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11-405504
11-SD-8-6.9/8.2
B.O. 04/02/2015

Dear Ms. Coffman:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received letters dated April 17, and April 22, 2015, from Coffman Specialties, Inc. (Coffman), protesting the bids submitted by Hazard Construction (Hazard) and Flatiron West, Inc. (Flatiron). The protests allege that Hazard failed to list a subcontractor to perform the rebar portion of work described as Cast-In-Drilled-Hole Concrete Piling (bid item 73). Specifically, Hazard listed Western Foundations (Western) to perform 100% of bid item 73, but Western's quote excluded "reinforcing cages" from its scope of work. Coffman is also alleging that Hazard failed to list a subcontractor to perform rebar work for work described as Structural Concrete, Approach Slab (Type R), Minor Concrete (Minor Structure), and Paving Notch Extension (bid items 75-77).

Additionally, Coffman alleges that Flatiron listed Gerdau Reinforcing Steel (Gerdau) to perform 25% of work described as Cast-In-Drilled-Hole Concrete Piling (bid item 73), but failed to list a subcontractor to perform the specialty piling portion this work. Coffman states that neither Gerdau nor Flatiron can perform the piling work. Furthermore, Coffman alleges that Flatiron listed Advanced Concrete Sawing and Sealing (Advanced Concrete) to perform 59% of work described as Isolation Joint Seal (Silicone) (bid item 71), but omitted the seal work portion from Advanced Concrete's scope and failed to list a subcontractor to seal the Isolation Joint. Coffman requests that Caltrans find both bids submitted by Hazard and Flatiron nonresponsive.

Caltrans reviewed the bid documents submitted by Hazard and finds the following:

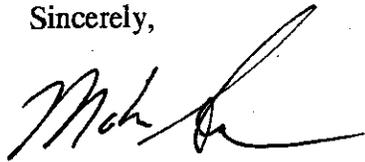
1. As the protest relates to bid item 73, Cast-In-Drilled-Hole concrete Piling and the quote received from Western, Caltrans does not require the bidder to submit a quote for subcontractors, nor did Hazard submit one. Rather, reviews the bid for responsiveness based on the face of the bid, as submitted on bid day. Caltrans cannot consider extra information that is submitted after the bid has been submitted. The quote received by Coffman from Western is not relevant to Hazard's bid and cannot be considered by Caltrans. Caltrans finds no material error in Hazard's listing of Western as performing 100 % of bid item 73.

2. As the protest relates to the Hazard's failure to list a subcontractor to perform rebar work for bids items 75-77, Hazard identified a subcontractor to perform 64% of bid item 76 and Caltrans can only assume, based on the face of the bid that Hazard will self perform bid items 75 and 77, and the remaining portion of the work for bid item 76. Caltrans finds no material error in Hazard's Subcontractor List as it pertains to bid items 75-77.
3. As the protest relates to Flatiron's listing of Gerdau to perform 24% of work described as Cast-In-Drilled-Hole Concrete Piling (bid item 73), Caltrans assumes that Flatiron will self perform the remaining portion of this item. Caltrans finds no material error in Flatiron's listing of Gerdau for performing work related to bid item 73.
4. As the protest relates to Flatiron's failure to list a subcontractor to perform the Isolation Joint Seal work. Based on the bid documents, Caltrans assumes that Flatiron will self perform this work. Caltrans finds no material error in Flatiron's failure to list a subcontractor to perform Isolation Joint Seal work.

Caltrans finds Coffman's protest does not have merit and will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

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

Sincerely,



for JOHN C. McMILLAN
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