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Re: Response to the Protest Award in Solicitation No.S000000162 regarding Food Distribution Services.

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I, Arnetta Bradford Owner and Director of Hebrews 11:1 am writing in reference to the above protest to respond. I am the representative for this company. After reviewing the letter and its entirety Im unsure what the actually protest is for. For I don't feel that the issue was with Hebrews 11: 1 I feel it was an issue in ARBUY. From my understanding and from my data, all documents were submitted to ARBUY in a timely manner and submitted before the actual bid began. It wasn't until one of the representatives called me that morning to inform me that they couldn't open my price sheet and that they needed permission to convert it from the original submitted form to the one that would allow them to open it. I gave the permission and the bid process continued. I do understand the Protestors frustration, however, this was not a Hebrews 11:1's issue, neither should we be neglected the contract because of such, in my opinion, Hebrews 11:1 followed all protocols in submitting all required documents, timely, we followed every guideline that was given and should be the recipient of said contract.

From my end of submission all documents appeared submitted as well as available to be opened and viewed, I am certain of this because I double checked it all after submission. I furthermore feel that the procurement representative acted in good faith and in all fairness in correcting the issues in ArBUY by converting the already submitted document to a form that would allow the submitted documents to be available for viewing, the representative was given permission to do so.

I do not feel it necessary to lay out all of my credentials and reasons as to why I am a more suitable candidate, for that isn't the question at hand, I personally feel that any of the

prospected organizations that submitted are all suitable. However, Hebrews 11:1 did follow all guidelines and rules in the directive. Please consider our response when making your final decision.

I sincerely appreciate your time,

Arnetta Bradford

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