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Re: Request for Exemption (American Iron & Steel)

PROJECT NAME: Water Reclamation Facility

LOCATION: City of York, NE

Dear Sir,

We are requesting waiver from AIS for the Knife gate valves on the York Nebraska Water Reclamation Facility. There is not a Domestic Manufacture that can meet the technical specifications required by the engineer.

**DESCRIPTION:** Import - Cast Stainless Steel; Domestic - Fabricated Stainless Steel

UOM: Each QUANTITY: 4

**PRICE:** Domestic Fabricated Knife Gate 72% Cost adder **LEAD\_TIME:** Import – 8-10 Weeks; Domestic - 20-22 Weeks

LOCATION: York, NE

SUPPLIER: DeZURIK; 250 Riverside Avenue North; Sartell, MN 56377

**REASON:** No domestic manufacture can provide a Knife gate that can meet the project specifications

EXAMPLES: Wayne, NE - 2015 WWTP Phase 3, 4-5; Chicago, IL - Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Of Greater Chicago SPECIFICATION:

## 2.5 KNIFE GATE VALVES, 2 TO 24 IN:

- A. Comply with AWWA C520.
- B. Materials:
  - 1. Body construction:
    - a. 2 to 4 IN: Cast stainless steel.
    - b. 6 to 24 IN: Cast stainless steel
  - 2. Wetted parts: Stainless steel Type 304.
  - 3. Packing: Flax, 150 DegF max.
  - 4. Stem: Stainless steel, double pitch thread.
  - 5. Resilient seat material (2 to 36 IN): Butadiene.
- C. Design requirements:
  - 1. Working pressure (WOG non-shock):
    - a. 2 to 24 IN: 150 psi.b. 30 to 36 IN: 125 psi.