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Attn: John McMillan
Deputy Division Chief

Re: 10-0Y2604 (10-Sta-33-14.5/17.9)

Subject: Response to Chester Bross Construction Company Protest Letter

Dear Mr. McMillan,

Knife River Construction (KRC) is in receipt of the formal protest letter submitted by Chester Bross Construction Company (CB) dated February 18, 2014. KRC has reviewed this letter and would like to provide the following responses to the allegations presented by CB.

In regards to the submission of the Certified Small Business Listing for Non-Small business Preference; KRC, as per the project specifications, submitted the documents required within the time allotted per the project specifications (i.e. 2nd Business Day no later than 4 p.m.).

In regards to Janet Simas Paving, Inc, DBA SPIRIT ROAD OILS (SRO); KRC received a quote from SRO to provide Asphalt Oil for the above referenced project. At the time of Bid (January 29, 2014 @ 2 p.m.), SRO is an active Small Business as Certified through the Department of General Services and is a Supplier of Liquid Asphalt as noted on their certification.

Based on the above, KRC has submitted a responsive low-bid for this project and encourages CalTrans to move forward with the Award of Contract 10-0Y2604 to Knife River Construction.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (209) 948-0302)

Sincerely
KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION

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