving, patience and attention to safety concerns that you brought to the job were instrumental in the satisfactory completion of this contract.

It is my sincere pleasure to have worked with you and your firm on this difficult project and I look forward to working with you again in the future. Please feel free to refer future clients to me as a reference for you and your firm's capabilities at (406) 247-7635.

Sincerely,

Kurt R. Groepler, P.E.  
Contracting Officer's Representative