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As the protest relates to the total value of all subcontracts (DBE & non-DBE), this information is collected for statistical purposes only and has no bearing on the award of the contract.

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Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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

Sincerely,

for JOHN C. McMILLAN
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