

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
OFFICE ENGINEER, MS 43
1727 30th STREET
P. O. BOX 168041
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-8041
PHONE (916) 227-6280
FAX (916) 227-6282
TTY 711



*Flex your power!
Be energy efficient!*

May 30, 2013

Facsimile: (916) 373-0183

Alan S. Berger, Vice President
VSS International, Inc.
P.O. Box 981330
West Sacramento, CA 95798

02-4E9804
02-Plu-70-37.5/46.2
B.O. 05/15/2013

Dear Mr. Berger:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by VSS International, Inc. (VSS) for Contract No. 02-4E9804 on May 15, 2013. By this letter, Caltrans notifies VSS that its bid is nonresponsive because the percentage of bid items subcontracted in column 3 is not consistent with the description of subcontracted work in column 4.

The Subcontractor List form states in part, "...Complete columns 1 and 4 and submit with the bid. Complete columns 2 and 3 and submit with the bid or fax to (916) 227-6282 within 24 hours after the bid opening. Failure to provide complete information in columns 1 through 4 within the time specified will result in a nonresponsive bid."

On the original submitted Subcontractor List, VSS identified Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) as performing work described as Utilities, Grinding, Paving, Traffic Control, and Portable Changeable Message Signs (partial). However, on the 24-hour submission of the Subcontractor List submitted on May 16, 2013, VSS identified the percentage of subcontracted work as 100 percent for Bid Items 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 to be performed by SNC. The change from partial to 100 percent constitutes an improper change to the Subcontractor List form.

In addition, VSS failed to provide quotes for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms identified on the DBE Commitment form.

The DBE Commitment form states, "Failure to submit the required DBE information will be grounds for finding the bid nonresponsive. ..., copies of the DBE quotes are required."

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Your attention is directed to Section 3-1.04 of the Amendments to 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.

Alan S. Berger
May 30, 2013
Page 2

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

Sincerely,



 JOHN C. McMILLAN
Deputy Division Chief
Office Engineer
Division of Engineering Services

Attachment

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUBCONTRACTOR LIST
 DES-OE-0102.2 (REV 3/2011)

Bidder Name: VSS International, Inc.

The bidder must identify each subcontractor performing work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.). Complete columns 1 and 4 and submit with the bid. Complete columns 2 and 3 and submit with the bid or fax to (916) 227-6282 within 24 hours after the bid opening. Failure to provide complete information in columns 1 through 4 within the time specified will result in a nonresponsive bid.

Column 1: Business Name and Location	Column 2: Bid Item Nos.	Column 3: Percentage of Bid Item Subcontracted	Column 4: Description of Subcontracted Work
KRC Safety Co, Inc. PO Box 6386 Visalia, CA 93290			CAS Partial TC PCMS - Partial
Chrisp Company 1805 E. Beamer Rd. Woodland, CA 95776			Striping/Removal Partial TC
Dirt Aggregate Interchange, Inc. 20905 NE Sandy Blvd. Fairview, OR 97024			Treated Wood Waste Reconstruct Guard Rail Adjust Guard Rail End Anchor Assembly Anchor
PAR Electric Contractors Inc 1465 W. 4th St. Reno, NV 89503			Maintain Existing Traffic Management System Modify Signal Modify Traffic Count System
Sierra Nevada Construction 2055 E. Greg St Sparks, NV 89431			Utilities, Grinding, Paving - Partial Partial TC Partial PCMS

ADA Notice For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in alternate formats. For information call (916) 854-6410 or TDD (916) 854-3880 or write Records and Forms Management, 1120 N Street, MS-88, Sacramento, CA 95814.

DJT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUBCONTRACTOR LIST
 DES-DE-0102.2 (REV 3/2011)

Bidder Name: VSS International, Inc.

The bidder must identify each subcontractor performing work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.). Complete columns 1 and 4 and submit with the bid. Complete columns 2 and 3 and submit with the bid or fax to (916) 227-6282 within 24 hours after the bid opening. Failure to provide complete information in columns 1 through 4 within the time specified will result in a nonresponsive bid.

Column 1: Business Name and Location	Column 2: Bid Item Nos.	Column 3: Percentage of Bid Item Subcontracted	Column 4: Description of Subcontracted Work
KRC Safety Co, Inc. PO Box 6356 Visalia, CA 93290	2	100%	CAS
	PARTIAL 3	43.1%	Partial TC
	PARTIAL 4	69.3%	PCMS
Chrisp Company 1805 E. Beamer Rd. Woodland, CA 95776	PARTIAL 3	7.7%	STRIPING/Removal
	1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25	100%	Partial TC
DIRT Aggregate InterChange, Inc. 20905 NE Sandy Blvd. Fairview, OR 97024	9, 12, 14, 22	100%	Treated Wood Waste Reconstruct Guard Rail Adjust Guard Rail END ANCHOR ASSEMBLY Anchor
PAR Electric Contractors Inc 1465 N. 4th St. Reno, NV 89503	26, 27, 28	100%	Maintain Existing Traffic Management System Modify Signal modify Traffic Count System
Sierra Nevada Construction 2055 E. Greg St Sparks, NV 89431	PARTIAL 3	46.4%	Utilities, Grinding, Paving
	PARTIAL 4	30%	
	13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	100%	

ADA Notice For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in alternate formats. For information call (916) 854-6410 or TDD (916) 854-3880 or visit Records and Forms Management, 1120 N Street, MS-99, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**** Transmit Conf. Report ****

P. 1
CALTRANS CONTR AWARDS Fax 916-227-6282

May 30 2013 04:52pm

Fax/Phone Number	Mode	Start	Time	Page	Result	Note
93730183	Normal	30:04:51pm	0' 40"	4	# O K	

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

EDMUND G. BROWN Jr., Governor

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
OFFICE ENGINEER, MS 43
1727 30th STREET
P. O. BOX 168041
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-8041
PHONE (916) 227-6280
FAX (916) 227-6282
TTY 711



*Flex your power!
Be energy efficient!*

May 30, 2013

Facsimile: (916) 373-0183

Alan S. Berger, Vice President
VSS International, Inc.
P.O. Box 981330
West Sacramento, CA 95798

02-4E9804
02-Plu-70-37.5/46.2
B.O. 05/15/2013

Dear Mr. Berger:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by VSS International, Inc. (VSS) for Contract No. 02-4E9804 on May 15, 2013. By this letter, Caltrans notifies VSS that its bid is nonresponsive because the percentage of bid items subcontracted in column 3 is not consistent with the description of subcontracted work in column 4.

The Subcontractor List form states in part, "...Complete columns 1 and 4 and submit with the bid. Complete columns 2 and 3 and submit with the bid or fax to (916) 227-6282 within 24 hours after the bid opening. Failure to provide complete information in columns 1 through 4 within the time specified will result in a nonresponsive bid."

On the original submitted Subcontractor List, VSS identified Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) as performing work described as Utilities, Grinding, Paving, Traffic Control, and Portable Changeable Message Signs (partial). However, on the 24-hour submission of the Subcontractor List submitted on May 16, 2013, VSS identified the percentage of subcontracted work as 100 percent for Bid Items 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 to be performed by SNC. The change from partial to 100 percent constitutes an improper change to the Subcontractor List form.

In addition, VSS failed to provide quotes for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms identified on the DBE Commitment form.

The DBE Commitment form states, "Failure to submit the required DBE information will be grounds for finding the bid nonresponsive..., copies of the DBE quotes are required."

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Your attention is directed to Section 3-1.04 of the Amendments to 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.