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November 27, 2024

**Via First Class U.S. Mail and
Electronic Mail**

Mr. Shaun Shahrestani
Chief Harbor Engineer
Port of Los Angeles
Construction/Third Floor
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

**Re: Project: Berth 302-305 On-Dock Railyard Expansion
Specification No.: 2817**

Subject: Notice of Potential Bid Protest and Request to Review Qualifications

Dear Mr. Shahrestani:

This letter is to provide notice to the Port of Los Angeles (“POLA”) of the potential bid protest by the Herzog Larison, Joint Venture (“HLJV”) should there be a decision to recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the award for the above-referenced Berth 302-305 On-Dock Railyard Expansion Project (“Project”) to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. (“BBI”). HLJV is requesting a careful review of the qualifications of SBE/VSBE firms listed within the BBI bid. This notice is being submitted pursuant to Section 22.17 of the Information for Bidders. HLJV reserves all rights associated with the award for the Project, including, but not limited to, its’ right to formally submit a protest under the applicable Procedures for Competitive Solicitation Protests utilized for this procurement.

Background

On or about November 7, 2024, the POLA received bids from multiple bidders in response to Specification No. 2817 (Berths 302-305 On-Dock Railyard Expansion), including HLJV. Bid results for this Project suggested that BBI was apparent low bidder. The second low bidder was HLJV and the third low bidder was Stacy and Witbeck. As per §00022.17(a)(1) of the Information for Bidders, the Award of Contract is to be made to “the lowest and best regular, responsible Bidder

furnishing satisfactory security for its performance and complying with the Small Business Requirement”. The POLA may of course reject bids which have prices shown on Bid Proposal Line Items that are obviously unbalanced. (See §00022.17(c)).

Small Business Enterprises and Very Small Business Enterprises Participation

The Project’s Notice Inviting Bids sets forth the mandatory requirements that percentages of the Work are to be completed by Small Business Enterprises (“SBE”) at 18% and by Very Small Business Enterprises (“VSBE”) at 5% (See §00012.08). Additionally, entities identified in the bid submittal as SBE or VSBE must be certified at bid time (See §00012.10). Additionally, bidders, subcontractors and suppliers must submit a copy of their SBE/VSBE certificate from the certifying agency within four (4) business days of bid closing to be acknowledged in the bid as SBE/VSBE. Finally, at the time of the bid, the SBE and VSBE participation level shall be based on the percentage of total Contract amount to be paid to SBE and VSBE subcontractors and suppliers (See §00030.06B).

The Information for Bidders document sets forth requirement each bidder is to complete and submit its subcontractor/supplier list into CDBON listing the entities in Subsection 00660.03 forms detailing the suppliers necessary to meet SBE/VSBE participation requirements in conformance with Subsection 00030.06. Upon information and belief, BBI’s 00660.03 forms identifies Raymond Youash Trucking. Based upon what records we have seen to date; HLJV has reason to believe Raymond Youash Trucking is not currently a certified SBE/VSBE entity and/or otherwise an entity for which SBE credit should be attributed to as part of BBI’s bid. The documents provided to evidence Raymond Youash Trucking is a certified Small Business Entity appears to relate to a different entity called Raymond Trucking, not Raymond Youash Trucking. Even then, the SBE certification status from LA Metro for the Raymond Trucking entity appears to have been decertified in May 2024.

HLJV has inquired into and tried to confirm the SBE status for Raymond Trucking and based off of what we know to date, we have reason to believe Raymond Youash Trucking/Raymond Trucking’s SBE status was in fact revoked by LA Metro previously and that there is no current SBE certification as required. Assuming that is the case, we believe the BBI bid is not able to satisfy the mandatory SBE/VSBE participation requirements for the Project.

Additionally, the BBI Subsection 00660.01 submitted forms include a blank or indication

of “TBD” for the “Award Total” of a number of subcontractors and suppliers. Without any confirmation of the amounts allotted to SBE/VSBE firms on these forms, there is not a commitment from a bidder as to the amount of work that will be performed by the SBE/VSBE subcontractor or supplier, which would also render BBI’s bid as non-responsive. Further, the BBI Subsection 00660.01 forms have a number of other deficiencies, including but not limited to, missing the requisite signatures and/or contain erroneous information (See discussion above regarding Raymond Youash Trucking).

Issues with BBI’s Subcontractor Listings

There appears to be several irregularities with some of the subcontractors and suppliers contained within the BBI bid. Those possible material irregularities include:

- ACE Fence Company:

ACE Fence was listed in the subcontractor listing in Planet Bids for \$0.00. In the Four Day Submittal, BBI listed ACE Fence on the supplier sheet for \$1,521,193. HLJV received a proposal from ACE Fence Company on bid day for the Project of \$204,000, which is \$1,317,193 less than BBI’s listing for ACE. The ACE Fence proposal to HLJV of \$204,000 included a scope of work to furnish fencing, but also for labor and equipment to set up fencing, move the fencing, and remove the fencing. HLJV questions what constitutes the additional \$1,300,000 of fencing work ACE Fence will perform on the same Project. Additionally, it is not clear if ACE Fence is intended as a subcontractor or supplier and whether ACE Fence’s listed subcontract or supply value been verified.

- Raymond Youash Trucking:

Raymond Youash Trucking listed as a subcontractor in Planet Bids for \$3,491,758 for Aggregate Base/Haul Disposal. The CSLB license number shown when using the “verify” button in Planet Bids, CSLB number 333445 is a license for an electrical contractor called Freeman Electric Service and the license expired in 1987. The DIR # shown when using the “verify” button in Planet Bids for Raymond Youash Trucking was 1000060992 which is for a different entity. This DIR number has expired.

- SNG Materials

On the supplier list, BBI listed an entity called SNG Materials for:

- Aggregate Base Materials = \$621,571

- Haul Disposal = \$2,870,187
- $\$621,571 + \$2,870,187 = \$3,491,757$, which is the amount that Raymond Youash Trucking was listed for on the subcontractor listing in Planet Bids.

Upon information and belief, Raymond Youash Trucking and SNG Materials do not appear to have the regulatory permits required to perform the scope of work that they have been listed for. These regulatory requirements include:

- Valid SBE/VSBE Certification
- DMV Motor Carrier Permit (Not found in Active Motor Carriers database)
- US DOT Operating Authority
- DIR registration
- Other regulatory requirements which it is not believed they are able to satisfy

Some of BBI Suppliers appear unable to meet the definition of a Commercially Useful Function (“CUF”).

A review of the BBI bid supplier list includes an entity called JJH Solutions Group d/b/a Hermosa Materials (“Hermosa Materials”). Based upon HLJV’s understanding of the role Hermosa Materials is slated to perform on behalf of BBI for the Project, we believe Hermosa Materials would constitute an “extra participant” as defined within the California Code of Regulations (See Cal Code Regs title 2 §1896.15) and thus not meet the requirements of a certified small business entity performing a “Commercially Useful Function”. Pursuant to that same regulation, a certified small business contractor, subcontractor or supplier of goods and/or services that contributes to the fulfillment of the contract requirements, shall perform a Commercially Useful Function (CUF) for each contract.

HLJV has major questions as to the ability of Hermosa Materials to satisfy the definition of a Commercially Useful Function based on what we understand their role will be on behalf of BBI for the Project. BBI’s proposal lists Hermosa Materials as providing \$4,184,607 for ballast, wood ties and concrete ties. These materials are available on the open market and do not require the participation of Hermosa Materials. Additionally, Hermosa Materials was listed in the BBI supplier listings for \$2,870,187 for “turnouts”, which again, are materials that are available on the open market and do not require the participation of Hermosa Materials. A “contractor, subcontractor, or supplier will not be considered to perform a commercially useful function if its

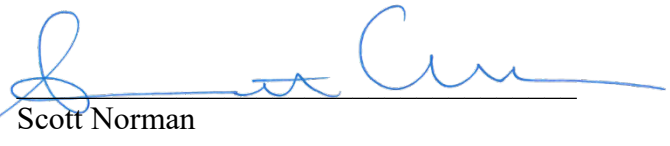
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role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of small business participation” (See Cal Code Regs title 2 §1896.15(c)).

HLJV respectfully requests POLA review the supporting documentation provided by BBI as part of their proposal and any subsequent submittal as part of the “Four Day package” from BBI, so as to confirm and determine the adequacies of BBI’s proposal, including but not limited to its adherence to the SBE/VSBE Project requirements and their ability to perform the work. HLJV believes it is appropriate to bring to the POLA’s attention the aforementioned issues and possible material deficiencies HLJV has been able to access and review to date. Based upon the objective information known to date, HLJV believes the bid by BBI should be deemed non-responsive rejected based upon noted material deficiencies and that the POLA should declare HLJV’s bid to be the lowest and best regular, responsible bid resulting in an award to HLJV.

HLJV anticipates that upon your completion of the BBI bid proposal due diligence review process, the POLA will independently determine BBI’s bid is deficient in multiple facets, including, but not limited to its ability to comply with the mandatory SBE/VSBE participation levels and therefore, should be rejected as non-responsive.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: 
Scott Norman

Enclosures

Contractor/Supplier Name	Sub Trade	Valid SBE/VSB		Contractor's License		DMV Motor Carrier Permit		US DOT Operating Authority		SB1092 Construction Broker Bond of \$ 15,000		AB939 Solid Waste Hauling Permit		City of Los Angeles Business Tax Registration		DIR Registration Current		Notes
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	
SNG Materials; Raymond Trucking	SNG Materials listed for Haul & Disposal & Aggregate Base Materials		X		X		X		X				X				X	DIR PWCR # PW-LR-1000060992 Expired 6/30/22
Raymond Youash Trucking	Aggregate Base/Haul Disposal		X		X		X		X				X				X	DIR PWCR # PW-LR-1000878342 Expired 6/30/24
Raymond Trucking		Micro			X		X		X				X				X	DIR PWCR # PW-LR-1001152146 Expired 6/30/24

Raymond Trucking Decertification 04/08/2022 California

DBE Applicant Company: [Raymond Trucking](#)

UCP Decision Number: CUCP

Decision Type: Decertification

UCP State: California

Decision Rendered By: LA Metro

Decision Date: Fri, 04/08/2022 - 12:00

Reason for Decision: Firm not owned by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged individuals

Decision Appealed: No



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RAYMOND YOUASH

Contractor

Contractor business email

raymondyouash@gmail.com



Contractor c ation eff date

2021-08-05

Contractor first name

Raymond

Contractor mailing city

Encino

Contractor mailing state

CA

Contractor mailing zip

91316

Contractor physical city

Encino



Contractor physical state

CA

Contractor physical zip

91316

Contractor certify date

2021-08-05

Contractor company type

LLC

Contractor craft legacy

Driver On Off Hauling

Contractor craft snow

Contractor c ation exp date

2022-06-30

Contractor date deactivated

Contractor dba name

SNG MATERIALS; RAYMOND TRUCKING

Contractor entity number

80-0943372

Contractor ID

1000060992

Contractor last name

Youash

Contractor mailing address2

Contractor physical address1

17627 Martha St.

Contractor physical address2

Contractor source

PWCR

Contractor wc cert date

Contractor wc exp date

Contractor wc policy number

Contractor wc selection

Exempt from workers' compensation insura

Contractor legal entity name

RAYMOND YOUASH

Contractor mailing address1

17627 Martha St.

Contractor wc carrier

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Raymond Youash Trucking

Customer Account Lookup

Name

Raymond Youash Trucking



Customer Account

Type

Contractor

Website

(empty)



Email

raymondyouash@gmail.com

Address 1

12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114

Address_2

City

Sylmar

State

CA

Zip

91342

Contractor Status

Unregistered

CSLB

Legal Name

Raymond Youash

Business Structure

-- None --

Business Phone

Registration Number

President

PWCR

Registration Start Date

Registration End Date

Doing Business As (DBA)

Crafts

Legacy Registration Date

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Raymond Trucking

Customer Account Lookup

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Address 1

12087 Lopez Canyon Rd. #114

Address_2

City

Sylmar

State

CA

Zip

91342

Contractor Status

Unregistered

CSLB

Legal Name

Raymond Youash Trucking Inc.

Business Structure

-- None --

Business Phone

Registration Number

87-1281949

President

PWCR

Registration Start Date

Registration End Date

Doing Business As (DBA)

Crafts

Legacy Registration Date

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DOCR DBE Database for Decision Appeals

Raymond Trucking

Company Owner(s):

Company Owner First Name

Raymond

Company Owner Last Name

Youash

Address:

17627 Martha St

Los Angeles, CA 91316






United States

Applicant Type:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Appeals and Denials

<p>Decision: Decertification</p> <p>UCP State:</p> <p>Appealed:</p> <p>Decision Rendering UCP: LA Metro</p>

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Raymond Youash
Principal

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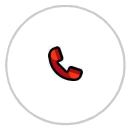
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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Raymond Trucking is located in Valley Village, Los Angeles, and was founded in 2018. This business is working in the following industry: Freight/commercial transport. Annual sales for Raymond Trucking are around 57,815.

Employees: 1

Revenue: 57,815

Founded: 2018

Industry

Industry » Freight/commercial transport

Engaged in:

Freight transport by road

ISIC Codes

4923

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1

How long has Raymond Trucking been in business?

Raymond Trucking has been in business for around 7 years.

Q2

What is the phone number for Raymond Trucking?

The phone number for Raymond Trucking is (805) 428-8500.

Q3

Where is Raymond Trucking located?

Raymond Trucking is located at 12005 Albers Street Apartment 340, Valley Village, Los Angeles, 91607.

Q4

Is there a primary contact for Raymond Trucking?

Raymond Youash (Principal) at Raymond Trucking.

Q5

What are the annual sales for Raymond Trucking?

Raymond Trucking has annual sales of approximately 57,815.

SIMILAR COMPANIES NEARBY

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 7880 San Fernando Rd

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 12510 Raymer St

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 7500 Whitsett Ave

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 2240 N Hollywood Way

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 13300 Paxton St

Public Storage

Warehousing and storage

📍 5410 Vineland Ave

ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES AT THIS ADDRESS

📍 12005 Albers Street Apartment 340 Valley Village, Los Angeles, 91607

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BEST CHOICE BUILDERS is a California Stock Corporation - Ca - General filed on March 2, 2020. The company's filing status is listed as Active and its File Number is [4572922](#).

The Registered Agent on file for this company is Raymond Youash and is located at 12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114, Sylmar, CA 91342. The company's principal address is 12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114, Sylmar, CA 91342 and its mailing address is 12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114, Sylmar, CA 91342.

The company has 2 contacts on record. The contacts are Raymond Youash from Sylmar CA and Vanessa Villahermosa Youash from Encino CA.

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Company Information

Company Name:	BEST CHOICE BUILDERS	Sponsored Links
Entity Type:	CALIFORNIA STOCK CORPORATION - CA - GENERAL	
File Number:	4572922	
Filing State:	California (CA)	
Filing Status:	Active	
Filing Date:	March 2, 2020	
Company Age:	4 Years, 8 Months	
Registered Agent:	Raymond Youash 12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114 Sylmar, CA 91342	
Principal Address:	12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114 Sylmar, CA 91342	
Mailing Address:	12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114 Sylmar, CA 91342	
Products/Services:	GENERAL CONSTRUCTION	
Governing Agency:	California Secretary of State	

Company Contacts

[RAYMOND YOUASH](#)

Chief Executive Officer

12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114
Sylmar, CA 91342

[RAYMOND YOUASH](#)

Director

12087 Lopez Canyon Rd #114
Sylmar, CA 91342

[VANESSA VILLAHERMOSA YOUASH](#)

Chief Financial Officer

4131 Ballina Dr
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The Registered Agent on file for this company is Raymond Youash and is located at 9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. The company's principal address is 9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 and its mailing address is 9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.


The company has 1 contact on record. The contact is Raymond Youash from Beverly Hills CA.




Company Information

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Entity Type:	CALIFORNIA STOCK CORPORATION - CA - GENERAL	
File Number:	4751950	
Filing State:	California (CA)	
Filing Status:	Active	
Filing Date:	June 10, 2021	
Company Age:	3 Years, 5 Months	
Registered Agent:	 Raymond Youash 9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500 Beverly Hills, CA 90212	



Principal Address:  [9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500 Beverly Hills, CA 90212](#)

Mailing Address:  [9401 Wilshire Blvd. Ste 500 Beverly Hills, CA 90212](#)

Products/Services: TRANSPORTATION
 Governing Agency: California Secretary of State

Company Contacts

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Corporation Details

Corporation Name

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Entity No.

4572922

Amendment Details

Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation is amended to read:

Corporation Name

BEST CHOICE BUILDERS

Approval Statements

Approval Statements

- 1) The Board of Directors has approved the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation.
- 2) Share approval was not required because the corporation has no outstanding shares.

Signatures

We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth herein are true and correct of our own knowledge.

President/Chief Executive Officer

VANESSA YOUASH

09/27/2023

Officer Title

Officer Signature

Date

Secretary

RAYMOND YOUASH

09/27/2023

Officer Title

Officer Signature

Date

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