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Mr. Juan Loera
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RE: Caltrans Contract No. 07-338604 Protest Letter (Dated Nov. 22, 2023)

Mr. Loera,

In response to the protest letter drafted by Feerick Group (representing Alfaro Communication Construction Inc), ILB Electric (International Line Builders, Inc.) believes we did not "Illegally Inflate" its DBE Participation, rather ILB Electric met the bid requirements and submitted all necessary paperwork for Caltrans to award ILB Electric contract #07-338604.

Bid Item #7 (Traffic Control System) is being performed by Frontline Traffic Control. At bid time, the listing of item 7 was inadvertently omitted and was a clerical error. You can see based on our DBE Commitment and DBE Confirmation forms, that ILB Electric is using Frontline Traffic Control for that item, and Frontline Traffic Control has confirmed as much.

ILB Electric listed (on the DBE Commitment Form) \$2,684,009.21 as the total value of all subcontracts. This is a clerical error and should be treated as such. The total value of all sub-contracts should read as \$2,166,898.21. The DBE Commitment form showing Total Claimed Participation value of \$2,684,009.21 is correct.

Regarding the partial performance of work, we list our subcontractors for the bid items in which they will be performing the work, however, in our bids there are overhead costs associated with those items. Therefore, while the subcontractor may be listed for a percentage lower than 100, however they will be performing all said work for that item.

The listing of Smithson Electric for Item #63 Remove Guardrail was a clerical error. Smithson will be a subcontractor on this project however, they will installing loops and piezo sensors under item #72 Automated Vehicle Classification Station. The percentage of work for Smithson on that item will be 36.5%.



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As you can see, while errors had occurred, they were all clerical and have no bearing on the legitimacy of ILB Electric's bid or DBE Commitment. We ask that Caltrans take this into account and award contract 07-338604 to ILB Electric. We are looking forward to another successful project for both Caltrans and ILB Electric.

Very truly yours,

Curt Rusick
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