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July 16, 2002

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Re: Bidder List
Emergency Procurement
World Trade Center Site
Interior Remediation

Dear Mr. Tancredi:

I write in response to your letter of July 3, 2002 to Krish Radhakrishnan of our Bureau of Environmental Compliance. Pursuant to a Declaration of Emergency, a *bidder list for an emergency procurement* (the "list") has been established in order to procure interior remediation services in the vicinity of the World Trade Center site. As you wrote your letter, Specialty Service Contracting, Inc. ("SSC") has not been included on the list.

When contracted services are required to alleviate an emergency condition, neither public advertisement, standing bidder lists, nor pre-qualified lists are required. Instead, the City may use any procurement method which will allow for such competition as is possible and practicable in order to meet the needs of the emergency. In order to solicit bids, and to obtain sufficient competition, a bidder list for this specific emergency procurement has been established. In doing so, reasonable criteria have been set forth to make certain that neither lack of integrity, poor past performance, lack of experience, or lack of the qualifications unnecessarily delay the start of work after the bid opening. Only firms that fully meet the criteria have been placed on the list.

Based upon a review of SSC by our Bureau of Environmental Compliance, SSC was not selected to be solicited for the subject procurement. The decision to include or exclude firms from the list is at the sole discretion of the agency, and there is no administrative appeal available.

The criteria for the list are neither arbitrary nor capricious, and have a rational basis. The fact that 27 firms have been placed on the list attests to that fact. Further, the inclusion of 27 firms will provide the City with a pool of bidders sufficient to meet the needs of this emergency procurement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart M. Erdfarb".

Stuart M. Erdfarb, P.E.



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July 3, 2002

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Re: Prequalification

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Dear Mr. Radhakrishnan,

Specialty Service Contracting Inc. (SSC) has submitted to your Department information about our company, in an attempt to qualify as a bidder for the clean up of lower Manhattan. It is our understanding that DEP will be sending out bid packages then awarding and administering a contract for the clean up of residential properties in downtown Manhattan.

Pursuant to conversations with Ms. Penny Theodorelys and a subsequent conversation with yourself, it seems SSC may not qualify to bid based upon SSC not having filed the required number of ACP 7 forms, within the past 12 months. We at SSC can appreciate the need for minimum qualifications. We also recognize that the use of ACP 7 filings can be used, as a barometer, to determine that the contractor has performed a minimum amount of work within NY City and is therefore familiar with the City and its regulations. We do not however believe this is a fair evaluation of SSC's qualifications. SSC may not have the requisite amount of ACP 7's filed, but does have extensive asbestos abatement experience within NY City. The majority of abatement work performed by SSC is completed at Port Authority facilities which do not require a NY City filing. Much of this work is completed at JFK and LaGuardia Airports, both located within NYC. The Port Authority requirements for abatement projects within NY City meet or exceed NY City DEP and NY State DOL regulations.

Furthermore, the qualifications of the principals and key personnel at SSC, including myself, speak for themselves. This group of individuals has personally been involved in the removal of millions of square feet of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in the New York City area.

In recent months, SSC has acquired the assets of several large abatement firms, the most recent acquisitions were Asbestos Containment Services Inc. (ACS) and Environmental Waste Technology Inc. (EWT), Construction Division. These asset acquisitions include select existing contracts, materials, equipment, vehicles, and the option to retain key personnel many of whom SSC has hired.

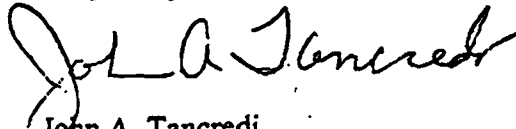
With the addition of these experienced key personnel and equipment, SSC has the capability to undertake any project of any size or magnitude. Furthermore, in evaluating the number of ACP 7's filed by ACS and EWT, within the past 12 months, and adding those to the SSC filings, SSC should exceed the minimum number of filings.

I am confident that after reviewing this additional information, you will determine that SSC is a qualified bidder and that it would benefit the City to add SSC to the qualified bidders list.

Please feel free to contact me personally, if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



John A. Tancredi
Vice President

cc: John Skinner
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