## ROBERT KOERNER

From: ROBERT KOERNER [rkoerner@gcrtires.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 4:35 PM

To: 'brich@el-dorado.ca.us'; 'rick.blake@edgov.us'

Cc: 'Jim Mehlhoff'

Subject: Protest of bid Award

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to BID # 09-863-019

As we were told by Purchasing department that The product bid by our company would not be excluded because of the brand specification as per your general conditions page. Also by excluding other quality brands at a more competitive price would not be considered a fair bid Practice and is not fair to the tax payers of El Dorado County. Also on the other Item on Page #2 Item #3 Different Tires have different discounts and if the Time would have been taken to see the attached sheet for the discount. Also note the Original letter dated June 12<sup>TM</sup>2008 that was mailed and faxed to you before the bid was due in your office, This letter addresses the above stated issue with this bid. Also numerous phone calls were made and messages were left with no response from your office. Please be advised that this Bid will be contested and if necessary the facts will be presented to the county board of Supervisors.

## Sincerely

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June 12<sup>th</sup> 2008

Attn: Bonnie Rich

Reference to BID #09-863-019

After further review of the Bid Referenced above we are requesting that the Bid is rewritten so as not to exclude other Major Quality Brands of Tires that will perform as well or better and at a lower acquisition price. By specifying a particular Brand the county does not receive the lowest and most competitive bid, and would not be regarded as a fair and open Bid by State of California Standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the above stated issue and we look forward to bidding on your tire needs. At GCR tire center we work to provide fleets with quality tires and services that will help reduce the overall operating expense and provide the lowest cost per mile.

Robert Koerner Sales Manager GCR Tire Center

**Bridgestone** 

Firestone

