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Caltrans Office Engineer
Attn: John C. McMillan
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RE Caltrans Contract No. 12-0H2254
DBE Information Submitted by Smart Tech in Bid Documents

Dear Mr. McMillan,

High Light Electric, Inc. ("HLE") has issued correspondences dated December 17, 2015 and December 23, 2015 regarding Smart Tech's bid and the initial un-responsiveness decision made by Caltrans which have yet to be addressed by Caltrans. While that is being reviewed, HLE would also bring to Caltrans attention that Smart Tech's DBE information that was submitted to Caltrans (see Exhibit 'A'). It appears Smart Tech has tried to re-designate (re-classify) the work for California Professional Engineering whereas in the bid document listed them for bid item #14 and now on the DBE documents reflect the attempt to reassign it to item #15. There was no clerical error claim to try to rectify the problem as required by the PCC and as the only method to accept such changes by Caltrans in the past.

In the past protests, Caltrans has rejected the bids as a "non-responsive" bid for such an attempt to alter the bid scope and re-designate (re-classify) the work as surmised in this protest letter. This is no different.

HLE believes that strict compliance with the bid submission requirements will ensure an equal playing field and preclude any "gamesmanship" or intentional manipulation of the Owner by bidders. HLE requests for Smart Tech to be deemed non-responsive thereby making HLE as the lowest responsive bidder.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Erwin Mendoza
President

Enclosed – Exhibit 'A' (2 pages)

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Contract No.: 12-0H2254 Project ID: 1212000057
Bidder Name: Smart Tech Group Inc
DES-OE-0102.2C (REV 03/2015)

Bidder ID: VC1400003176

Bidding Firm: Smart Tech Group Inc

List this sub? Yes

1) Business Name California Professional
Location City La Puente State ca
California Contractor License Number 793907
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000001980
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item % Description
14 21.18 communication system (partial)

List this sub? Yes

2) Business Name Cecilias safety services
Location City San Marcos State ca
California Contractor License Number 787634
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000012757
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item % Description
3 81.3 traffic control (partial)
4 100 PCM

List this sub? Yes

3) Business Name cross twon electric
Location City Irwindale State ca
California Contractor License Number 756309
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000000155
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item % Description
14 12.27 communication system (Parila)
15 13.92 Closed circuit (partial)

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Caltrans Bid Protest 12-0H2254 Bid Date 12.3.15 (DBE Protest)