## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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08-1N6904 08-Riv-15-36.6/37.0 B.O. June 11, 2024

Dear Mr. Steffy:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by Empire Equipment Service, Inc. (Empire) for the above Non-Federal Aid project on June 11, 2024. By this letter, Caltrans notifies Empire that its bid is nonresponsive.

Caltrans refers Empire to the 2023 Standard Specifications, Section 2-1.15B, which states in part that for a Non-Federal-Aid Contract with a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal: "Submit a copy of the quote from each DVBE listed on the Certified DVBE Summary form that describes the type and dollar amount of work shown on the form no later than 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening."

As Empire failed to submit the DVBE quote(s) for each DVBE listed on the Certified DVBE Summary form by the required deadline of 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening, its bid is nonresponsive.

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

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

Sincerely,

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