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Mr. Yazdan Emrani, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Monterey County Department of Public Works
168 W. Alisal St.
Salinas, Ca. 93901-2438

Re: Espinosa Road Overlay Project.
Bid Protest-Unbalancing

Gentlemen,

It has come to our attention that the apparent low base bidder (Pavex Construction) for the above mentioned project has unbalanced their bid in order to be low on the base bid. When Pavex's alternates are added to the base bid they are not providing the best value to the County. Additionally, when you look at the alternate prices of the apparent 2nd through 4th place bidders the numbers are all significantly lower. It is very apparent that Pavex Construction took money out of the base bid, and put it into the alternates in to be apparent low on base bid.

In order for the County to receive the best value, Granite Construction believes the county has two options:

1. Award the base bid only to Pavex, and don't award the alternates. Possibly Re-bid the alternates.
2. Reject Pavex's bid due to unbalancing, and accept Granite Construction bid for best value on base bid plus any alternates.

We are certain that the intent of the County is not to spend more than necessary to do the work you want to do. If the County awards base bid plus alternates to Pavex Construction, this will set precedence that Monterey County accepts unbalanced bids. Please let us know what decision Monterey County will be making concerning award on this project.

Sincerely,

Randy Bonino

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Cc: Jonathan L. Pascua, P.E.

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