From: <u>Drew.Petonick@Ferguson.com</u>

To: <u>Jennifer Hyde</u>

 Subject:
 Protest of Award: Bid# 2019048

 Date:
 Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:23:29 PM

Importance: High

Dear Jennifer,

First, I would like to acknowledge that I submitted the flash drive with the information in the incorrect format. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you or your team.

However, this error was made in good faith and does not constitute our entire bid being rejected. In fact, to remedy this error, would take mere minutes to correct.

Furthermore, by throwing Ferguson's bid out along with the third bidder, you will essentially be awarding the entire Annual Bid to one unopposed bidder.

We were already sent the overall bid tab where we were low overall bidder. I understand when you have multiple bidders, the County will pick and choose which items to award to whom. Clearly, Ferguson was low on a significant amount of these items and would stand to be awarded a good amount of items if our bid is not thrown out.

In summary, we feel that the reasoning for throwing Ferguson's bid out is a minor technicality and an error made in good faith. To award the entire bid to one unopposed party is unjust and a reckless use of tax payers money. The County is essentially choosing to pay more for a great deal of items on the Annual Bid to the detriment of the taxpayers.

We formally request that:

1. Our bid be reinstated for consideration

or

2. All bids are rejected due to a lack of competition and the County calls for a rebid

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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