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11-430364
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B.O. 12/4/24

Dear Ms. Nader:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a letter dated December 17, 2024, from Nationwide Contracting Services (Nationwide), protesting the award to RAL Investment Corporation DBA Silverstrand Construction (Silverstrand), for the above referenced contract. The protest alleges that an award to Silverstrand violates the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) incentive regulations. Nationwide contracting alleges to have fully complied with all project specifications and DVBE incentive requirements and is, therefore, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Caltrans refers Nationwide to the 2023 Standard Specifications, Section 2-1.15B, which states: "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."

Nationwide failed to submit the DVBE quote(s) for each DVBE listed on its Certified DVBE Summary form by the required deadline of 4 p.m. on the 4th business day after bid opening. By failing to meet the requirements for the DVBE incentive as stated above, Nationwide is not eligible for the DVBE incentive on this contract.

Regarding Nationwide's protest of Silverstrand's bid on this contract, Caltrans need not comment further as Silverstrand is no longer eligible for award.

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

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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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