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Via fax: 916-227-6282

California Department of Transportation  
Attn: Office Engineer MS43  
1727 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA95816-8041

Re: 07-317404 Bid Protest

To Whom It May Concern:

After review of the bid DBE paperwork submitted by Griffith Company for the above referenced project, please accept this letter as Landscape Supports Services formal bid protest.

Per the DBE submittal, Griffith Company is committing to 18.2% DBE participation (on a contract with an 18% goal), a goal that is met in part with equipment rented from Savala Equipment Company. However, because only 60% of the value of rented equipment can be counted toward the DBE goal, the 18% goal is not met. Since Griffith Company did not submit Good Faith Effort documentation and their commitment is less than 18%, their bid must then be considered nonresponsive.

Additionally, because Savala Equipment Company does not hold a contractor license (and were not listed as a subcontractor), they cannot perform any work (and thus cannot operate equipment) on the jobsite.

For this reason, Caltrans should award the contract to Landscape Support Services as the low and most responsive bidder.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and timely response to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Rogelio Rodriguez  
Sr Estimator  
Landscape Support Services