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May 10, 2016

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02-4E6404  
02-Plu-147-8.9/9.3  
B.O. 3/30/16

Dear Mr. Ramstrom:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received letters dated April 20, and May 2, 2016, from Steelhead Constructors, Inc. (Steelhead) in response to a nonresponsive bid finding for contract 02-4E6404.

The process of bidding is very competitive and as you are aware, each bid and each contract is awarded based on the face of the bid. Caltrans strives to protect the integrity of the bidding process by ensuring the conformity in all bid documents. In this case, the Subcontractors Listing submitted on bid date was not consistent with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Commitment form submitted on April 4, 2016, which included an additional item of work that was not listed at the time of bid. The additional item expanded the scope of work. This change was in violation of the bidding instructions as well as the Public Contract Code. Caltrans cannot make assumptions with regard to listing a subcontractor to perform work and must only consider the information contained within the submitted bid documents. The "screen shots" submitted by you to substantiate your position that your bid was responsive, cannot be considered. Caltrans does not have independent access to this information. As you are aware, Caltrans is only allowed access to the electronically submitted information after the final deadline for submitting the bid has passed. This is to preserve a competitive bidding environment for both Caltrans and the contractors submitting bids. Each contractor submitting a bid is responsible for ensuring that the bid is submitted correctly. The information actually transmitted in your submitted bid does not match what was on the "screen shot" submitted with your letter. For this reason, Caltrans determined that the bid was nonresponsive and upholds that finding.

Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsive bidder, provided that all requirements have been met.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Y. Sewell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

JILL Y. SEWELL  
Office Chief  
Office Engineer, Construction Contract Awards  
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