



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

March 6, 2020

Mr. Ben Graning  
B. H. Graning Landscapes, Inc.  
64 Bella Road  
Sylva, NC 28779

Subject: Rejection of Bids for Mowing, Trimming, And Selective Tree Removal Upon Request On Various Interstate, Primary, And Secondary Routes

Contract No: 11949340  
WBS Element: Various  
F.A Number: State Funded  
Tip Number: N/A  
County: Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, And Yancey Counties  
Route: Various

Dear Mr. Graning,

This letter is to notify your bid received on **March 4, 2020** for the subject project has been rejected due to far exceeding the Engineer's Estimate. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*McCray Coates*  
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Mr. McCray Coates, P.E.  
Division Project Manager

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Scott Killough, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer  
Jeff Wait, Division Roadside Environmental Supervisor  
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