

Non Substantive Change Request

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Agency Released Competitive Opportunity

Change Description

The Ohio Department of Education respectfully requests a revision in the controlling board item from No Competitive Opportunity to Agency Released Competitive Opportunity. This will allow our purchases resulting from this action (Fre-Flo Distribution Inc - vendor 213366) are counted towards ODEs MBE number and included in the EOD001 report. In order to do this we need to request a non-sub change for Controlling Board EDU0100286. The request must be marked as Agency Released Competitive Opportunity. ODE bid a contract (OT901013-1) (EDU003) MBE Set Aside. AT XPRESS LLC 0000162608 was awarded that contract (OT901013-1) (EDU003). They worked for us until Feb 2014 and then around that time DAS told us they were no longer allowed to do business with the State of Ohio. We had a very short window to get a new MBE in place because we needed to remove all of our perishable food items from cold storage. ODE also needed to ensure that services to the school districts were not disrupted. ODE worked with the Department of Development and DAS to find new MBEs. Fre-Flo Distribution Inc was chosen to assume the set aside contract. At the time Fre-Flo was the only MBE vendor that could perform the services at prices comparable to the existing contract. Due to the short time frame ODE had to move the perishable food DAS was unable to sole-bid without substantial services disruption to the schools. It was recommended that we take the contract to the controlling board. The Controlling Board was inadvertently marked as No Competitive Opportunity however it should have been Agency Released. Attached are the MBE invitation to bid (ITB) the contract awarded to AT Xpress and the termination letter DAS issued to AT Xpress. The contract was bid as MBE set aside as shown on the header page of the ITB. Fre-Flow subsequently agreed to perform the services at the same prices as the cancelled AT Xpress contract.