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Dear Mr. Jaber:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by Doja Inc. (Doja), for the above project on May 22, 2024. By this letter, Caltrans notifies Doja that its bid is nonresponsive.

Caltrans established a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal of 5 percent for this Non-Federal Aid Contract with an estimated cost of \$5 million or less. As such, Caltrans directs Doja's attention to the 2023 Revised Standard Specifications, Section 2-1.33B(3)(b)(ii), Bid Form Submittal [for a Non-Federal-Aid Contract with a DVBE Goal], which states in part: "[Submit the] Certified DVBE Summary ... No later than 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening."

Doja failed to submit the Certified DVBE Summary form by the required deadline of 4:00 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening. As such, Doja' bid is nonresponsive.

In addition, Caltrans notes that the Notice to Bidders for the above referenced contract states, "The SBE Contract goal is 5 percent." Caltrans further refers Doja to the Special Provisions Section 2-1.17, "Small Business Enterprise Participation Goal Requirement" which states in part: "Meet the SBE participation goal requirement shown on the *Notice to Bidders*. A bid that demonstrates an SBE participation commitment less than the SBE participation goal requirement is nonresponsive." And Special Provisions Section 2-1.17B requires submittal of the Small Business Enterprise Commitment and Confirmation forms by 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening. (See also, 2023 Revised Standard Specification, Section 2-1.33B(3)(b)(ii), Bid Form Submittal.)

Caltrans finds that Doja also failed to submit the Small Business Enterprise Commitment and Confirmation forms, by the required the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening.

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award this contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, provided that all the requirements have been met.

Mr. Ayad Jaber
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If you have any questions, please contact Juan Loera, Contract Awards Branch Chief at (916) 227-5964.

Sincerely,

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