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Travis McConnell
McConnell Contracting, Inc.
56194 County Road 5
West Lafayette, OH 43845

Subject: Good Faith Efforts – PID 119477 (HAS CR 13 10.46)

Dear Mr. McConnell:

ODOT (“the Department”) finds McConnell Contracting, Inc. (“McConnell”) has demonstrated adequate GFEs in its documentation to support the requirements of Federal Regulations (49 CFR Part 26) and the Department’s DBE program guidelines. Please refer to the Project Information page enclosed for specific contract and subcontractor details.

The Department’s evaluation was based on the scope, intensity, and appropriateness of the contractor’s documented efforts to actively and aggressively obtain DBE participation sufficient to meet the DBE contract goal.

McConnell provided GFEs indicating that the shortfall was due to a last-minute bid quote that increased the bid amount. Consequently, McConnell's Utilization Plan did not meet the expected standards.

The Department recognizes that last-minute bid quotes can impact the DBE goal. Based on the efforts demonstrated by McConnell, the Department concludes that this issue was not intentional but rather an oversight that was remedied by increasing the committed DBE amount already included in the Utilization Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sneed, Goal Attainment Coordinator, at jason.sneed@dot.ohio.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah M. Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being the most prominent.

Deborah M. Green

Deputy Director, Division of Small Business & External Workforce Development

By email (tmccconnellw@aol.com)

cc: Joshua A. Bowman, P.E., Deputy Director, Division of Construction Management
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PROJECT INFORMATION FOR PID 119477

Bidder	MC CONNELL CONTRACTING INC
PID	119477
County - Route - Section	HAS CR 13 10.46
District	11
Bid Amount	\$616,241.50
Contract Goal %	10.00%
Required DBE Participation	\$61,624.15
Commitment Amount	\$61,237.60
Total Credit Allowed	\$61,237.60
Shortfall Amount	-\$386.55
Goal Attained	9.94%
DBE	Cuyahoga Fence, LLC
Commitment	\$55,160.00
Subcontractor Amount	\$55,160.00
Trucker Amount	\$0.00
Supplier Amount	\$0.00
Termination Amount	\$0.00
Total Credit Allowable	\$55,160.00
DBE	Mid Atlantic Maintenance, Inc.
Commitment	\$1,130.00
Subcontractor Amount	\$1,130.00
Trucker Amount	\$0.00
Supplier Amount	\$0.00
Termination Amount	\$0.00
Total Credit Allowable	\$1,130.00
DBE	All Contractors Supply LLC
Commitment	\$4,947.60
Subcontractor Amount	\$0.00
Trucker Amount	\$0.00
Supplier Amount	\$4,947.60
Termination Amount	\$0.00
Total Credit Allowable	\$4,947.60

GFE HISTORY			
PID	Letting Type	GFE Type	Outcome
119477	Local Let	Pre-Award	Approved