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February 4, 2019

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Sent Via Email & Certified Mail

Attention: Mr. Hong Wang

Reference: Diversion Sewer Pipes (PZ-946), Bid No. #1909

Subject: Official Protest of Ramona Inc's Bid as Being Non-Responsive

Dear Mr. Wang,

Please accept this correspondence as GRFCO's protest of Ramona Inc's bid on the above referenced project.

1) On Page C-16 ("Listing of Proposed Suppliers"?) of Ramona's bid proposal, the following subcontractors were listed:

Golden State (for Auger Boring)
Pre-con (for manholes)
Zebron (for MH Lining)
All American (for paving)

On Page C-2 of Ramona's bid proposal, Ramona bid the microtunneling (Bid Item No. 18A) at \$1300/LF which equates to \$283,400. This represents 2 ½% of their bid.

Per Item 14 on Page B-4 of the Instruction to Bidders:

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Code of the State of California relating to listing of subcontractors, each Bidder must submit with his bid the name and location of place of business of each proposed Subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the Bidder for the construction of the project covered by the bid, in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent (.5%) of the Bidder's bid and shall state the portion of the work which will be done by each Subcontractor.

Ramona does not have microtunneling experience and failed to list a qualified subcontractor to complete the microtunneling reach on this project. Ramona's bid "must" be considered non-responsive.

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2) Per Addendum No. 3:

“...the microtunneling (sub)contractor shall have a total of 6,000 linear feet minimum microtunneling installed in the last three years...”

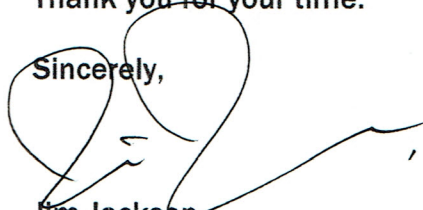
Ramona does not have microtunneling experience that equates to “6000 linear feet minimum microtunneling installed in the last three years”. Ramona’s bid must be considered non-responsive.

Additional information and case law will be provided upon request.

For lack of listing a qualified microtunneler that meets the requirements of Addendum No. 3, GRFCO respectfully requests that the City of Culver City deem Ramona’s bid as non-responsive and award the project to GRFCO as the lowest responsive bidder.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jim Jackson
Senior Project Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Mr. Charles D. Herbertson, City of Culver City
Mr. Fred Knez, GRFCO Legal Council
Ms. Kim Wind, GRFCO Legal Council

Owner to Enforce Bid Guaranty

If within the time frame specified in Section B-18 of these Specifications, the successful bidder fails or neglects to enter into the contract and file the required bonds, the Owner may deposit in its treasury said bid security and not return it to the defaulting bidder.

Bid Guaranty Return

Upon execution of the contract with the successful Bidder, the Bid Guaranties of all Bidders will be returned by the City Clerk of the City of Culver City.

8. REJECTION OF BIDS

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any apparent clerical errors or discrepancies, or minor informalities if to do so seems to best serve the interests of the Owner.

9. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Any Bidder may withdraw his bid, without obligation, either personally or by written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, provided that such personal or written request is delivered to the place specified in Section 5 of the "NOTICE INVITING BIDS" for receipt of Bids, prior to the Bid Date.

10. FACSIMILE MODIFICATION OF BIDS

No facsimile modification of bids will be allowed.

11. OPENING OF BIDS

Bid will be opened and publicly read aloud at the time and place designated in the Notice Inviting Bids.

12. BIDDERS INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID

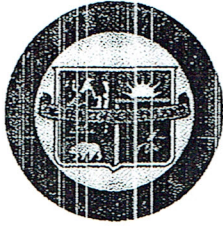
No person, firm or corporation shall be allowed to make, or file, or be interested in, more than one bid for the same work, unless alternative bids are specifically requested. A person, firm or corporation that has submitted a sub proposal to a Bidder or that has quoted prices of materials to a Bidder is not hereby disqualified from submitting a sub proposal or quoting prices to other Bidders.

13. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVITS

The Owner requires all Bidders to execute a Non-Collusion Affidavit in the form included in the Bid Documents. The Owner also reserves the right to require that the Bidder shall, before awarding any subcontract, obtain from any or all proposed Subcontractors a Non-Collusion Affidavit in the form included in the Bid Documents.

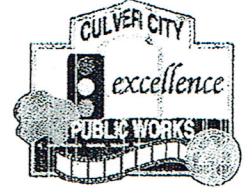
14. LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS FILED WITH BID

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Code of the State of California relating to listing of subcontractors, each Bidder must submit with his bid the name and location of place of business of each proposed Subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the Bidder for the construction of the project covered by the bid, in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the Bidder's bid and shall state the portion of the work which will be done by each Subcontractor.



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January 28, 2019

**DIVERSION SEWER PIPES TO ABANDON MESMER AND OVERLAND SEWER
PUMP STATIONS (PZ-946)
BID NO. #1909**

ADDENDUM NO. 3

The bid opening remains as January 31, 2019 at 3pm.

Please note the following revisions to the plans and specifications for the above-mentioned project. This addendum shall supersede any conflicting provisions in the project plans and specifications.

1. In Section D, "Bid Forms", Subsection 5.6.2 "Sewer main tunneling qualification and experience", 1. Installer Qualifications, c. is hereby revised to:

The auger bore (sub)contractor shall have a total of 6,000 linear feet minimum auger bore tunneling installed in the last three calendar years and the microtunneling (sub)contractor shall have a total of 6,000 linear feet minimum microtunneling installed in the last three years, as applicable to this Contract for gravity sewer casing installation.

2. BIDDER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- 1) QUESTION: on plan page C-14, detail 3, note 1 states a minimum of 3 casing insulators per pipe section. This is standard, but typically for pipe sections that are 18-20' long. Bell-less VCP typically comes in 6' lengths. Is casing insulators acceptable per pipe section?

ANSWER: For 6-feet VCP in the casing, 2 casing insulators per section of pipe is acceptable.

- 2) QUESTION: The detail on Plan Page C-4 states "minimum ID's" for the 20" and 30" casing. Steel casing diameter larger than 12" is OD, therefore the industry standard is 20" OD and 30" OD. Therefore, all tooling for boring is manufactured accordingly, augers, etc. Furthermore, on page F-14 of the specification, it states the OD of the 30" as 30. Can you please clarify and confirm that OD for both sizes is acceptable?

SUPPLEMENTARY BID FORM NO. 2

LISTING OF PROPOSED SUPPLIERS

Pursuant to INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS for the work titled:

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DIVERSION SEWER PIPES TO ABANDON MESMER AND OVERLAND SEWER PUMP STATIONS (PZ-946)

Portion of the Work
16, 17 ; \$ 844,800
21, 22 ; \$ 128,542
21, 22 ; \$ 65,300
34-41 ; \$ 900,000

Supplier's Name and Address

Golden State Boring, 700 Merrill Ave Chino; 678500
 PreCon Products, 240 Los Angeles St Simi Valley; 246528
 Zebron, PO Box 2874 Newport Beach; 855170
 All American Asphalt; 406 E. 6th St Corona; 267073

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NO Subcontractor
 for Bid Item 18A
 Microtunneling

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9 SUPPLEMENTARY BID FORMS, NO. 1

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LISTING OF PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS

Pursuant to INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS for the Work titled:

DIVERSION SEWER PIPES TO ABANDON MESMER AND OVERLAND SEWER PUMP STATIONS (PZ-946)

For portions of the Work equaling or exceeding 1/2 of one percent (0.5%) of the Base Bid, the undersigned Bidder proposes to use the subcontractors listed below. Except as otherwise approved by the Owner, the undersigned Bidder shall perform all other portions of the Work with his own forces.

Portion of the Work

Bid Number & \$ amount of subcontracting work

Asphalt

VCP

Aggregates

Subcontractor Name, Address, & License Number:

Blue Diamond; 441 Railroad Pl. Inglewood

Mission Clay; 23835 Temescal Canyon Rd Corona

Hanson; 13550 E. Live Oak Ave Irwindale

The signature must be identical to that shown on the Bid.

If additional sheets are required, you must copy this form.

Bidder: Ramona, Inc.

By:

Its: Vice President