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Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 22, 2022

Prashant Jaiswal, President  
Provaliant Business Solutions LLC  
5518 E. Hartford Ave.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Re: *RFP 6720 Z1, OSERS Transfer Project  
Protest of Award*

Mr. Jaiswal:

We are in receipt of your protest dated December 13, 2022, protesting the intent to award for RFP 5720 Z1 ("Protest") on behalf of Provaliant Business Solutions LLC ("Provaliant"). In the protest, Provaliant inquires as to why Provaliant's proposal was deemed "non-responsive." Provaliant also alleges material inaccuracies in the Linea proposal with respect to the qualifications provided.

After careful review and consideration, the State responds as follows:

1. Provaliant's proposal was deemed "non-responsive" on the grounds that it did not provide a bid on the full project. Further, Provaliant expressed concerns about meeting the statutory timeline. As the timeline is statutory, it is a critical component of the contract. Since Provaliant could not commit to the timeline, their bid was deemed non-responsive.
2. Regarding the comments concerning the qualifications and experience of Linea and NeuOrbis, it has been determined by the evaluators of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems that the staff experience is relevant and meets the requirements of the RFP.
3. Regarding offshore work, the winning bid was deemed to meet the requirements of the RFP. The actual data must stay in the United States and any offshore resources will not have access to production data.

Consequently, we find the contract was appropriately awarded and in accordance with law. The Intent to Award will stand and the grievance submitted by Provaliant Business Solutions LLC is denied.

We thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Nebraska and although the State will uphold the Intent to Award, we sincerely thank you for your time and feedback regarding our procurement process. As with any other feedback, we will use this as a learning opportunity to make our process better for our customers and vendors.

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Sincerely,  
DocuSigned by:  
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Michelle Potts, Interim Materiel Administrator  
Department of Administrative Services

cc: Connie Heinrichs, SPB Buyer

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