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RE: Protest of Notice of Intent to Award  
Solicitation #16-X-24153 Wastewater & Water Treatment Plant Operators for the NJDOC

Dear Mr. Vernick:

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated March 24, 2016, received by the Hearing Unit of the Division of Purchase and Property (Division) on March 28, 2016. In that letter, you, on behalf of Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. (Remington), protests the Notice of Intent to Award (NOI) a contract for Solicitation #16-X-24153 Wastewater & Water Treatment Plant Operators for the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) issued by Division's Procurement Bureau (Bureau) which indicates that it is the Division's intent to award a contract to Advanced Environmental Technology (Advanced) for the subject solicitation. Specifically, Remington alleges that the pricing submitted by Advanced indicates a misunderstanding of the scope of work required and will result in understaffing. Remington requests that the Bureau conduct a further evaluation of the proposals submitted.

By way of background, this Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on December 3, 2015 by the Bureau on behalf of the NJDOC to solicit proposals for the operation, maintenance, inspection and monitoring of the wastewater and water treatment plants located at the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility, Bayside State Prison and for the operation, maintenance, inspection and monitoring of the wastewater treatment plant located at Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility. (RFP § 1.1 *Purpose and Intent*.) In accordance with the RFP, contracts will be awarded to the responsible bidders whose proposals, conforming to this RFP, are most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered. (*Ibid.*) Specifically, it was the intent of the Bureau to make one contract award per facility. (*Ibid.*) As such, bidders were permitted to submit a proposal for one or all three (3) facilities. (*Ibid.*)

On January 28, 2016, the proposals received by the submission deadline were opened by the Proposal Review Unit. On March 11, 2016, the Bureau issued the NOI which indicated that a contract would be awarded to Advanced for all three facilities. On March 31, 2016, the Bureau issued a letter stating "[p]lease be advised that the Division of Purchase and Property is hereby withdrawing the Notice of Intent to Award correspondence dated March 11, 2016. A new Notice of Intent to Award correspondence shall be reissued to all bidders."

In light of the fact that the Bureau has withdrawn the March 11, 2016 NOI, there is no intended contract award and Remington's protest is therefore rendered moot. Accordingly, there is no need to

render a decision on the merits of Remington's protest. If a new NOI is issued by the Bureau, Remington will have the ability to submit a protest should it so choose.

Thank you for your company's interest in doing business with the State of New Jersey. I invite you to register your company with **NJSTART** at [www.njstart.gov](http://www.njstart.gov), the State of New Jersey's new eProcurement system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MAGriff". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Maurice A. Griffin  
Chief Hearing Officer

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