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Dear Mr. Arbisio,


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The Construction Industry Force Account Council (CIFAC) is dedicated to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly and that all public construction projects adhere to the principles of fair, open, and competitive bidding. It is essential that public agencies maintain compliance with applicable contracting laws to foster transparency, accountability, and a level playing field for all qualified contractors.

CIFAC has reviewed documentation related to the upcoming contract for **Safety Shower and Eyewash Stations Inspections and Testing**. We are concerned that the proposed awardee does not hold a valid contractor's license, nor do they appear to have the required bond or workers' compensation coverage. Awarding a contract under these circumstances would not only violate state contracting requirements but also expose the agency to legal and financial risk.

On May 6, 2025, we contacted the Contractors State License Board requesting a review of Scope of Work Section 3.3.2. which states: The Contractor should abide by the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code Guidelines 609.10 when cutting, replacing, or tying into any potable water piping. New or repaired potable water systems shall be disinfected prior to use.

May 7, 2025, response (attached) as follows: Hal Clay, Special Investigator, Licensing Classification Deputy, Contractor State License Board, confirms that a C36-Plumbing is required for repair work.

Additionally, it appears that the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) failed to specify the classification of the contractor's license required as per Public Contract Code Section 3300.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=3300.&lawCode=PCC

To uphold the integrity of the public contracting process, we urge the OCSD to ensure that its procurement decisions remain above reproach and fully compliant with legal standards. Any appearance of favoritism, impropriety, or noncompliance could undermine public trust and compromise the district's commitment to fiscal stewardship. We respectfully request that the OCSD pull the agenda item or award it to the next responsible/responsive bidder.

Time is of the essence, and we appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, as well as your continued commitment to ensuring that all public works contracts are awarded lawfully and equitably.

Sincerely,

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