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December 12, 2014

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01-362914  
01-Men-101-9.6/10.7,11.2/20.9  
B.O. 11/06/2014

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Caltrans evaluated the bid documents submitted by the low bidder, DeSilva Gates and found, that while the price for this item had a small mathematical unbalance (\$200.00 additional cost), it is not materially unbalanced as it does not put the State at a disadvantage.

As this protest pertains to GBI and Chester Bross, Caltrans did not conduct a review of their bid documents, since the bid submitted by DeSilva Gates is responsive.

Based on the determination above, Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsive and responsible 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. McMILLAN".

*John C. McMILLAN*  
Deputy Division Chief  
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