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RE: 04-1SS364 Repair Slipout Hwy 101 Near Healdsburg

SUB: Bid Protest

Dear Mr. McMillan;

Argonaut Constructors was the apparent second low bidder on the above referenced project. With this letter we formally protest the bid submitted by the apparent low bidder Dreambuilders Construction Corp (DCC). In DCC's subcontract listing they listed American Pacific Construction (APC) for 65% of item #29 with a description of "Soil Densification". The error is that item #29 is not the soil densification item, but the tack coat item.

Upon further examination of DCC's subcontractor listing it appears that DCC intended to list APC for item #29 "tack oil" along with the other paving items #s 24 & 25. While this error may be deemed an "inadvertent clerical error" per sections 4107.5, DCC failed to give written notice correcting the error to Caltrans within the allowed two (2) working days.

Left uncorrected this error now begs the question what work is DCC subcontracting to APC, Tack Oil or Soil Densification? In addition, this error now gives DCC an unfair bidding advantage. DCC now has an opportunity to change their listed subcontractor for this project after bid submittal. Furthermore, the soil densification work is an item of work requiring specialty equipment and experienced crews. Neither DCC or APC owns this type of equipment or has the experienced crews to perform this work.

Argonaut Constructors request that Caltrans find the apparent low bidder, DCC, bid to be nonresponsive and therefore award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Argonaut Constructors.

Sincerely;

Christer Berglund
Estimator

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FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

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