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RE: BID ADVISORY

BIDDER: ARBORIST NOW INC.
AWARDING AGENCY: SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
PROJECT: DUMBARTON RAIL LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES
FFC CASE NO.: 830SJ

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Please enter this formal bid advisory against the above-noted contractor as a matter of public record and circulate to the Board of Directors. We respectfully request that Arborist Now Inc. (Arborist Now) bid be rejected.

The bid provided to your offices by Arborist Now signifies that the contractor would not be able to successfully perform its duties on the above project, while fulfilling its obligations with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Payment of Prevailing Wages, at the bid amount provided due to the following:

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Please contact our office with questions, comments, or clarifications.
Sincerely,

Bryan Berthiaume

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