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B.O. 5/31/24

Dear Mr. Ta:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by Marina Landscape, Inc. (Marina) for the above contract on May 31, 2024. By this letter Caltrans notifies Marina that its bid is nonresponsive.

Caltrans established a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal of 3 percent for this Non-Federal Aid Contract with an estimated cost of \$5 million or less. As such, Caltrans refers Marina to section 2-1.15B of the 2023 Standard Specifications, "Projects \$5 Million or Less," which states in part, "Meet the [DVBE] goal shown on the *Notice to Bidders*." In its post-bid DVBE submittal, Marina claimed 5.5 percent DVBE participation. However, Caltrans Office of Civil Rights, Contract Evaluation Branch (CEB), reviewed Marina's bid documents and DVBE submittal and finds that for its DVBE participation Marina listed Poly Tek Supply, Inc (Poly Tek Supply) to provide "PVC pipes" in the amount of \$31,547.00, or 4.49% of their total bid. However, CEB found that Marina failed to provide a quote from Poly Tek in its DVBE submittal. Caltrans refers Marina again to section 2-1.15B of the 2023 Standard Specifications, which states in part: "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."

Consequently, since Marina failed to timely submit a quote in support of the DVBE participation it claimed for Poly Tek, CEB did not count the \$31,542.20 towards the DVBE goal. After making the above revision, Marina's total DVBE Commitment is revised to \$7,090.00 or 1.01% of their total bid. As a result, CEB found that Marina did not meet the 3% DVBE goal. As Marina did not meet the 3 percent DVBE goal, it is no longer eligible for award.

Based on the above, Caltrans will proceed to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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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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