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June 7, 2018

City of Olympia
David Rosen, Project Engineer
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Re: 2018 Pavement Preservation (Chip Seal) – Project No. 1801G
BID PROTEST

Dear Mr. Rosen,

As shown on L&I's Statement of Intent and Affidavit of Wages paid website, Pakapa has not completed one publicly bid project since formation in 2015. It appears that they were awarded one project on July 12, 2016, by the Colville Tribe in Nespelem, WA to Pre-level and chip seal 5.6 miles of roadway. Since there is no record of an Affidavit being filed for the project, I can only conclude that the project was never completed.

WSDOT Standard Specifications Section 1-02.14 item 3 states "A Bidder may be deemed not responsible and the Proposal rejected if a Bidder is not prequalified for the Work or to the full extent of the Bid."

Since Pakapa, Inc has never completed a public chip seal project, and is not a prequalified contractor with WSDOT, their bid should be rejected. Completing a project of this magnitude with a contractor that has no chip seal or general contracting experience, could be a major concern.

Yours truly,

Aaron Kindt

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June 14, 2018

Mr. Aaron Kindt
Doolittle Construction, LLC
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**Re: 2018 Pavement Preservation (Chip Seal) – Project No. 1801G
Bid Protest**

Dear Mr. Kindt,

The City of Olympia (City) has received the Doolittle Construction, LLC (Doolittle) bid protest letter dated June 7, 2018. In the letter Doolittle contends that the low bidder, PaKaPa, Inc., is not a prequalified bidder and has never completed a public chip seal project therefore the bid should be rejected.

As mentioned in the letter, WSDOT Standard Specifications Section 1-02.14 item 3 states “A Bidder may be deemed not responsible and the Proposal rejected if a Bidder is not prequalified for the Work or to the full extent of the Bid.” Per the City of Olympia project Special Provisions Section 1-02.14, the WSDOT standard specification is deleted, including the language cited above, and is replaced with the City’s mandatory bidder responsibility criteria. The City has researched and reviewed verification documentation submitted by the low bidder and determined PaKaPa, Inc. meets all mandatory criteria required by this specification. Prequalification of bidders is not a requirement of this project.

The letter also expresses Doolittle’s concerns that PaKaPa, Inc. has never completed a public chip seal project and that the bid should be rejected due to a lack of Public Works experience. The only opportunity the City has to reject bids based on bidder’s experience is through the use of supplemental bidder responsibility criteria which can be used to specify a minimum level of experience required by bidders in order to be awarded a contract. This project did not include supplemental bidder responsibility criteria and therefore a lack of experience in Public Works contracts is not a valid reason to reject a bid.

The City intends to award this project to the low bidder, PaKaPa, Inc. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me by e-mail at jjohnsto@ci.olympia.wa.us or at (360) 753-8290.

Sincerely,

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Senior Engineer
Public Works Engineering

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