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RE: REPLY TO GOLDEN STATE BRIDGE INC.'S OPPOSITION TO Bid Protests,
CONTRACT NO. 01-47660, IN MENDOCINO COUNTY ABOUT 5 MILES
EAST OF BOONVILLE FROM 0.5 MILE EAST OF SHEARING CREEK
BRIDGE #10-59 TO 0.9 MILE WEST OF MAPLE CREEK

Dear Mr. McMillan:

This letter is a reply to the opposition of Golden State Bridge, Inc. ("GSB") to the protests by Argonaut Constructors ("Argonaut") of the low bid submitted by GSB on Contract No. 01-47660 ("Contract").

GSB's two October 21, 2013 letters raise absolutely no new facts and site to no law to contradict the two protests submitted by Argonaut. To the contrary, GSB's letters both allege only future compliance by GSB – this ignores the fact that GSB's bid is non-responsive and cannot become responsive in the future without GSB being granted favoritism and an advantage to rectify its prior non-compliance, both of which are violations of controlling California law and mandate finding GSB's bid non-responsive. GSB admits it is not licensed as a C-57 well contractor and that it has no such subcontractor in its bid. GSB's letters also fail to address that it cannot obtain a permit for the well work from Mendocino County unless a C-57 contractor

performs the work -- which cannot happen under the GSB bid as the C-57 work is over 0.05% of the price and has no such listed subcontractor. GSB's letters also fail to demonstrate mathematical percentages showing GSB's performance of over 30% of the contract work.

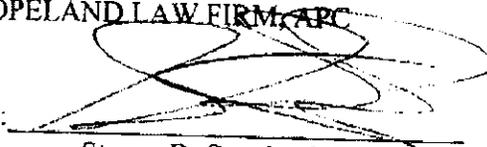
Argonaut's protest letters site chapter and verse to facts contained in/missing from both GSB's bid documents and the controlling California law governing responsive bids. These allegations remain unrefuted.

As previously stated, Argonaut remains willing and able to perform the work as stated in its bid. The State should declare GSB's bid non-responsive and award the contract to Argonaut as the second-low bidder.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact either myself or Stephen Langhals of Argonaut.

Best regards,

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