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Julie Taylor
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RE: BID ADVISORY
BIDDER: ARBORIST NOW INC.
AWARDING AGENCY: SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
PROJECT: DUMBARTON RAIL LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES
FFC CASE NO.: 830SJ

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Please enter this formal bid advisory against the above-noted contractor as a matter of public record and circulate to the Board of Directors. We respectfully request that Arborist Now Inc. (Arborist Now) bid be rejected.

The bid provided to your offices by Arborist Now signifies that the contractor would not be able to successfully perform its duties on the above project, while fulfilling its obligations with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Payment of Prevailing Wages, at the bid amount provided due to the following:

- Arborist Now bid is significantly lower than the other bidders on this project which indicates a failure to account for the proper prevailing wage rate and include all items in the bid packet. If awarded the project, this contractor would need to submit multiple costly change orders to complete the project in accordance with the specifications **and/or** compromise prevailing wage laws/standards. This gives Arborist Now an unfair advantage in its bidding practices against its competitors and puts the District in a compromised legal position.

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Please contact our office with questions, comments, or clarifications.

Sincerely,

Bryan Berthiaume

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Executive Director

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