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July 30, 2019

Ms. Jill Sewell
Department of Transportation
1801 30th Street, MS-9
Sacramento, CA 95816

Ref: Contract # 06-0T2304
Protest Response, your letter of July 19th

Dear Ms. Sewell:

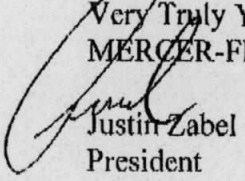
We are in receipt of your July 19th letter requesting our response to Granite's July 17th protest letter.

In regards to Avila, and as evidenced in our DBE submittal, the subcontract work that Avila would be performing on the project (Construction Area Signs, Type III Barricades, and Channelizers) amounts to \$11,250.00 which is below the threshold requirement of the listing law. In this case, the threshold reporting amount would be \$17,846.00 or greater. The remaining items on our DBE submittal for Avila, are related to rental of message boards from Avila. These rental items would be rented and picked up by Mercer-Fraser at Avila's rental yard and used on the project, then returned. These items are not subcontracted items that would be required to be listed as a subcontract item.

In regards to the sludge removal. Mercer Fraser is aware of the specifications that Granite cites. There were no prequalification submittals required prior to bidding the project as Granite requests. Mercer-Fraser has performed numerous sewer plant construction projects and environmental sewer and sludge remediation. In fact, Mercer-Fraser owns its own filter dewatering press and associated equipment for this type of work. Simply, Mercer-Fraser bid the job per the plans and specifications.

Granite's claims regarding the failure to list a subcontractor regarding the listing threshold or the dewatering sludge item is without merit. This is Granite's attempt to throw sludge against the wall to see what sticks.

Very Truly Yours,
MERCER-FRASER COMPANY


Justin Zabel
President

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