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I would like this letter to serve as an unofficial protest on the 2014 Bush Street Reconstruction Project Bid, as the wording in your Request for Proposal is misleading not only to Cen-Cal Paving but apparently to City Staff as well. I had a sit down meeting with a senior staff member prior to bidding the project and was advised "that above \$250,000 the 3% does not apply". Therefore, I feel as though we were misinformed prior to the bid process.

We at Cen-Cal Paving believe that due to the verbiage in the City of Lemoore Request for Proposal for the 2014 Bush Street Reconstruction Project, Cen-Cal Paving should be able to match the low bid. However, it is your job and our intent to do what is best for the City of Lemoore. Whichever decision you make, we at Cen-Cal Paving and Stoney's Sand & Gravel will stand behind you as we all want the City of Lemoore to prosper.

"If the vendor that submits the lowest responsive bid or quote is not a Local Vendor as defined herein, the lowest responsive bid or quote submitted by a Local 93245 Vendor that is within three percent (3%) of the lowest bid or quote may be deemed to be the lowest bidder. If the low bid for the project is under \$250,000, the bid may be awarded to the local bidder outright. However, if the low bid is \$250,000 or over, said Local 93245 Vendor that is within three percent (3%) of the lowest bid or quote may elect to reduce its bid or quote to match the bid or quote of the lowest bidder, in writing, within one business day (excluding weekend and holidays) of being notified of their status by the City. For the purposes of matching, the total local bid will be reduced to the amount of the low bid; each line item of the local bid will be reduced by the percentage difference between the low bid and the local bid."

Note*
For the future, if the highlighted 12 words are added to your Request for Proposal, it could save a considerable amount of confusion.

Thank you,

Kyle Evans
President