



Houston Contractors Association

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Mr. Hasnain Jaffri, PE
Supervising Engineer
City of Houston
Department of Public Works
Engineering & Construction Division

RE: Standard product approval: Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) GatorBar

Dear Mr. Jaffri,

The Houston Contractors Association has reviewed the above referenced product (Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) GatorBar) and is formally endorsing its use as an alternative to steel rebar in civil construction projects. I have met with members of the association that are familiar with the product, and have received only positive comments on the product's performance, ease of use, cost and time savings. This product will be a benefit to both the contractor and the City of Houston. HCA recommends its adoption as an approved product for use in City projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and if HCA can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Nielsen
Executive Vice President

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Carol Haddock