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Dear Mr. Prasad:

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Since the bid items for PRS are listed at 100 percent, Caltrans does not require a detailed technical description of the work to be performed. Percentages of each bid item are not always a one for one match with the dollar amounts listed since the total bid amount and individual bid items may include the contractors profit and overhead; therefore, accepts the description given as to the work to be performed by PRS.

As the protest pertains to the listing of Maneri, Caltrans determines that VAP has failed to provide sufficient information to establish that there has been an improper listing of Maneri. While the quote from Maneri shows traffic control work for 21 days, the amount listed on the quote as well as the DBE submittal for bid item 3 is $47,250. The total amount bid for bid item 3 is $118,000. Based on the information provided in Jabre's bid and DBE submittal, Caltrans determines that despite the quote stating traffic control will be provided for 21 days, Maneri is not providing 100 percent of bid item 3.

As the protest pertains to the DBE commitment, Office of Business and Economic Opportunity, Contract Evaluation Branch has completed its evaluation and approved the DBE Commitment form submitted by Jabre.

Based on the foregoing, Caltrans finds VAP's protest does not have merit and will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, provided that all requirements have been met.

The Resident Engineer will receive a copy of this letter for Contract Administration Compliance.

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

Sincerely,

JEFF DEFEVERE
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