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To: California Department of Transportation  
Division of Engineering Services  
Office Engineer, MS 43  
1727 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816-8041

Attn: Engineer Evaluating Awards

Re: 07-0W6304  
Construction on State Highway in Ventura County at Various Locations  
In District 7 On Route 33, 101, 118, 126  
Letter of Protest  
Lowest Responsive Bidder: J. Francis Company  
Non-Responsive Bidder: Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc

Dear Engineer;

In accordance with the Caltrans contract bid protest procedure and the California Public Contract Code, please accept this letter as J. Francis Company's formal protest against the bid submitted by Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc (Truesdell) for the above reference project.

The bid from Truesdell must be rejected as non-responsive for violation of the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (CA Public Contract Code Section 4100 et seq) (the "Act"). Summarily, in its detailed/post-bid subcontractor listing, Truesdell reduced the amount of work it had previously committed to subcontract in its bid-day listing for the Bid Items 5 and 6 (Construction Area Signs and Traffic Control respectively), it would sub to Fryman Management Inc. The bid-day listing for this was 100% and 89% respectively. However, on the DVBE and SBE documents different percentages are claimed. This disqualifies Fryman Management Inc. for these items. As a result, Truesdell does not meet the required DVBE goal for this project.

By reducing the scope without following the procedures in the Act, Truesdell rendered its bid non-responsive.

Accordingly, J. Francis Company respectfully requests Caltrans award it the project as the lowest responsive bidder.

Thank you.

Diana Hanna

President

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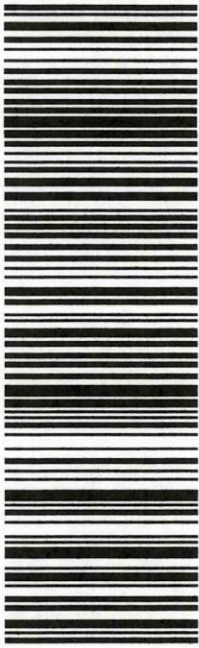
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