



William S. Hart Union High School District
21380 Centre Pointe Parkway Santa Clarita CA 91350

March 28, 2022

Art Grigorian
Sales Director
First Fire Systems Inc.
6000 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Re: Bid Protest (RFP No.: LM2203A)

Dear Mr. Grigorian:

This correspondence responds to the First Fire Systems Inc. letter dated March 24, 2022, ("Protest") to the William S. Hart Union High School District ("District") in which First Fire Systems Inc. protests the selection of Apple Valley Communications for the award of RFP No.: LM2203A (the "RFP"). First Fire Systems Inc. protests the selection of Apple Valley Communications principally on the grounds that their proposal fails to acknowledge and sign the first page of the addendum.

The District carefully reviewed the Protest against both the RFP and the Apple Valley Communications Proposal and finds their Proposal meets all mandatory requirements. The law authorizes the waiver of minor irregularities when a bid substantially conforms to a call for bids, even though it is not strictly responsive, so long as the variance does not affect the amount of the bid or give the bidder an extra advantage or benefit. The District, has determined the omission of the acknowledgement and signature of the first page of the addendum is deemed a minor irregularity, as it does not affect the low bid amount or provide the bidder with an extra advantage.

If First Fire Systems Inc. wishes to appeal the District's denial of the Protest, it may do so pursuant to the appeal process contained in the RFP, in which case the appeal will be heard by the District's Governing Board at 7:00 PM on April 13, 2022 at the District's Administrative Center located at 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. The Governing Board's decision shall be final.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as a waiver of the District's rights or remedies which are expressly reserved.

Sincerely,

Leigh Hansen, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse