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After a review of the protest, Caltrans has determined that no unfair advantage was granted to Bay Cities, or any other bidding contractor by using bid item numbers in replacement of written descriptions on the Subcontractor List form. In addition, Caltrans has found that the use of bid item numbers rather than written descriptions more clearly describes the work to be performed by a subcontractor.

With regard to the percentage of bid item(s) subcontracted, this information is not required on bid day, but rather the 24 hour submittal.

Caltrans finds that this protest will have no bearing on the award of this contract and will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract Awards Branch Chief, at (916) 227-6228.

Sincerely,

  
for JOHN C. MCMILLAN  
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