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B.O. 1/16/25

Dear Mr. Adamek:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted RAL Investment Corporation DBA Silverstrand Construction (RAL) for the above Federal-Aid contract on January 16, 2025. By this letter, Caltrans notifies RAL that its bid is nonresponsive.

Caltrans refers RAL to the 2023 Standard Specifications, Section 2-1.33 B(2)(b)(ii), Bid Form Submittal/Bid form Submittal Schedule for a Federal-Aid Contract with a DBE Goal, which provides in part that the DBE Commitment form and DBE Confirmation form must be submitted "No later than 4 p.m. on the 5th day after bid opening."

RAL failed to submit the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) post-bid documents by the deadline of 4:00 p.m., on the 5th day after bid opening. As such, RAL's bid is nonresponsive.

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