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August 10, 2015

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02-0H2904
02-Sha, Sis-89, 97-VAR
B.O. 07/15/2015

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a letter dated July 27, 2015 from Linear Options Inc. (Linear Options) for Contract 02-0H2904 in response to a nonresponsive bid finding for the above aforementioned contract. Linear Options requests that Caltrans reconsider its decision to award to the next lowest bidder for two reasons; this is the first electronic Federal Aid contract they have bid and the error that occurred was the result of a lack of clarity in the bid documents and Linear Options was unfamiliar with the requirements for submitting Federal Aid electronic bid.

Section 2-1.12B (2) of the revised 2010 Standard Specifications states in part: "DBE Commitment Submittal, Submit DBE information under section 2-1.33. Submit a copy of the quote from each DBE shown on the DBE Commitment form that describes the type and dollar amount of work shown on the form. Submit a DBE Confirmation form for each DBE shown on the DBE Commitment form to establish that it will be participating in the Contract in the type and dollar amount of work shown on the form."

It is a requirement for all contractors bidding on Caltrans contracts to read and understand the Notice to Bidders and the Standard Specifications for each contract before submitting a bid. Caltrans in order to maintain the integrity of the competitive bidding process, must evaluate and ensure that all bids are responsive to the requirements of the contract. In this case, Linear Options did not submit the required Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) documentation as required and as a result, its bid was found nonresponsive.

Based on the above, Caltrans has not changed its position concerning the finding of your bid being nonresponsive and will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that all requirements are met.

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".

for JOHN C. McMILLAN
Deputy Division Chief
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