

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

BRIDGES OF AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioner,

vs.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

DOAH Case No. 14-4744BID

FDOC Case No. 14-189

Respondent,

and

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTERS,
INC.,

Intervenor.

FINAL ORDER

This matter comes before the Florida Department of Corrections ("Department"), pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, for consideration and final agency action after an administrative hearing conducted before R. Bruce McKibben, an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings.

The final hearing was on a formal written protest of an award for the Everglades Re-Entry Center to Community Education Centers, Inc., as part of the Department's Invitation to Negotiate DC ITN 13-038 "Comprehensive Re-Entry Services at

Everglades and Baker Re-Entry Centers," by Petitioner, Bridges of America, Inc. ("Bridges").

Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judge framed the issue in the case as follows: "Whether, in deciding to award a contract for comprehensive re-entry services to be provided at the Everglades Re-Entry Center, Respondent acted contrary to one or more governing statutes, rules, policies, or procurement specifications, or any combination thereof; and if so, for each such instance, whether the misstep was clearly erroneous, arbitrary or capricious, or contrary to competition."

A final hearing was conducted on November 12, 2014. Thereafter, following submission of Proposed Recommended Orders by all parties, a Recommended Order was entered by the Administrative Law Judge on December 31, 2014, upholding the Department's award to Community Education Centers, Inc.

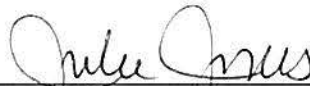
Bridges filed Exceptions to the Recommended Order on January 12, 2015. However, following the filing of Exceptions, Bridges elected to take a voluntary dismissal of its formal written protest. A Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of this case was filed by Bridges with the Department on January 14, 2015.

After reviewing this matter and being fully advised in the premises, it is Ordered that:

1. Pursuant to Bridges' Notice of Voluntary Dismissal, the formal written protest in this case will be dismissed with prejudice.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the formal written protest filed by Bridges of America is dismissed with prejudice.

DONE and ORDERED this 16th day of January, 2015.



JULIE L. JONES, Secretary
Florida Department of Corrections
501 South Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500

Notice of Right to Appeal

This Final Order constitutes final agency action. Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek judicial review of the Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190, with the Clerk of the Department of Corrections in the Office of General Counsel, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees either in the First District Court of Appeal or in such other appellate district as the party appealing resides. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Final Order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Filed in the official records of the Florida Department of Corrections on this 16th day of January, 2015.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing "Final Order" has been furnished this 16th day of January, 2015, by U.S. Mail or hand delivery to:

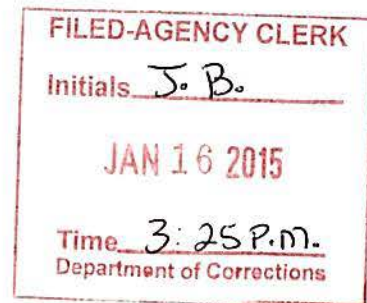
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