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April 6, 2016

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07-290004  
07-LA-405-R12.6/R21.2  
B.O. 12/17/2015

Dear Mr. El-Zein:

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Caltrans reviewed the bid documents submitted and utilizes the Department of Industrial Relations website to verify all subcontractors listed on the Subcontractor's List form and confirms that Peterson-Chase correctly identified Gerdau's PWCR as 100000435.

As the protest relates to the bid submitted by Ortiz, Caltrans did not review the protest for Ortiz, since the bid submitted by Peterson-Chase was found responsive.

Based on the above, the protest from USS has no bearing on the award of this contract and will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that all requirements have been met.

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

Sincerely,

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

JEFF DEFEVERE  
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