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Re- Application Number: 973944 Funding Request Number: 2651939

Mr. Deusinger:

My name is Gretchen B. Guzmán, President of G Works Inc. and I refer to your letter of denial for Application Number: 973944, Funding Request Number: 2651939.

Said letter states:

1.

“...The FCC Form 470 that you have cited as the establishing FCC Form 470 for the FRN, **FCC Form 470# 92415000122104**, contains contact information associated with the service provider for the FRN, Caribbean Network (formerly Ink Toner Warehouse), Service Provider Identification Number 143037241. This is a competitive bidding violation. Specifically, the following address contained within the FCC Form 470 matches the address associated with Caribbean Network: 76 Shell Castle Club Dr., Humacao, PR...”

Response: The address belongs to Mrs. Tamara Lupoe, consultant used to fill out the forms. G Works Inc. met with Mrs. Lupoe when during the first semester of 2014, when she visited the Alfonso Díaz Lebrón School in Juncos, PR. G works Inc. has a project at said school and was invited to attend the meeting between Mrs. Lupoe and the School’s Principal, at that moment we asked Mrs. Lupoe if the e-rate funds could be used to provide wi-fi at another facility that G Works has. We were told yes, and asked if she would be willing to help us with filling the forms required, understanding that any help would be exactly that help. G Works Inc. is an NGO 501 (C) (3), working with very under poverty, underserved Puerto Rico communities. She agreed to help us. It must be stressed that all information offered to USAC was provided by G Works Inc. No funds were paid, nor will be paid, for the services rendered by Mrs. Lupoe. By all means, having Mrs. Lupoe help us with the forms did not and does not mean or imply/implied that we were going to use the services of Caribbean Network.

Actually, we received a proposal from Everyday Data- RSISP, from Ponce. Mr. Robert Schmidt met with us and provided us with costs related to providing the Wi-Fi services to our CIDEESA facility. I need to explain that this facility is a public school, closed on 2010 and transferred to Juncos Municipal Government. G Works Inc. submitted a proposal to the Mayor and the school was leased to G Works Inc. for \$1.00 for 20 years to develop a Community Library and a STEM promoting school. The Municipal Government, through their Education offices, set up wi-fi during 2012 (EdNet) at one of the schools classroom (An antenna and black-box with cables) was set up, but the service was never provided and neither our students nor the community could ever connect. Unfortunately the area on which the school is established is a high violence one and all cables were stolen, without anyone ever connecting to Wi-Fi. Because of this situation we emphatically requested that services to be established at said facility needed to be fiber optic, in order to avoid any possible loss. EverydayData proposal includes fiber optic 10 Mb (document attached). I am including a google picture of the facility so you can have a better understanding of the area's needs.

Mr. Deusinger, including Mrs. Lupoe address was not with the intention to violate any bidding law, but with the intention to maintain her within the loop. I must also mention that some papers were addressed to the facility itself, but were undeliverable, and then re-addressed to Mrs. Lupoe, then delivered to me and the "pin" number was sent to my address.

2. "...Additionally, it has been determined that the consultant listed on the FCC Form 470, Tamara Diaz-Lupoe, a consultant associated with consulting firm A Piece of Heaven, Consultant Registration Number 16075173, is an officer with Caribbean Network and has a relationship with the designated contact person for Caribbean Network, Allen Lupoe..."

Response:

Meeting with Mrs. Lupoe, G works Inc. has been provided with Incorporation documents from the State of Delaware and yes Mr. Allen Lupoe is the Registered Agent for both Corporations. Having stated that, yes G Works Inc. has also been informed that Mr. Allen and Mrs. Lupoe are married and live under the same roof at the address referenced above on the first paragraph. G Works Inc. has no say on this matter except that both (Caribbean N and EverydayData) proposals address CIDEESAS needs (as requested), but service wise when discussed in detail, the one provided by Caribbean Network suits better even though there is a difference in costs, distance wise they are closer to the facility than EverydayData. What I believe is important to emphasize is that they were **not** the only/solely service provided that contacted G Works Inc. and both providers EverydayData and Caribbean Networks were provided with the facility's needs, I provided said information.

3. "...Finally, it has been determined that the designated contact person for Caribbean Network, Allen Lupoe, is also associated with A Piece of Heaven..."

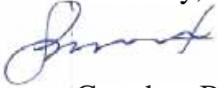
Response:

Yes, I personally checked the files for both Corporations- Caribbean Network and A Piece of Heaven @ <https://delecorp.delaware.gov/tin/controller> , and indeed Mr. Lupoe's name appears as the Resident Agent for both Corporations. Of this we were ignorant, knowing it now; we can understand how this could affect G Works Inc. request, but it must be emphasized that neither Mr. Lupoe nor Mrs. Lupoe coerced, requested money, or imposed their services on G Works Inc. Mrs. Lupoe assures me that the name Allen Lupoe appear because he filled the forms but he does not hold a position within the Board of Directors, nor any position at all. The Corporations TIN number is under Mrs. Lupoe's care. (document attached).

Even though ignorance does not exempt G Works Inc. from complying with all regulations, I would still like to request re-consideration for our **Application Number: 973944 Funding Request Number: 2651939**. I must also mention that a Piece of Heaven Foundation is still assisting G works Inc. with other equipment not covered by USAC. All information regarding A Piece of Heaven foundation can be erased from our file if required. And again, EverydayData did not provide a proposal with the equipment G Works Inc. would like to have at CIDEESA, EDNet had provided the Municipal Government with pretty much the same equipment that EverydayData proposed.

Mr. Deusinger, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 787-630-1496, gworks@icepr.com at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,



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