

**VELARDE CONCRETE
CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

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Subject: Contract 07-278204
Bid Opened: March 27, 2014
Bid Protest of STL Landscape Inc.

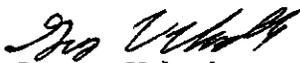
Dear Mr. McMillan,

We called your office this morning to verify that you received our Protest letter which was faxed on 4/17/14 and we were told by Melissa Smith that our protest had no merit because your office had contacted STL Landscape regarding the fact that they failed to acknowledge the addendums.

No documentary evidence was made public that STL Landscape was contacted; furthermore, by Caltrans contacting and allowing STL to review the addenda instead of holding STL accountable to "properly complete" their bid packet as were the rest of the bidders it gave STL an unfair advantage over the other bidders who properly completed their bid forms. By giving STL time to review the addenda, which included several plan sheets, and then decide whether or not to pursue the contract or to disqualify themselves by choosing not to acknowledge said addenda and therefore be considered a nonresponsive bidder.

We are asking that STL's bid be deemed nonresponsive and that the contract be awarded to the next responsible bidder.

Sincerely,


Gustavo Velarde