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Re: GB1 Bid No. AC14339
04-4A8104 Hwy 880 Storm Water Mitigation

Dear Mr. McMillan,

We are in receipt of your August 15, 2014 letter requesting that we respond to a letter from Gallagher and Burk, Inc. (Gallagher) protesting the bid submitted by our firm on the above referenced project. Gallagher contends that our bid is non-responsive since we submitted an unreasonable time period of 30 days for the "B" portion of our bid. Gallagher also makes reference in its letter to a note on the quote submitted by our listed subcontractor, RMT Landscape Contractors, Inc. (RMT), that they need "60 days to complete" the work quoted.

We developed a Critical Path Method (CPM) schedule prior to bid day to determine our "B" Bid days. We did not receive scheduling feedback from any landscaping, erosion control and compost subcontractor on the time required to perform their scope of work until we received a quote from Bortolussi & Watkin (see attached) at 10:07 am on bid day. We utilized the 25 working days for construction of all of their quoted items of work as a basis for completing our CPM schedule and determining our "B" bid days as well as conducting our August 12, 2014 discussion with Caltrans.

We received RMT's quote initially via email at 1:18 PM (see attached) and we were not able to review their quote until approximately 1:40 PM. We were pressing to submit our bid at this late time and focused only on RMT's pricing. We did not see their 60 day construction time note prior to submitting our bid.

It was not until we received the protest letter that we realized that RMT required 60 days. It therefore appears that we made an error in our calculation of "B" bid days when we utilized RMT as our landscape, erosion control and compost subcontractor and that our "B" bid amount does not accurately reflect the time it will take us to construct this project with RMT.

Sincerely,

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