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Department of Transportation
Division of Engineering Services
Office Engineer, MS 43
1727 30Th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816-8041

Attention: Mr. John McMillan
Deputy Division Chief
Fax 916-227-6282

RE: Contract No. 12-0J61U4
Bid Date July 17, 2014

Dear Mr. McMillian,

YAKAR protests the bid of the above- referenced contract of the low bidder, Marina Landscape Inc. ("Marina") and is requesting that Caltrans find Marina non-responsive due to the following reasons:
Marina has failed to meet the required DBE Goal of 9%. Due to failure to comply with Section 2-1.02 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, sixth paragraph which states "Meet the DBE goal shown in the Notice to Bidders or demonstrate that you make adequate good faith efforts to meet this goal." They also failed to completely fill out a section of the DBE Commitment Form which states "include Caltrans Certification #, DBE address and phone number". On the DBE Commitment Form, the third sentence of the first paragraph states "Failure to submit the required DBE information will be grounds for finding the proposal non-responsive."

DBE Good Faith Effort:

Marina's Good Faith Effort (GFE) did not comply with Contract Special Provisions, Section 2-1.12B(2) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, which states in part: "Submit written confirmation from each DBE shown on the form stating that it will be participating in the Contract. Include information with the DBE Commitment form. A copy of the DBE's quote will serve as written confirmation that the DBE will be participating in the Contract."
Marina failed to submit in their bid package the written confirmation from their listed DBE subcontractors as required and described in Section 2-1.12B(2)

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We are requesting that Marina's bid be deemed as non- responsive based on the above mentioned facts Marina does not meet the 9% goal and failed to show GFE.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Mariana Amer

Make your request at least 7 days before viewing. Include in your request:

1. District-County-Route
2. Contract number
3. Viewing date
4. Contact information, including telephone number

For rock cores, also include the bridge number in your request.

If bridge as-built drawings are available:

1. For a project in District 1 through 6 or 10, you may request them from the Office of Structure Maintenance and Investigations, fax (916) 227-8357
2. For a project in District 7, 8, 9, 11, or 12, you may request them from the Office of Structure Maintenance and Investigations, fax (916) 227-8357, and they are available at the Office of Structure Maintenance and Investigations, Los Angeles, CA, telephone (213) 897-0877

As-built drawings may not show existing dimensions and conditions. Where new construction dimensions are dependent on existing bridge dimensions, verify the field dimensions and adjust dimensions of the work to fit existing conditions.

2-1.06C–2-1.06D Reserved

2-1.07 JOB SITE AND DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

Examine the job site and bid documents.

Bid submission is your acknowledgment that you have examined the job site and bid documents and are satisfied with:

1. General and local conditions to be encountered
2. Character, quality, and scope of work to be performed
3. Quantities of materials to be furnished
4. Character, quality, and quantity of surface and subsurface materials or obstacles
5. Requirements of the contract

2-1.08 RESERVED

2-1.09 BID ITEM LIST

Submit a bid based on the bid item quantities the Department shows on the Bid Item List.

2-1.10 SUBCONTRACTOR LIST

On the Subcontractor List form, list each subcontractor to perform work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or $10,000, whichever is greater (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.).

The Subcontractor List form must show the name, address, and work portions to be performed by each subcontractor listed. Show work portions by bid item number, description, and percentage of each bid item subcontracted.

2-1.11 RESERVED

2-1.12 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

2-1.12A General

Section 2-1.12 applies to a federal-aid contract.

Under 49 CFR 26.13(b):

> The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

Take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have opportunity to participate in the Contract (49 CFR 26).

2-1.12B Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal

2-1.12B(1) General

Section 2-1.12B applies if a DBE goal is shown on the *Notice to Bidders*.

To ensure equal participation of DBEs provided in 49 CFR 26.5, the Department shows a goal for DBEs.

Make work available to DBEs and select work parts consistent with available DBE subcontractors and suppliers.

Meet the DBE goal shown on the *Notice to Bidders* or demonstrate that you made adequate good faith efforts to meet this goal.

You are responsible to verify that the at the bid opening date the DBE firm is certified as DBE by the CA Unified Certification Program.

All DBE participation will count toward the Department's federally-mandated statewide overall DBE goal.

Credit for materials or supplies you purchase from DBEs counts toward the goal in the following manner:

1. 100 percent if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer.
2. 60 percent if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE regular dealer.
3. Only fees, commissions, and charges for assistance in the procurement and delivery of materials or supplies, if they are obtained from a DBE that is neither a manufacturer nor regular dealer. 49 CFR 26.55 defines "manufacturer" and "regular dealer."

You receive credit toward the goal if you employ a DBE trucking company that performs a commercially useful function as defined in 49 CFR 26.55(d)(1)–(4), (6).

2-1.12B(2) DBE Commitment Submittal

Submit DBE information under section 2-1.33.

Bidders other than the apparent low bidder, the 2nd low bidder, and the 3rd low bidder are not required to submit the DBE commitment form unless the Department requests it. If the Department requests a DBE commitment form from you, submit the completed form within 4 business days of the request.

Submit written confirmation from each DBE shown on the form stating that it will be participating in the Contract. Include confirmation with the DBE commitment form. A copy of a DBE's quote will serve as written confirmation that the DBE will be participating in the Contract.

2-1.12B(3) Good Faith Efforts Submittal

If you have not met the DBE goal, complete and submit the Good Faith Efforts Documentation under section 2-1.33 showing that you made adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal. Only good faith efforts directed toward obtaining participation by DBEs are considered.

If your DBE commitment form shows that you have met the DBE goal or if you are required to submit the DBE commitment form, you must submit good faith efforts documentation within the specified time to protect your eligibility for award of the contract in the event the Department finds that the DBE goal has not been met.

The Department may consider DBE commitments of the 2nd and 3rd bidders in determining whether the low bidder made good faith efforts to meet the DBE goal.

2-1.13–2-1.14 RESERVED

2-1.15 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

2-1.15A General

Section 2-1.15 applies to a non-federal-aid contract.

Take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DVBEs have opportunity to participate in the Contract.