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B.O. 05/01/2025

Dear Mr. Benton:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a bid submitted by Tidewater Contractors, Inc. (Tidewater) for the above Non-Federal Aid contract on May 1, 2025. By this letter, Caltrans notifies Tidewater that its bid is nonresponsive.

Caltrans refers Tidewater to the 2024 Standard Specifications, Section 2-1.15B, which states 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."

Tidewater 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. As such, SMC'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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