

Award Protest Request

October, 13, 2022

To:

Purchasing Department
Jessica Vu
Orange County Sanitation District

Reference: Invitation #E-2022-1363BD
Project Title: FortiGate Firewall Upgrade

Attached: Bid Confirmation #306103; E-2022-1363BD BID RECAP.xlsx;
20221013125934013 E-2022 1363BD NOIA_10_13_2022; E-2022-1363BD

We, NH&A LLC, are protesting the awardee of the referenced bid. As understood, the award criteria was based solely on the lowest priced bidder. As seen on the results document – NH&A’s subtotal was the lowest out of all bidders at \$226,697.76. The document states this as the basis for award.

NH&A explicitly stated in our submission #306103, that line item #1 was inclusive of the Enterprise Protection subscription (line item #2). If NH&A were to have slit the pricing into line #2, the subtotal cost would remain the same regardless. NH&A should not have been classified as non-responsive as we provided reason for the item.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

We’re looking forward to hearing back at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,

Nancy Ramos

NH&A LLC