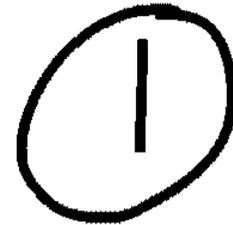


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**Re: Offers of Carbone International, LLC and  
Carbone Express, LLC  
Under Solicitation No. W914NS-04-R-0114**

Dear Mr. Hirtle:

My clients, Carbone International, LLC and Carbone Express, LLC, have requested that I contact you regarding the status of the above captioned Solicitation. By emails dated 10 April 2004, and received by the companies at 7:58 PM and 12:58 PM respectively, you notified the companies that their offers under the Solicitation were "received after the stated closing date" and are considered late and not eligible for award.

With this letter, we intend to provide evidence to you to support our position that both offers were timely submitted to your office. We also wish to address several other concerns we have with the manner in which this Solicitation was presented. Please note that we are asking for your consideration of our evidence within the ten-day filing period from receipt of your email notices pursuant to FAR Part 33.103.

Carbone International, LLC, 2730 Woods Lane, Garland, Texas 75044, Telephone: (972) 496-9004, Telefacsimile: (972) 496-9004; and Carbone Express, LLC, 2730 Woods Lane, Garland, Texas 75044, Telephone (866) 397-7371, Telefacsimile (866) 397-7371, are small, disabled American veteran owned, Texas limited liability companies. Though related, both companies are

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