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Att: John McMillan
Deputy Division Chief

Re: 08-0N9604
Subject: Follow up to phone call

Dear Mr. McMillan,

Thank you for taking our call earlier today. We maintain our exception to your finding our bid non-responsive and the explanation thereof. It is very concerning when an additional \$200,000 of public funds are wasted on such a minor irregularity as a bid item number and description that has no bearing on the bid price or bidding advantage. We are even more concerned that, not only was Techno misled by Department staff, but that the Department fails to address this issue. This raises concerns about the transparency of the entire process.

Techno Coatings, Inc. has a long history of completing quality projects in California and especially bridge painting and maintenance projects for Caltrans. It should be noted that our business and expertise is of such a specialty that only a mere handful of qualified contractors are willing to bid Caltrans projects as evidenced with this project receiving only 4 bids and more recently Contract 04-0J2904 that received only one bid at 82% over the engineers estimate. By lowering the confidence of bidders that the process is fair and predictable, the Department will only succeed in continuing to waste public funds and erode the public trust.

Sincerely,

Thomas Puett
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