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Attn: April Perez-Hollins
Office Chief, Construction Contract Awards

RE: Route 183 Monterey County in Castroville
Contract 05-1H6504 ("Contract")
Bid Opening: December 18, 2024

Subject: Protest of Precision Grade, Inc.'s Bid

Dear Ms. Perz-Hollins:

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Granite Construction Company ("Granite") timely submitted a bid for the above-referenced project. Precision Grade, Inc. ("Precision") is the apparent low monetary bidder, and Granite is the apparent second low bidder. Granite hereby protests the potential award of the Contract to Precision because its bid contains several material defects: Precision failed to correctly list a subcontractor who will perform work in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of its bid or \$10,000 (whichever is greater) in violation of the Standard Specifications and the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act of the Public Contract Code.

**Precision's Bid Violates the Standard Specifications and
the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act**

Section 2-1.10 of the Standard Specifications (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.) requires the bidder to list each subcontractor that will perform work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater. It further requires:

For each subcontractor listed, the Subcontractor List form must show:

- 4. Portion of work it will perform. Show the portion of the work by:*
 - 4.1. Bid item numbers for the subcontracted work*
 - 4.2. **Percentage of the subcontracted work for each bid item listed***
 - 4.3. **Description of the subcontracted work if the percentage of the bid item listed is less than 100 percent***

In review of Precision's bid submittal, several violations of the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act are identified below:

1. Precision listed Freeman Environmental for over 100% of bid item 25, Temporary Hydraulic Mulch (Bonded Fiber Matrix).

4) List this subcontractor? YES NO
 Business Name FREEMAN ENVIRONMENTAL Location City APTOS State CA
 California Contractor License Number 1069723 Public Works Contractor Registration
 Number 1000728058

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Contract ID: 05-1H6504
 Bidder: Precision Grade Inc

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Letting ID: 05-1H6504
 Bidder ID: VC1800001109

Portion of Work Subcontracted			Description
Item	%		
20	11		JOB SITE MANAGEMENT
25	76		TEMPORARY HYDRAULIC MULCH (BONDED FIBER MATRIX)
21	100		21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,39,80,
79	62		HYDROSEED

2. Precision listed Marina Landscape to perform 40% of bid item 56, Plant Establishment Work, but failed to provide the description of the work to be performed.

15) List this subcontractor? YES NO
 Business Name MARINA LANDSCAPING Location City LATHROP State CA
 California Contractor License Number 492862 Public Works Contractor Registration
 Number 1000000079

Portion of Work Subcontracted			Description
Item	%		
46	100		46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,57,58,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,75,89
56	40	56	
76	83		PVC PIPE CONDUIT (SLEEVE)
77	37		8" CORRUGATED HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PIPE CONDUIT

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3. In several other instances where bid items were listed as being subcontracted for less than 100% of the bid item, Precision also failed to provide the description of the work to be performed and listed the full description of the bid item itself with no indication of partial performance or specific portion of the bid item that was to be performed by the listed subcontractor.

3) List this subcontractor? YES NO
 Business Name AWP SAFETY Location City SAN JOSE State CA
 California Contractor License Number 975518 Public Works Contractor Registration
 Number 1000001109

Portion of Work Subcontracted			Description
Item	%		
6	80		CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS
164	16		FURNISH SINGLE SHEET ALUMINUM SIGN (0.080"-FRAMED)
161	100		161,162,163,165,166,167,168,169

8) List this subcontractor? YES NO
 Business Name MIDSTATE BARRIER INC Location City STOCKTON State CA
 California Contractor License Number 529261 Public Works Contractor Registration
 Number 1000000538

Portion of Work Subcontracted			Description
Item	%		
33	85		TREATED WOOD WASTE
171	100		REMOVE GUARDRAIL

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11) List this subcontractor? YES NO
 Business Name ASSOCIATED REBAR Location City SALINAS State CA
 California Contractor License Number 574321 Public Works Contractor Registration
 Number 1000007289
 Portion of Work Subcontracted

Item	%	Description
102	100	WELDED WIRE REINFORCEMENT 4" X 4" W1.4/W1.4
101	73	(F) - BAR REINFORCING STEEL (RETAINING WALL)
96	12	RETAINING WALL STEM (TYPE 6A MODIFIED)
195	.05	MOBILIZATION

As Precision did not comply with the above-stated specifications and corresponding Subletting and Subcontractors Fair Practices Act, (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.) it's bid should be determined to be non-responsive. For the reasons set forth, Granite respectfully requests that Caltrans reject Precision's bid and award the Contract to Granite, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 974-0886 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

John G. Boies, P.E.
 Chief Estimator