

Formal Protest to RFPSDOR230055 Marble Hill License Office

May 6, 2023

Email Delivery

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Re: Protest of Contract Award for Operation of Marble Hill License Office,
RFPSDOR230055

Protesting Party: SEMO Tags, LLC
1515 E Malone Ave
Sikeston, MO 63801

Point of Contact: Terry Cole
573.380.4113

Dear Ms. Ronimous:

SEMO Tags, LLC protests the award of the contract for RFPSDOR230055 (the "RFP") to Marian R Hutchings pursuant to 1 CSR 40-1.050(12) and Special Delegation of Authority 537 (SDA537).

There were two errors in DOR's award of the contract to Marian R Hutchings. First, DOR improperly awarded Marian R Hutchings 152.31 points in Exhibit D and Exhibit F of the RFP related to E-Verify and Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act Certification.

Exhibit D – Throughout Exhibit D of the RFP, in order to be deemed responsive and eligible to receive evaluation points for the RFP, the vendor MUST have: "A current, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization (must be completed, signed, and notarized within the past twelve months). Those that do not have an Affidavit of Work Authorization within 12 months submitted or attach a current Affidavit of Work Authorization must be deemed non-responsive. Marian R Hutchings, has not submitted a current, notarized Affidavit of Work completed within the past 12 months; instead Marian R Hutchings references an Affidavit of Work Authorization from 2017 (~6 years old).

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Exhibit F – According to Exhibit F of the RFP in order to be deemed responsive and eligible to receive evaluation points for the RFP, the vendor MUST certify their current status by completing either Section A, Section B, or Section C on Exhibit F. Marian R Hutchings failed to certify any of the above-mentioned sections.

B-6A – SEMO Tags, LLC is seeking clarification on Madeleine Hutchings (Lincoln or Kinder), as in parentheses there are multiple names listed. It is unclear if this is referring to multiple persons or to addresses alternate names of the same person. If the response of Marian R Hutchings for B-6A was in reference to multiple persons, the following sections of the RFP would be ineligible for points: A-3 (20pts), B-5 (20pts), B-6C (2pts), B-6D (32pts); for a total loss of points of 74 points, assuming the rest of the bid would meet the required criteria of the RFP.

Marian R Hutchings' failed to complete required items of the RFP in at least Exhibit D and Exhibit F and therefore is not eligible to receive points for the RFP. The award of RFPDOR230055 Marble Hill License Office, must be retracted and re-awarded to the next best respondent, SEMO Tags, LLC.

Sincerely,

SEMO Tags, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Cole', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Cole

Member