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08-0M0204  
08-SBd-5712  
B.O. 03/14/2013

Dear Mr. Sayce,

On behalf of the Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), I am replying to your letter dated May 6, 2013, concerning the award processing of the bid submitted by AMTEK Construction (AMTEK) for contract 08-0M0204.

A basic rule of competitive bidding is that bids must conform to specifications and if a bid does not so conform, it may not be accepted. Consequently, our staff is trained not to make assumptions regarding questions of a bid's conformance, but to notify the bidder in writing. Written notification and responses are posted on our website to ensure transparency in the award process.

As conveyed in our original correspondence dated April 12, 2013, Caltrans determined that your bid was nonresponsive. As a result of an administrative error, you were not notified of the finding until April 15, 2013, during which time, your bid had lapsed and you were not afforded the opportunity to respond to the finding, nor to extend your bid. Additionally, upon further review of your bid, Caltrans found that your bid was in fact responsive and the initial nonresponsive finding was in error.

Based on the above factors, Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to AMTEK, the low bidder on the project provided that you notify Mulissa Smith, Contract Branch Chief, at (916) 227-6228 on or before May 22, 2013, to let her know that you extend the validity of your bid in order to allow the contract to be awarded.

If you have any questions, please contact Earl Seaberg, Division of Engineering Services, at (916) 227-6299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pieplow", written over a white background.

ROBERT PIEPLOW  
Chief  
Division of Engineering Services