



September 20, 2013

Via Facsimile & U.S. Mail  
Atten: John Mc Millan  
Department of Transportation  
Division of Engineering Services  
Office Engineer MS 43  
1727 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816-804

Re: Contract Number: 07-2768U4  
Bid Opening Date: 08-08-13  
Bid Protest: STL Landscape

Dear Mr. McMillian,

YAKAR has provided Caltrans two protest letters, dated August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup>. As of yet, Caltrans has not formally responded to any of YAKAR's protest and concerns.

STL Landscape failed to provide good faith efforts for their DBE Commitment pursuant to Section 2, 2-1.12B(2)(3), and the listed DBE subcontractor, VT Electric Inc. did not provide a quote prior to the close of bid nor was their quote included with STL's bid package. The VT Electric Inc. quote submitted by STL Landscape did not have a date or time stamp, or any other evidence that the quote was submitted to STL Landscape prior to the close of bid. In our opinion there seem to be collusion between VT Electric Inc. and STL Landscape. In addition, STL's bid numbers are unbalanced and inconsistent which clearly thoughtless and irresponsible.

YAKAR respectfully request Caltrans to consider re-evaluating STL's bid pursuant to Public Contract Code Section No. 10344 and find them non-responsive.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Makana Amer", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Makana Amer  
President