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04-1SS364  
04-Son-101-33.5  
B.O. 10/27/2015

Dear Mr. Berglund:

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Caltrans reviewed the bid documents submitted by Dreambuilder and confirms that Dreambuilder did in fact list an incorrect corresponding bid item number for Soil Densification and the correct bid item number is 23. Caltrans does not agree that the error provides an unfair advantage to Dreambuilder, since the description of work to be performed was provided at the time of bid as Soil Densification and the description has not changed.

As such, Caltrans finds that this error immaterial to the bid and therefore, can be waived by Caltrans.

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

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 "John C. McMILLAN".

JOHN C. McMILLAN  
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