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January 14, 2016

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06-0T5904  
06-Tul-137;190-18.2/27.4; 26.5/56.6  
B.O. 12/3/15

Dear Mr. Harrison:

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Caltrans reviewed the bid documents submitted and confirms listing of Wells to sweeping operations. Although Wells is rendering a service for Northwest Paving, sweeping of the roadway surface does not require a contractor's license; therefore, Wells did not need to be listed on the Subcontractor's List form.

Based on the above, Caltrans finds VSS's protest lacks merit and will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided all requirements have been met.

If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract 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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