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April 16, 2013

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B.O. 03/19/2013

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Caltrans performed a bid analysis to determine the significant differences between the Engineer's Estimate of the costs associated with this project and SNC's bid. The disparity of the between SNC's bid and Engineer's Estimate is related to the following:

1. Contract Items 8 through 13, and 17, were bid with a unit cost of only \$1.00 which is not a realistic unit cost for these items.
2. Contract Item 3, Traffic Control System was bid at \$1,189,459. This amount exceeded the Engineer's Estimate of \$96,000.

As you are aware, Caltrans receives many bids in response to its project delivery needs. In order to ensure the integrity of the bidding process, each bid is analyzed to determine its responsiveness. In this case, SNC by its own admission submitted an unbalanced bid and as a result of that action, Caltrans cannot ascertain whether the bid is truly the lowest responsible bid. Therefore, it is in the best interest of Caltrans to reject this bid, and award this contract to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder, provided that all requirements have been met.

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

Sincerely,

*per* JOHN C. McMILLAN  
Deputy Division Chief  
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