



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

March 15, 2018

Mr. Sterling Baker PE  
Director NCDOT Facilities Management Unit  
1525 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1307

Re: SCO ID No. 16-12916-01A  
NCDOT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SHOP  
Lumberton, NC

Dear sir:

On March 8, 2018, North Carolina Department of Transportation received and opened three (3) bids for the construction of the above-referenced project. Driven Contractors LLC of Maxton, NC submitted a bid of \$2,600,000.00 which is within the design estimate of \$2,836,249.00. However, the same bid included a price of \$33,000.00 for Alternate G-1 "Fire Pump", lower than other bids enough to be questioned. In a telephone conference call on March 14, 2018, the designers and Mr. Joseph Locklear of Driven Contractors determined that the price for Alternate G-1 as submitted was deficient by an amount that the bidder could not reasonably absorb. Therefore, Mr. Locklear has submitted a letter requesting that his price for Alternate G-1 be excluded from consideration. Nonetheless, the designers and Mr. Locklear found no deficiencies in the scope of work constituting Driven Contractors' Base Bid.

Per consultation with Mr. Bill Murchison of State Construction Office about these bidding results, the Owner may accept the Base Bid, reject the proposal for Alternate G-1 "Fire Pump", and if desired, rebid the Fire Pump as a separate project. Therefore, as the Architect of Record, I recommend that NCDOT accept only the Base Bid submitted by Driven Contractors LLC at this time. A certified Bid Tabulation is attached.

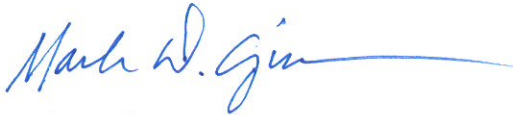
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark D. Gibson" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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Architectural Supervisor  
NCDOT Facilities Design Unit  
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Cc: Joseph Locklear, Driven Contractors LLC  
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