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05-0T6304
05-SB-101-45.6/46.4
B.O. 2/3/2016

Dear Mr. Larinan:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a letter dated February 12, 2016, from Granite Construction Company (Granite), protesting the bid submitted by Souza Construction, Inc (Souza) for the above aforementioned contract. The protest alleges that Souza listed Kritz Excavating, Inc. (Kritz) on its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Commitment form to provide Roadway Excavation (Trucking only), but Kritz does not own enough trucks to perform the amount of trucking needed for the project. The protest further alleges that Souza failed to make a good faith effort to meet the 13 percent contract goal. Granite requests that Caltrans find the bid submitted by Souza nonresponsive and award the contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The Office of Business and Economic Opportunity, Contract Evaluation Branch conducted an evaluation of Souza's DBE Commitment submittal and confirmed the participation of Kritz. As such, Souza has met the goal for this project.

Based on the above, Caltrans finds that Granite's protest will have no bearing on the award of this contract.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff DeFevere".

JEFF DEFEVERE

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