



# Contra Costa County Public Works Department

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**Via Email and UPS Overnight – 1Z9703140794427935**

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**RE: Vasco Road Safety Improvements Projects -**  
Walnut Boulevard to Frisk Creek Bridge  
**County Project No.:** 0662-6R4100  
**State Project No.:** HSIPSL-5928(168)

Dear Mr. Marin:

Our office has reviewed the bid and Good Faith Effort documentation submitted by your firm on the above project. Based upon our review, we have determined that your firm's Good Faith Effort documentation does not comply with the requirements of Contra Costa County's Outreach Program, as specified in Section 2-1.12 of the project specifications. We have identified the following deficiencies:

1. Your firm's paid advertisements limited the number of potential respondents by soliciting bids exclusively from DBE contractors. Additionally, the paid advertisement did not include the bidder's policy concerning assistance with bonds, lines of credit, and insurance (Indicator #4, 0 out of 9 points).
2. Your firm sent written notices only to DBE contractors excluding MBEs, WBEs, OBEs, SBEs and LBEs and omitted information on the availability of project plans, specifications, and bidder's policy concerning assistance with bonds, lines of credit and insurance. (Indicator #5, 0 out of 10 points).
3. Given that the initial solicitation (Indicator 5) was deemed insufficient, any follow-up is rendered invalid. (Indicator #6, 0 out of 10 points).
4. Your firm failed to provide a summary sheet organized by work area, listing the bids received, the name of the company that submitted the bid, the dollar amount of the bid and the subcontractor selected for the work area. As a result, it is not possible to verify whether good faith efforts were made or if all subcontractor bids were received (Indicator #9, 0 out of 26 points).
5. Your firm did not include the bidder's policy concerning assistance with bonds, lines of credit, and insurance in the paid advertisement or written notice (Indicator #10, 0 out of 7 points)

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Based upon these deficiencies, we have determined that your firm has not documented an adequate Good Faith Effort to comply with the Outreach Program requirements, having achieved only 38 points out of 100 points (75 minimum required). Therefore, we plan to recommend that your firm's bid be rejected as non-responsive for failure to comply with the Outreach Program requirements and that the contract be awarded instead to the second lowest bidder, St. Francis Electric, LLC, which has fully complied with those requirements, including the 25% MSM, and scored an 80 out of 100 points.

Should your firm disagree with our determination, you may appeal it in writing to the County Public Works Director. Your firm's appeal must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2025 and must describe in detail all facts and arguments on which your firm relies.

It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, St. Francis Electric, LLC, who has complied with the requirements of the contract by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on August 12, 2025, which begins at 9:00 a.m. If you wish, you may appear at the Board meeting to comment on this matter. Any comments to the Board will be limited to the facts and arguments set forth in your firm's appeal.

Sincerely,



Adelina Huerta  
Division Manager  
Design/Construction Division

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