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December 30, 2019

Willis Rebar

Attn: Raymond Willis III

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Fairfield, California 94533

Subject:

Bassi Road at Granite Creek Bridge Replacement Project

CIP No. 77128, Contract No. 2777

DBE Subcontractor Substitution Follow-up

This letter serves as an updated notice to the DBE Subcontractor for the above referenced Project; Willis Rebar (Willis), that the Prime Contractor, Steelhead Constructors, Inc. (Steelhead) is in progress with the substitution of Willis Rebar for failure to meet the required Contract time schedule for the Project. Numerous attempts have been made by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to reach Willis regarding payments on the Bassi Bridge Project and the pending substitution of Willis on the Project. The DOT has tried both numbers (707-419-5949 and 707-673-6034) on 12/3/19, 12/17/19, 12/20/19, and now today on 12/30/19 all with no answer and no ability to leave a message as the voicemail box is always full.

As of the December 2019 pay estimate that is currently being processed, 100% (minus 5% retention) of Pay items 40 "Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge)", 41 "Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge, Epoxy Coated), 42 "Headed Bar Reinforcement", and 69 "Mobilization" has been made by DOT to date. This is payment for all of the work performed by Willis to date. In addition, DOT has tried to get payment for material on hand on items 37 "Structural Concrete, Approach Slab (Type EQ) and 67 "Concrete Barrier (Type 80 Modified) for rebar delivered and stored on site but Willis Rebar did not sign or submit the Material On Hand form required for payment. Per Special Provision Section 9-1.16C, these items are not eligible for progress payment until they are incorporated into the Work. However, in an effort to have all payments made for work performed and materials provided to date by Willis and Farwest Steel Reinforcing Company (Farwest), a no cost change order would be written to pay for this material if the Material On Hand form requesting payment is received.

To date on the Project, Willis Rebar has cost the schedule well over a month in delays due to the wrong materials provided on the job, waiting for the correct materials to be provided on the job, schedule impacts due to understaffing, and schedule impacts due to non-performance. DOT has made numerous attempts to facilitate field crews in utilizing materials that were sent fabricated incorrectly and authorizing field changes for field fabrication to make the materials work. DOT has also made numerous attempts to make payments for materials on hand but Willis did not submit the proper request for payment forms.

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It has been confirmed that payment to Willis by Steelhead was on hold due to non-submittal of certified payroll, as required by Contract, since August of 2019. As of 12/6/19, Willis did catch up with the certified payroll submittals due through the end of November 2019. Steelhead has now made payment minus retention for work performed through 11/20/19. It has also been confirmed that joint payment to Willis and Farwest was requested by Willis to Steelhead at the beginning of the Project due to liens submitted by Farwest. The Protest of Substitution letter received by Willis Rebar on 12/6/2019 states the basis for the protest is that Willis Rebar cannot perform the work due to non-payment for work performed. Currently and upon final processing of the December 2019 pay estimate, all Willis work to date has now been paid by DOT.

Please respond to DOT via mail or email at your soonest convenience if Willis Rebar will be able to perform the remaining work as scheduled by Steelhead Constructors. If Willis is not able to perform the remaining work, please respond to DOT via mail or email that there is no exception by Willis for the substitution so that the work can be completed as timely as possible by Steelhead. Willis is now and has been the cause of schedule delays on the Project. As the Project working days have now expired, potential liquidated damages in accordance with Section 8-1.10A of the Special Provisions, may be passed down to Willis by Steelhead for any associated schedule impacts.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Call me regarding any questions or clarifications needed.

Sincerely,

Brian Franklin

Sr. Civil Engineer (OE)

(530) 621-5311

CC:

Matt Smeltzer, Deputy Director Engineering, Fairlane Engineering Unit

Michael Fromm, R.E., Fairlane Engineering Unit Troy Kockrow, PM, Steelhead Construction, Inc. [Quoted text nidden]

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Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 3:21 PM

To: Willis Rebar <willisrebar@gmail.com>

Cc: Matthew Smeltzer <matt.smeltzer@edcgov.us>, Michael Fromm <michael.fromm@edcgov.us>, Jennifer Rimoldi <jennifer.rimoldi@edcgov.us>, Troy Kockrow <Troy@steelheadconstructors.com>

Hello Ray,

I have received your protest letter. I will talk with Steelhead regarding receipt of CPRs and payment status. If an acceptable solution can not be made between Steelhead Constructors, Inc. and Willis Rebar to facilitate performance and schedule, I will set a Board date and send you notice at least 5 working days prior to the Board hearing in accordance with Public Contract Code 4107(9). The soonest Board date available is 12/17/19, but I will be in contact with a confirmed date once all information is received.

Sincerely,

Brian Franklin

Sr. Civil Engineer (OE)

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Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 3:47 PM

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Good afternoon Ray,

have tried numerous times to get ahold of you to discuss payments and Project schedule. However, there is no answer on either number and voicemail boxes are always full. Reference the attached update letter for the substitution of Willis Rebar on the above referenced Project. This letter has also been sent via certified mail.

Contact me regarding questions or to discuss payments and performance to complete the work.

Sincerely,

Brian Franklin

Sr. Civil Engineer (OE)

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