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January 9, 2014

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Curtis Short
Avison Construction, Inc.
40365 Brickyard Drive#105
Madera, CA 93636

06-0J9204
06-Fre-145-32.8/33.4
B. O. 12/18/2013

Dear Mr. Short:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received the attached letter from Avison Construction, Inc. (Avison) on January 2, 2014, protesting the bid documents submitted by RSB Group, Inc. (RSB). The protest alleges that RSB did not list subcontractors for the electrical, landscape, or irrigation portions of the contract. Avison requests Caltrans find the bid submitted by RSB nonresponsive.

Per the attached "Notice to Bidders", *the Contractor must have either a Class A license or one of the following Class C licenses: C-12*. RSB holds an active Class A and B license and as such was not required to list subcontractors for electrical, landscape, or irrigation portions of the contract.

Based on the above, Caltrans finds that the protest submitted by Avison lacks merit and 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,


JOHN C. McMILLAN
Deputy Division Chief
Office Engineer
Division of Engineering Services

Attachments



January 2, 2014

Department of Transportation
Division of Engineering
Office Engineer, MS43
1727 30th Street
Sacramento, CA 95818-8041

Sent Via: Fax

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Attention: John McMillan, Deputy Division Chief

Subject: 06-0J9204- For construction on State Highway in Fresno County near Kerman from 0.3 mile South of Jensen Avenue to 0.3 mile North of Jensen Avenue
Bid Opening 12/18/2013

Re: Subcontractor's Listing

Dear Mr. McMillan,

After reviewing the published documents for the subject project, it was noticed that the apparent low bidder, RSB Group Inc., did not list subcontractors for the electrical portion of work as well as the landscape and irrigation portions. These portions of work are approximately 15% and 10% of the total bid, respectively. All other nine bidders listed subcontractors for these items of work. RSB Group has listed subcontractors for these types of work on previous bids indicating they don't normally perform this type of work.

Also, RSB Groups bid values were less than 50% of every other bidder for the electrical items (items # 71 to 74). Did RSB Group make an error on their subcontractor's listing in regards to the electrical and landscaping work?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Short", written over a horizontal line.

Curtis Short
Avison Construction, Inc.
cshort@avisoninc.com

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids open Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Dated November 25, 2013

General work description: Construct roundabout.

The Department will receive sealed bids for CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN FRESNO COUNTY NEAR KERMAN FROM 0.3 MILE SOUTH OF JENSEN AVENUE TO 0.3 MILE NORTH OF JENSEN AVENUE.

District-County-Route-Post Mile: 06-Fre-145-32.8/33.4

Contract No. 06-0J9204

The Contractor must have either a Class A license or one of the following Class C licenses: C-12.

The DBE Contract goal is 11 percent.

Federal-aid project no.:

ACHSSTP-P145(031)E

Bids must be on a unit price basis.

Complete the work, excluding plant establishment work, within 60 working days.

Complete the work, including plant establishment work, within 310 working days.

Complete the plant establishment work within 250 working days.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,090,000.

No prebid meeting is scheduled for this project.

The Department will receive bids until 2:00 p.m. on the bid open date at 1727 30th Street, Bidders' Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Department staff will direct the bidders to the bid opening.

The Department will open and publicly read the bids at the above location immediately after the specified closing time.

District office addresses are provided in the *Standard Specifications*.

Present bidders' inquiries to the Department and view the Department's responses at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/inquiry/bid_inquiries.php

Questions about alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be asked before bid opening. After bid opening, the Department does not consider these questions as bid protests.

Submit your bid with bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid.

Prevailing wages are required on this Contract. The Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations determines the general prevailing wage rates. Obtain the wage rates at the DIR Web site, <http://www.dir.ca.gov>, or from the Department's Labor Compliance Office of the district in which the work is located.

The federal minimum wage rates for this Contract as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor are available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/federal-wages>.



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Contractors State License Board

Contractor's License Detail - License # 773526



DISCLAIMER: A license status check provides information taken from the CSLB license database. Before relying on this information, you should be aware of the following limitations.

CSLB complaint disclosure is restricted by law ([B&P 7124.6](#)) If this entity is subject to public complaint disclosure, a link for complaint disclosure will appear below. Click on the link or button to obtain complaint and/or legal action information.

Per [B&P 7071.17](#) , only construction related civil judgments reported to the CSLB are disclosed.

Arbitrations are not listed unless the contractor fails to comply with the terms of the arbitration.

Due to workload, there may be relevant information that has not yet been entered onto the Board's license database.

License Number	773526	Extract Date 1/2/2014						
Business Information	RSB GROUP INC Business Phone Number: (949) 454-1999 20331 LAKE FOREST DRIVE #C-13 LAKE FOREST, CA 92630							
Entity	Corporation							
Issue Date	01/12/2000							
Expire Date	01/31/2014							
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Bonding	CONTRACTOR'S BOND This license filed a Contractor's Bond with WESTERN SURETY COMPANY . Bond Number: 14654347 Bond Amount: \$12,500 Effective Date: 01/01/2007 Contractor's Bond History BOND OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1. The Responsible Managing Officer (RMO) SEPEHRI RAMAK certified that he/she owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock/equity of the corporation. A bond of qualifying individual is not required. Effective Date: 03/21/2007 BQI's Bond History							

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

This license has workers compensation insurance with
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

Workers' Compensation

Policy Number: 1980304

Effective Date: 01/01/2012

Expire Date: 01/01/2014

Workers' Compensation History

Personnel listed on this license (current or disassociated) are listed on other licenses.

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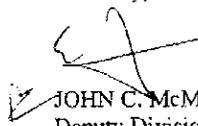
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