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May 14, 2015

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01-493704  
01-Hum-96-11.0/R13.2  
B.O. 04/07/2015

Dear Mr. Zabel:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by Mercer-Fraser Company. (Mercer-Fraser) for Contract 01-493704 on April 07, 2015. By this letter, Caltrans notifies Mercer-Fraser that its bid is nonresponsive.

The Caltrans Bidder-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Commitment form states in part... "DBE Subcontractors and their respective item(s) of work listed above must be consistent, where applicable, with the names and items of work in the "Subcontractors List" submitted with your bid".

Mercer-Fraser on bid day listed ST. Rhoades to perform bid items, 18, 21, 22, 24, 27, 37, 40, 41, 50-60, 62, 68, 69. On the DBE Commitment form, Mercer-Fraser listed these same bid items, but excluded bid item 68, Vegetation Control (Minor Concrete). Since the bid items of work listed for S.T. Rhoades on the Subcontractor List are different from the bid items of work on the DBE Commitment Form, the bid submitted by Mercer-Fraser is nonresponsive.

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that all requirements are met.

Your attention is directed to Section 3-1.04 of the 2010 Standard Specifications. Caltrans is not obligated to offer an extension of the award period for a nonresponsive bid. Should you wish to extend your bid while resolving a nonresponsive finding, you must send your request to the Office Engineer no later than 4:00 p.m., two business days prior to the expiration of your bid.

If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract Awards Branch Chief, at (916) 227-6228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. McMILLAN".

JOHN C. McMILLAN  
Deputy Division Chief  
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