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Reference:

Letter of Recommendation & Appreciation

FINLEY Engineering Group, Inc.

Dear Andrés:

We wanted to take a minute and share with you how pleased FINLEY is with SOFiSTiK, provide our experience and our highest recommendation for the SOFiSTiK software and staff support.

When FINLEY started to evaluate possible time dependent software four years ago, we had very high expectations on what we wanted and how it needed to interface with our geometry control software and Bridge Information Modeling (BrIM). We had over 15 years of experience with competitor software and were disappointed in their capabilities and how it could advance BrIM.

Selecting SOFiSTiK was one of the best business decisions we have ever made at FINLEY! It has given us everything that we wanted and the technical software solutions that we needed to advance our 3D design and BrIM approach. The results also have given us a tremendous boost in productivity in our modeling, analysis/design and visualization/drawing production.

Initially, we thought SOFiSTiK was going to be the one 'go-to' software for concrete and long span cable supported structures. This has not been the case — we use it for complex steel girders and arch bridges as well. There is not a bridge type that FINLEY has designed that does not work with SOFiSTiK's capabilities. We really like the integration with Grasshopper to enhance model generation too.

In the last four years, FINLEY has used SOFiSTiK exclusively on over fifty bridges in 3D analysis/design and BrIM environments. These projects have included segmental and long span concrete, steel plate and box girders; steel arches and cable supported bridges. These projects have been on North America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

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For someone thinking about moving to SOFiSTiK, the technical support and training is excellent. We enjoy our participation with the SOFiSTiK software engineers to develop and learn new program capabilities. In our opinion, this level of service is the best in the high end bridge software industry. SOFiSTiK is FINLEY's 'go-to' for 3D and BrIM concrete and steel bridge design and construction engineering activities.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this in more detail, please do not hesitate in contacting me at (850) 300-7200 (direct) or <u>craig.finley@finleyengineeringgroup.com</u>. SOFiSTiK has FINLEY's permission to use our testimonial in your marketing activities.

Sincerely,

FINLEY Engineering Group, Inc.

R. Craig Finley, Jr., P.E. Managing Principal

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