March 19, 2015

TO: Prospective Bidders

FROM: Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: Reminder of DIR requirements from California Senate Bill 854

This is a reminder that you must be registered with the DIR in order to bid on Public Works projects. As of 3/1/15, contractors who wish to be included on a County Project’s Plan Holder list must enter their DIR number on the County website.

To edit your company’s information on the County website, click the Plans & Specifications tab. If you have not logged in, please do so and click the tab again. Once there, the website automatically asks if you need to update your company’s information. Please click “Yes”.

*Please NOTE: As of March 1, 2015 if your Firm is NOT registered with DIR you will NOT be listed as a Plan Holder of any selected Projects. If you have a DIR Registration Number Please click 'YES' to UPDATE your Firm’s information.

Do you need to UPDATE your company's information?

**YES**  **NO**

NOTE: If you are unsure please select YES!

You will then be brought to a page with all your registration information. Scroll to the bottom and click Edit.

If you have any questions regarding the County of Santa Barbara’s new policy, please email pwspecwriters@cosbpw.net.

Sincerely,

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January 2, 2015

TO: Prospective Bidders

FROM: Santa Barbara County, Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: California Senate Bill 854

The County of Santa Barbara, Department of Public Works would like to inform you of new requirements for public works projects due to recent updates to state law through California Senate Bill 854. We strongly advise you read the Contractor Fact Sheet (linked below).

The following language will be included in all new public works projects over $1,000:

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The application to register is located on the DIR website below. Application and renewal are completed online with a non-refundable fee of $300. The registration must be renewed annually.

Website: http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html


If you have questions regarding SB 854 or registration with the Department of Industrial Relations, please contact them at PublicWorks@dir.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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