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Saray Munoz, Contract Analyst
Department of Transportation
Construction Contract Awards
Program/Project management & Office Engineer
Division of Engineering Services,
Office Engineer MS 43
1727 30th Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: Contract No. 08-1J6204

Subject: Nico Engineering Protest

Dear Saray Munoz,

We are aware of a protest filed by Nico Engineering claiming that our Bid Bond submitted is not valid for the following reason:

Nico Engineering claims that the bid bond is missing a "signature" from the principle contractor.

Preferred General Services submitted the bid bond on form DES-OE-0102.3 with the only required signatures, one from the surety company Zachary Mefferd Attorney-In-Fact and one from Havilah Sinai Watson public notary guaranteeing Zacary Mefferd's signature. Form DES-OE-0102.3 does not provide or require the principle to sign the form. We would also like to mention that Old Republic Surety Company has already contacted Jaun Loera to affirm the Bid Bond is and was valid at the time of bid. We are also confused as to Nico Engineering's references that PGS sent a mailed in Bid Bond and not an Electronic Bid Bond as both are acceptable.

Nico Engineering's claim is completely without merit and should be considered the same by your department.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Witthans

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