



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Sec. 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee
Via Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Members Present:

Robert Rinker, Chair
Bruce Buff
Stuart Mahler

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio Board member
Xholina Nano, Staff – 2020-2021 UConn Graduate Intern

JP Hernandez of American Dream Clean LLC
Carol Wilson – DAS
Devin Marquez - DAS
Michael Barrera – DAS
Graham Drew – AAG
Anthony Famiglietti - AAG

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Robert Rinker at 11:34 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the December 23, 2020 Meeting

Motion made by Stuart Mahler and seconded by Bruce Buff to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2020 Board meeting. All voted in favor.

3. American Dream Clean, LLC contest of 19PSX0255

Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker offered a draft decision and asked for a motion to approve.

**DRAFT DECISION
AMERICAN DREAM CLEAN, LLC CONTEST
RFP#19PSX0255**

1. On December 17, 2019, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) issued RFP #19PSX0255 for custodial services for DAS facilities at 24 and 38 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. The due date for proposals was January 15, 2020.
2. On August 20, 2020, an evaluation team scored the proposals. DAS attributes the delay in scoring the proposals and award because of DAS's role in securing goods and services to address the Covid-19 pandemic in Connecticut.
3. On or about December 9, 2020, a contract award was made to Coastal Cleaning, LLC for 19PSX0255.
4. On December 18, 2020, American Dream Clean, LLC filed a contest with the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB).
5. On December 11, 2020, American Dream Clean, LLC filed a written request for records under Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for documents related to 19PSX0255.
6. On December 14, 2020, Michael Barrera, Senior Policy Advisor for DAS, acknowledged receipt of American Dream Clean, LLC's FOIA request.
7. On December 23, 2020, the C.G.S. 4e-36 Subcommittee on Contested Solicitation and Awards (Subcommittee) held a meeting regarding the contest from American Dream Clean, LLC. At the meeting, the Subcommittee laid out a timeframe for the parties to respond to the contest.
8. On January 6, 2021, DAS provided a response to American Dream Clean, LLC's contest. The SCSB transmitted that response to American Dream Clean, LLC on January 6, 2021.
9. On January 7, 2021, American Dream Clean, LLC requested a one full week extension for its response to DAS's response. American Dream Clean, LLC basis for requesting an extension was that DAS had not provided the materials it requested on December 11, 2020.
10. On January 7, 2021, David Guay, Executive Director of the SCSB, after consultation with Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker, denied the one full week extension. The Subcommittee has a statutory requirement to issue a decision to a contest within thirty days. The Subcommittee has until January 17, 2021 to issue its decision in this contest. The full week extension would have had the Subcommittee issuing its decision after the thirty-day statutory requirement.
11. On January 11, 2021, Mr. Guay contacted Carol Wilson, Director for Procurement for DAS regarding American Dream Clean, LLC's FOIA request. Ms. Wilson replied that DAS has been gathering all responsive documents. The documents will be compiled today

(January 11, 2021) and will be shared with Mr. Hernandez, CEO of American Dream Clean, LLC.

12. The Subcommittee is dismissing the contest without prejudice. The Subcommittee will apply the fourteen-day statutory requirement for filing a contest when American Dream Clean, LLC receives the documents from DAS.

Motion made by Bruce Buff and seconded by Stuart Mahler to accept the draft decision in the matter of AMERICAN DREAM CLEAN, LLC CONTEST RFP#19PSX0255 as final. After discussion, all voted in favor. The Decision in the matter of AMERICAN DREAM CLEAN, LLC CONTEST RFP#19PSX0255 was approved.

4. Motion made by Bruce Buff and seconded by Stuart Mahler to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay