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Mr. Dana Kennan
Town Administrator
Town of Webster
Webster, MA 01570

Dear Dana,

I am submitting to you Confidential Information which I have on file for Underwater Solutions Inc. , the company I have used since the 1990's to clean and inspect the Town of Webster's two Drinking Water Storage facilities. Information included would be a package outlining Underwater Solutions services and procedures, references, insurance, security background checks, diver's certificates and medical certificates as well as an endorsement by the Department of the State of Massachusetts to do business. I hope that this information will be useful to you.

Just for the record, I tried to contact three Certified Companies in MA that performs the type of work I needed to have done. As required by the American Water Works Association, I must have the Town's Drinking Water Storage Facilities inspected and cleaned (if needed) every five years. I look for other companies in MA every five years when I have to have this work done as it is procedure to get three quotes. I make a good faith effort every five years and I am yet to find other companies in MA that perform this type of work.

New England Water Works Association is the New England Section for the American Water Works Association. They cover five New England states and is located in Holliston, MA. If a person is in need of any information concerning Drinking Water, New England Water Works is your contact. If they can't supply you information, nobody can. When I could not get a list of companies in MA that performs the sanitary cleaning of Webster's Drinking Water Storage Tanks, I contacted NEWWA. My contact person at NEWWA is Mr. Paul Riendeau. I had asked Mr. Riendeau for a list of companies that perform this type of work in MA and the only name I was given was Underwater Solutions Inc.

It may be hard to understand why there are no other companies that perform this work in MA but this type of work is not in great demand. When you realize that ever town in Ma has to have

there storage tanks inspected only every five years, you can understand why there is not a large market for this. Our tanks also must be kept in operation and not drained when inspected so that we keep the water for possible fire purposes and large water demands when the pumps cannot keep up with the demand or a pump failure. The only time we have the tanks drained is when they are painted or for major repair reasons.

Mr. Riendeau has told me to have you contact him at New England Water Works Association if you had any questions. Mr. Riendeau did say that there were two companies in Pennsylvania and one in North Carolina as other companies being close that perform the type of work I needed done. The phone number for NEWWA is 508-893-7979.

With the information I have given you, I would like to respectfully request that the bill for \$ 9,860.00 be paid to Underwater Solutions for the work which they have performed. In the future, for the purposes of getting three quotes, I will take prices from companies out of state if you would prefer that. Please keep in mind however that this work is a two to three day job. Being located in MA, Underwater Solutions travels home at the end of a work day and returns the following morning. An out of state company will charge the Town extra for hotel purposes as well as travel.

Once again, I hope that this information has been helpful and if you need anything else, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lavalley".

David Lavalley
Water Superintendent