

Housing Leads Construction Industry

to Moderate Growth in 2014, According to McGraw Hill Construction

McGraw Hill Construction (<http://www.construction.com/>), part of McGraw Hill Financial (NYSE: MHFI), released its 2014 Dodge Construction Outlook, a mainstay in construction industry forecasting and business planning. The report predicts that total U.S. construction starts for 2014 will rise 9% to \$555.3 billion, higher than the 5% increase to \$508 billion estimated for 2013.

“We see 2014 as another year of measured expansion for the construction industry,” said Robert Murray, McGraw Hill Construction’s vice president of Economic Affairs. “Against the backdrop of elevated uncertainty and federal spending cutbacks, the construction industry should still benefit from several positive factors going into 2014. Job growth, while sluggish, is still taking place. Interest rates remain very low by historical standards, and in the near term the Federal Reserve is likely to take the necessary steps to keep them low. The bank lending environment is showing improvement in terms of both lending standards and the volume of loans. And, the improving fiscal posture of states and localities will help to offset some of the negative impact from decreased federal funding,” said Murray.

Based on research of specific construction market sectors, McGraw Hill Construction’s 2014 Dodge Construction Outlook details the forecast as follows.

- **Single family housing** will grow 26% in dollars, corresponding to a 24% increase in units to 785,000 (McGraw Hill Construction basis). The positives for single family housing are numerous – the pace of foreclosures has eased, home prices are rising, and mortgage rates remain near recent lows. However, the demand for housing will continue to be restrained by careful bank lending practices towards issuing mortgages.
- **Multifamily housing** will rise 11% in dollars and 9% in units. While growth continues, the percentage gains will be smaller than the previous four years, reflecting a maturing multifamily market. This structure



type is still a favored investment target by the real estate finance community, which in the near term should lead to more high-rise residential buildings in major cities.

- **Commercial building** will increase 17%, a slightly faster pace than the 15% gain estimated for 2013. Both warehouses and hotels will continue to lead the way, while stores and office buildings pick up the pace. The positives for commercial building are improving market fundamentals and more bank lending for commercial development. Next year’s activity in dollar terms will still be 28% below the 2007 peak.
- **Institutional building** will edge up 2%, turning the corner after five years of decline. For the educational building category, colleges are revisiting capital expansion plans, and passage of recent construction bond measures in several states should help K-12 construction projects. Healthcare construction is expected to remain flat, given continued emphasis on cost containment.
- **Public works** construction will drop 5%, pulling back after a 3% gain in 2013 that was lifted by the start of several large highway and bridge projects. More focus on deficit reduction will limit federal support for environmental public works, although the improved fiscal position of state and local governments will help to cushion the extent of the public works decline.
- **Electric utility** construction will retreat 33%, continuing the 55% correction estimated for 2013 that followed the current dollar high reached in 2012. Capacity utilization is down sharply, limiting the near term need for new generating capacity. The need for transmission line work remains strong.

“The 2014 picture bears some similarity to what’s taking place during 2013, with single family housing providing much of the upward push; multifamily housing showing a slower yet still healthy rate of growth after four years of expansion, and commercial building gradually ascending from low levels,” added Murray. “One change that’s expected for 2014 is that institutional building will no longer be pulling down nonresidential building and total construction.”

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Community Outreach

October Unemployment Rate Remained Higher for Blacks

By Frederick H. Lowe

But Black jobless rates improve each year

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that the seasonally adjusted jobless rate in October for Black men 20 years old and older dropped, but it was bad news for black women in the same age group, although nonfarm payroll employment rose by 204,000.

BLS reported, however, that the number of unemployed persons, at 11.3 million, and the unemployment rate, at 7.3 percent, changed little in October.

Dr. Heidi Shierholz, a labor-market analyst for the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank based in Washington, D.C., said that the unemployment rate has improved substantially since it peaked at 10.4 percent in October 2009.

“However, most of that improvement was not for good reasons. It was due to the growth in number of the ‘missing workers’—people who have dropped out of, or never entered, the labor market because job opportunities are weak,” Shierholz said. “There are roughly 6.1 million missing workers, and if these workers were in the labor force looking for work, the unemployment rate would be 10.8 percent instead of 7.3 percent.”

The sharp jump in payroll jobs proved to be a mixed blessing for Black men and women. The seasonally adjusted overall Black unemployment rate in October was 13.1 percent compared to 12.9 percent in September. Year-over-year, however, last month’s un-

employment rate was lower than the 14.5 percent jobless rate recorded in October 2012.

Unemployment in the black community remains much higher than other racial and ethnic groups, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The jobless rate for Whites in October was 6.3 percent and unemployment rate for Hispanics was 9.1 percent. The jobless rate for Asians, which is not seasonally adjusted, was 5.2 percent.

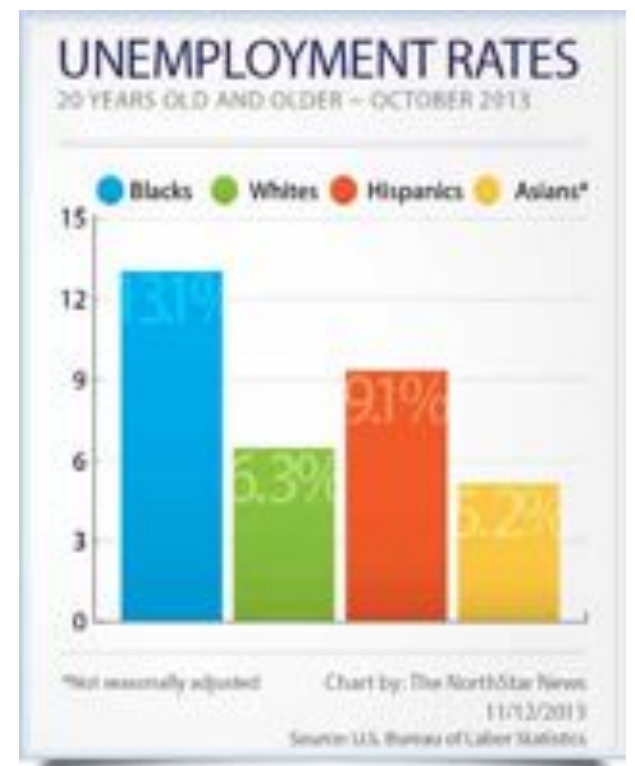
The seasonally adjusted jobless rate in October for Black men 20 years old and older was 13 percent compared to 14 percent in September. Unemployment, however, improved year-over-year for Black men. In October 2012, the jobless rate for Black men was 14.1 percent, BLS reported.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for black women in October was 11.5 percent compared to 10 percent in September. Year-over-year, however, the jobless rate also for Black women dropped from 12.7 percent in October 2012.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that jobs were added in the leisure and hospitality, professional and technical services, health care and manufacturing industries. The federal government shed 12,000 jobs in October. Federal workers furloughed during the 16-day government shutdown were still considered employed in the BLS payroll survey.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics conducts a sample study titled “Current Population Study” of 60,000 households or approximately 110,000 individuals each month to determine the unemployment rate.

Source: Trice Edney News Wire



Black Farmers Open Confab with Fresh Optimism—and Deep Pockets

By Zenitha Prince

The 23rd Annual Conference of the National Black Farmers Association (NBFA) was held on Nov. 8-9 in Columbia, S.C.

NBFA, which advocates on behalf of Black and socially disadvantaged farmers, recently emerged victorious from a protracted battle,

waged in courthouses and in Capitol Hill chambers, in which the U.S. Department of Agriculture was sued for a decades-long history of discriminatory practices against Black farmers.

The fight ended when President Obama signed a bill on Dec. 8, 2010, authorizing a \$1.25 billion settlement with the eligible Black farmers. And justice is becoming tangible for some 18,000 of those farmers, who recently

began receiving checks worth \$50,000 each, plus \$12,500 to cover tax liability, in the mail.

“[This payout] shows a ragtag organization—if you stay focused and keep your eye on the prize—you can be victorious,” said NBFA President John Boyd. He added, “Anything for Black people has hurdles and roadblocks... justice is a slow process, [but] you just have to stay the course.”

Boyd, who, in previous interviews with the AFRO, has bemoaned the absence of fellow farmers who died while waiting for the case to be resolved said the victory is “bittersweet.”

“Checks are finding their way to the farmers, and you can hear the joy in their voice when they call to share the news,” Boyd said. “But we also hear the disappointment from farmers

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Estimator: Alan McKean

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Project Name: Mission Bay Block 13W

Location: San Francisco, California

Bid Date: December 19, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

Pre-Bid Conference: December 5, 2013 @ 10am

Location: 180 Hubbell Street, San Francisco

Nibbi Brothers has been selected as the General Contractor for the Mission Bay Block 13 West project in San Francisco, CA and are currently in receipt of the Construction (GMP) Bid Docs.

We are requesting bids from qualified subcontractors including those SBE/MBE/WBE certified with the Successor Agency to SFRA and/or LBEs certified with the City and County of SF for the following trades: Scaffolding, Swing Stage, Planting & Irrigation, Site Concrete, Concrete Striping, Gypsum Concrete, CMU & Thin Brick, Partial Misc. Metal, Finish Carpentry & Unit Counters (Install Only), Membrane Waterproofing, Building Insulation, Membrane Roofing, Flashing & Sheet Metals, Joint Sealants, Coiling Doors, Smoke Doors, Drywall and Metal Framing, Lath & Plaster, Ceramic Tile, Epoxy Flooring, Painting, Misc. Building Specialties, Toilet Partitions, Window Blinds, Appliances (Install) and Code Signage. Please note the following trades have already been bought out: Tower Crane & Man lift, Survey, Methane Gas, RIC, Grading & Paving, Piles, Site Utilities, Structural Concrete, Rebar, Partial Misc. Metal Stair Fabrication, Rough Carpentry/Framing, Unit Cabinets (Material Only), Door, Frames & Hardware, Tower Glazing, Low-Rise Glazing, Tower Panel, Low-Rise Panels, Balcony Rails, Flooring, Trash Chutes, Appliances(Supply), Window Washing Davits, Elevators, Plumbing, Fire Protection, HVAC, Electrical & Low-Voltage. The Successor Agency to SFRA participation goal has been established for this project at 50% for SBE Subcontractors, encouraging all MBE/WBE/LBE/SBE participation. Subcontractors may request an email notification via NewForma to download the associated documents in order to provide bid proposals no later than Thursday, December 19, 2013 @ 2:00pm.

To obtain bid and contract documents please email Kristin Medwick at kristinm@nibbi.com.

For information regarding this project please contact Sean Estill, Lead Estimator via email at seane@nibbi.com.

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**I-805 North Improvement
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Caltrans Contract No: 11-2T2004**

Current and ongoing procurement opportunities for the I-805 North project are available through the project procurement website: www.usa.skanska.com/I805North

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San Francisco, CA 94124
Bid Date: 11/25/13 @ 2 PM**

Voluntary Pre-bid Meeting on 11/12/13 at 11 AM at Construction Assistance Program Trailer located at 690 Hudson Ave., Trailer "B", San Francisco, CA 94124.

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Request for Sub Bids From Qualified DVBE Subcontractors/Suppliers

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**Project Name: 1751 Carroll Ave
Location: San Francisco, California
Bid Date: December 2, 2013 @ 2:00 PM
Pre-Bid Conference: November 14, 2013 @ 10am
Location: Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Ave, Suite B in San Francisco
(Alex Pitcher Jr. Community Room)**

Baines Group and Nibbi Brothers Joint Venture team has been selected as the General Contractor for the 1751 Carroll Avenue (Formerly 5800 Third Street) project in San Francisco, CA. We are in receipt of the GMP Bid Documents (95% CD's) and are requesting bid proposals from subcontractors including those certified with the Successor Agency to SFRA for DIV 1-33 (Selective Trades). The Successor Agency to SFRA participation goal has been established for this project at 50% for SBE Subcontractors and we highly encourage all certified firms MBE, WBE, SBE and LBEs to bid. The project will consist of (121) 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom affordable rental senior apartments and basement garage with 54 parking spaces. The building will be two levels of concrete construction with four levels of wood construction above. Housing common areas at level 1 will consist of property management offices, sitting, dining, and exercise rooms. The upper level housing common areas will consist of lounges and laundry rooms. The senior center is located at level 1 and consists of common rooms, a kitchen, a lounge, and staff offices. Open space consists of a landscaped mews, an entry court, balconies, patios, a roof deck at level 2, and a courtyard. Public improvements at Carroll Ave. will include new sidewalks, a drop off area with 3 onsite parking spaces, street trees, and public parking. A fire access lane will be provided at the west edge of the project. To obtain bid and contract documents please email Kristin Medwick at kristinm@nibbi.com or visit the following Plan Rooms:

- Dr. Arelious Walker's Office, True Hope Church of God in Christ, 950 Gilman Avenue, San Francisco, (415) 822-5626.
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- Nibbi Main Office, 180 Hubbell Street, San Francisco, (415) 863-1820.
- San Francisco Builders Exchange, 850 S. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, (415) 282-8220.
- Peninsula Builders Exchange, 735 Industrial Rd, San Carlos, (650) 591-4486.
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For information regarding this project please contact Grace Nicer via email, gracen@nibbi.com.

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PIER F BERTH 209 CHEMOIL
FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
BID DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2013 PRIOR TO 10:00AM

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 Contact: Dennis Ahl: dennis.ahl@kiewit.com or
 Jim Godson: jim.godson@kiewit.com

Subcontractors and suppliers can access plans and specifications via the following:

- Port of Long Beach, 4th Floor, Plans and Specifications, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90802. Ph: (562) 590-4146,
- or: http://www.polb.com/economics/contractors/out_for_bid.asp
- or viewed at our offices located at 33455 6th Ave South, Federal Way, WA 98003

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PORT OF LONG BEACH – DEMOLITION OF NRG INTAKE FOREBAY STRUCTURE IN BACK CHANNEL
AT LONG BEACH GENERATING STATION – 2665 PIER 5 LANE – LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
BID DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2013 PRIOR TO 10:00AM

We are accepting quotes for the following services/supplies: Demolition, Dredging, Drying, Handling, Offhaul and Disposal of Dredged Material and Demolished Concrete, Fencing, Trucking, Tug Boat Service, Diving, Geotechnical Monitoring and other works.



For detailed information on this Project please view the Port website at:
<http://www.polb.com/economics/contractors/default.asp>
 Or contact

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Contract Documents: Copies of Contract Documents in DVD format may be obtained, at no cost, at the Plans and Specifications Office, 4th floor, Harbor Department Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90802 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To arrange to receive a DVD of the Contract Documents by courier at the expense of the Bidder, call (562)283-7353.

Plans may be also viewed at our office located at 33455 6th Ave South, Federal Way, WA 98003

Inquiries can be directed to: Dennis Ahl (253) 943-4200 or Susan Cameron (253) 943-4200

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified MBE, WBE, DBE, UDBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

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Project No. 469943
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SBA Celebrates National Native American Heritage Month

November marks an important time in our history and in the history of Native Americans in this country. This month, the U.S. Small Business Administration is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month. And we're working hard to help build entrepreneurial empowerment for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities.

In a White House Proclamation issued on National Native American Heritage Month, President Obama said that the Administration remains committed to self-determination, and the right of tribal governments to build and strengthen their own communities. That is at the heart of SBA's mission and aim for Native Americans -- to ensure that American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians seeking to create, develop and expand small businesses have full access to the business development and expansion tools available through SBA's entrepreneurial development, lending and procurement programs.

And we've worked hard to do just that. SBA's Office of Native American Affairs has worked to meet our objectives to promote outreach, technical assistance and education; to develop and direct training programs; and to coordinate entrepreneurial development opportunities.

This week, SBA Acting Administrator Jeanne Hult took part in a White House Tribal Nations Conference, where the administration works together to strengthen government-to-government relationships with Indian Country and Tribal governments. Acting Administrator Hult participated in a discussion on how SBA can support Native American communities in the United States. And John Shoraka, SBA Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, led a roundtable discussion on our Agency's 8(a) Business Development Program at the Native American Contractors Association's first annual conference.

In fiscal year 2013, SBA supported nearly \$100 million in lending to Native American businesses, and we counseled and trained more than 12,500 Native American small business owners in the first three quarters of 2013 alone.

Through SBA's Native American Emerging Leaders and Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment Workshops, we've trained more than 400 Native American entrepreneurs and businesses owned by American Indian tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and National Hawaiian Organizations nationwide.

And the accomplishments don't end there. Moving forward, we will continue to improve access to capital, to technical assistance and to procurement programs for Native American-owned small businesses. We are expanding our entrepreneurial

development workshops for Native Americans to reach even more rural reservation communities.

We plan to hold roundtables and listening sessions with lenders and native community stakeholders to improve lending practices and assist in access to capital for reservation-based small businesses; host webinars with Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to promote SBA's microloan and community advantage lending programs; and hold webinars and outreach events focused on exporting for tribes and Native American-owned small businesses.

And later this month, SBA will introduce a new online contracting course to help "Entity-Owned" small businesses through SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program.

SBA has been at the forefront of helping to bridge the gap for Native American-owned small businesses to ensure that they start, grow and succeed. We will continue to support our Native American small businesses and tribal enterprises by providing the resources that support economic development and growth in our communities.

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Duration: 09:00AM-05:00PM

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DECEMBER 10, 2013

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Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 12/10/13 9:07AM

Description last reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Duration: 09:07AM-12:10PM

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90010, Swann Do, (213)989-3275

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DECEMBER 15, 2013

ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM

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Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 12/15/13 9:00AM

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Duration: 09:00AM-05:00PM

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DECEMBER 17, 2013

ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13

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Bid Date: 12/17/13 9:07AM

Description last reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Duration: 09:07AM-12:10PM

PACE-WBC, 1055 Wilshire Blvd#900B, Los Angeles, CA,

90010, Swann Do, (213)989-3275

sdo@pacela.org

DECEMBER 22, 2013

ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 12/22/13 9:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 11/14/13

Duration: 09:00AM-05:00PM

SBE Los Angeles, 767 N Hill St #400, Los Angeles, CA,

Kerry City, (213)808-1754

ksity@cscla.org

DECEMBER 24, 2013

ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 12/24/13 9:07AM

Description last reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Duration: 09:07AM-12:10PM

PACE-WBC, 1055 Wilshire Blvd#900B, Los Angeles, CA,

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DECEMBER 31, 2013

ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 12/31/13 9:07AM

Description last reported in SBE: 10/24/13

Duration: 09:07AM-12:10PM

PACE-WBC, 1055 Wilshire Blvd#900B, Los Angeles, CA,

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FRESNO COUNTY

COMPRESSOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE - FRESNO,

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Fresno, CA
Date: 12/03/13
Ref#: C0354
 Description available through electronic services.
License Reqd: D-21
Estimate: \$44,000 - \$44,000
Owner: CA MILITARY DEPARTMENT, KEELIE STEVENS-BRAZELL, (916)854-3357
E:MAIL: KEELIE.BRAZELL@US.ARMY.MIL

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

REGION (1) SACRAMENTO RIVER, REQUIREMENT

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Sacramento, CA
Date: 12/23/13
 Bid Date Extended from: 11/15/12
Ref#: W91238-14-R-0003
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of the Army, 1325 J. Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, Marsha Sells
SIC: 237990

REGION (2) DELTA, REQUIREMENTS

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Sacramento, CA
Date: 12/23/13
 Bid Date Extended from: 11/15/12
Ref#: W91238-14-R-0004
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of the Army, 1325 J. Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, Marsha Sells
SIC: 237990

REGION (3) SAN JOAQUIN, REQUIREMENTS

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Sacramento, CA
Date: 12/23/13
 Bid Date Extended from: 11/15/12
Ref#: W91238-14-R-0005
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of the Army, 1325 J. Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, Marsha Sells
SIC: 237990

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

1751 CARROLL AVE

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/02/13 2:00PM
Prebid Conf: 11/14/13 10:00AM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 19 months
Estimate: \$375,000,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, Grace Nicer
Goals: 50% SBE
grace@nibbi.com

FRANCISCAN TOWERS DEMO & ABATEMENT

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/03/13 2:00PM
Prebid Conf: 11/06/13 8:00AM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 18 months
Estimate: \$15,500,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, Igor Bershteyn, (415)863-1820
igorb@nibbi.com

MISSION BAY PARK P6

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/03/13 3:00PM
Prebid Conf: 11/19/13 11:00AM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 9 months
Estimate: \$1,500,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, Shaula Kumaishi, (415)355-6627
skumaishi@altaengineeringgroup.com

FISHERMAN'S WHART TRINAGLE LOT

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/03/13 10:30AM
Ref#: 2767
Prebid Conf: 11/19/13 10:00AM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 60 calendar days
Estimate: \$100,000

Owner: San Francisco C&Co, Kenneth Chu, (415)274-0593, Fax (415)274-0551
kenneth.chu@sfdpw.org

SOUTH OF MARKET ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENT

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/04/13 2:30PM
Ref#: FCE13030 1731J
Prebid Conf: 11/18/13 1:30PM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 240 calendar days License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$2,800,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, (415)554-6229,
 Fax (415)554-6232
contractadmin.staff@sfdpw.org

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/04/13 2:30PM
Ref#: FCE13035 1971J
Prebid Conf: 11/22/13 1:30PM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 120 calendar days License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$310,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, Ken Spielman, (415)437-7002,
 Fax (415)554-6232
contractadmin.staff@sfdpw.org

POINT LOBOS AVE

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Francisco, CA
Date: 12/04/13 2:30PM
Ref#: FCE14039 2233J
Prebid Conf: 11/20/13 1:30PM
 Description available through electronic services.
Duration: 240 calendar days License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$4,000,000
Owner: San Francisco C&Co, (415)554-6229,
 Fax (415)554-6232
contractadmin.staff@sfdpw.org

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

WIDEN AND OVERLAY EXISTING HIGHWAY

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: San Joaquin County, CA
Date: 12/18/13

Ref#: 10-0W1204

Description available through electronic services.
License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$8,600,000 - \$8,600,000
Owner: CA TRANSPORTATION, DEPART, DENISE SILVAS, (916)227-6293
E:MAIL: DENISE_SILVAS@DOT.CA.GOV

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Santa Cruz, CA
Date: 12/10/13
Ref#: 05-0C9014
 Description available through electronic services.
License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$370,000 - \$370,000
Owner: CA TRANSPORTATION, DEPART, DENISE SILVAS, (916)227-6293
E:MAIL: DENISE_SILVAS@DOT.CA.GOV

VARIOUS, CA

DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION P

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Location: Various, CA
Date: 12/06/13
Ref#: HSR13-57
Prebid Conf: 10/28/13 1:00PM
 Description available through electronic services.
Estimate: \$15,000,000 - \$15,000,000
Owner: CA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHOR, REBECCA HARNAGEL, (961)324-1541
E:MAIL: CP23@HSR.CA.GOV

CALIFORNIA, UNDETERMINED

FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT SERVICES

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Undetermined, CA
Date: 12/03/13
Ref#: 10087378
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA WATER RESOURCES, DEPAR, CATHY SHANNON, (530)534-2500
E:MAIL: CSHANNON@WATER.CA.GOV

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION BIDS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

COLD PLANE AC PAVEMENT AND PLACE RHMA (G

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Date: 12/05/13
Ref#: 07-1W1404
 Description available through electronic services.
License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$1,220,000 - \$1,220,000
Owner: CA TRANSPORTATION, DEPART, DENISE SILVAS,
 (916)227-6293
E:MAIL: DENISE_SILVAS@DOT.CA.GOV

CORRECT SECURITY DEFICIENCIES IN VARIOUS

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Date: 12/09/13
Ref#: VA26214B0038
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of Veterans Af, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA, 90815, Maria Cruz-Thompson
SIC: 236220

RECONSTRUCT SLOPE AND HYDROSEED

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Date: 12/12/13
Ref#: 07-3X3504
 Description available through electronic services.
License Reqd: A
Estimate: \$810,000 - \$810,000
Owner: CA TRANSPORTATION, DEPART, DENISE SILVAS,
 (916)227-6293
E:MAIL: DENISE_SILVAS@DOT.CA.GOV

SOURCES SOUGHT-FY 14 F-35 SQUADRON OPERA

1st reported in SBE: 9/12/13
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Date: 4/21/14
 Bid Date Extended from: 3/14/13
Ref#: W912PL-13-S-0006
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of the Army, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA, 90053-2325, Sandy Oquita
SIC: 236220

VARIOUS, CA

DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION P

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Location: Various, CA

Date: 12/06/13

Ref#: HSR13-57
Prebid Conf: 10/28/13 1:00PM
 Description available through electronic services.
Estimate: \$15,000,000 - \$15,000,000
Owner: CA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHOR, REBECCA HARNAGEL,
 (961)324-1541
E:MAIL: CP23@HSR.CA.GOV

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FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT SERVICES

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: Undetermined, CA
Date: 12/03/13
Ref#: 10087378
 Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA WATER RESOURCES, DEPAR, CATHY SHANNON,
 (530)534-2500
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

MOTION CAPTION EQUIPMENT

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Sacramento, CA**
Date: **12/09/13**
Ref#: B130008

Prebid Conf: 11/22/13 4:00PM

Description last reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Owner: CA CSU SACRAMENTO,
DALE CLACK, (916)278-7405
E:MAIL CLACKD@CSUS.EDU

CALIFORNIA, UNDETERMINED

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (EVSE)

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **1/30/14**
Ref#: IFB 1303-003

Description last reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Owner: CA GENERAL SERVICES, DEPA,
DION CAMPOS, (916)375-4478
E:MAIL DION.CAMPOS@DGS.CA.GOV

BUSINESS SERVICES BIDS

ALPINE COUNTY

POND WATER TREATMENT OPERATION & MAINTEN

1st reported in SBE: 9/19/13
Location: **Markleeville, CA**
Date: **1/16/14**
Ref#: 109376

Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA GENERAL SERVICES, DEPA,
LYNETTE MCINTYRE, (916)375-4064
E:MAIL LYNETTE.MCINTYRE@DGS.CA.GOV

Ref#: 1310-004

Description available through electronic services.
License Req'd: A
Owner: CA CONSERVATION, DEPARTME,
CHRISTINA DIXON, (916)445-9686
E:MAIL CHRISTINA.DIXON@CONSERVATION.CA.GOV

STATEWIDE, CA

RFQP 12-001.3 CONTINUOUS APPLICATION PRO

1st reported in SBE: 9/19/13
Location: **Statewide, CA**
Date: **10/28/15**
Ref#: RFQP 12-001.3

Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA CALIFORNIA TECHNOLOGY,
TIFFANY ANGULO, (916)454-7299
E:MAIL TIFFANY.ANGULO@STATE.CA.GOV

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SOURCES SOUGHT-RADOME REPAIRS

1st reported in SBE: 9/12/13 Last changed: 10/31/13
Location: **San Diego, CA**
Date: **5/09/14**
Bid Date Extended from: 2/19/13
Ref#: N40443-13-T-0000
Description available through electronic services.
Owner: Department of the Navy, San Diego, CA,
Amador Rey Estrada, (619)524-9806
SIC: 811213

CALIFORNIA, UNDETERMINED

FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/02/13**
Ref#: 13-10039
Description available through electronic services.
Estimate: \$500,000 - \$500,000
Owner: CA PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTM,
LYNN HOANG, (916)650-0209
E:MAIL LYNN.HOANG@CDPH.CA.GOV

FEDERAL PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FED

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/03/13**
Ref#: 2013-6815

Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETI,
IRIS WALKER, (916)795-3020
E:MAIL OSSD_CONTRACTSADMIN@CALPERS.CA.GOV

AUTOMATED STAFF SCHEDULING INFORMATION

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/11/13**
Ref#: DSH RFP 1310-005
Owner: CA STATE HOSPITALS, DEPAR,
KATIE SANBORN, (916)431-5548
E:MAIL KATIE.SANBORN@STATE.CA.GOV

THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/19/13**
Ref#: 5000000096
Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA TEACHERS' RETIREMENT S,
VIKKI ESZLINGER, (916)414-4890
E:MAIL PROCUREMENT@CALSTRS.COM

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NETWORK AND THIRD

1st reported in SBE: 10/24/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/31/13**
Ref#: 12265

Prebid Conf: 11/01/13 8:00AM

Description available through electronic services.
Owner: CA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CA,
GARY L JOHNSON, (916)691-4422
E:MAIL GARY.JOHNSON2@CDCR.CA.GOV

LABORATORY SERVICES

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Undetermined, CA**
Date: **12/09/13**
Ref#: 13-042-110
Description last reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Owner: CA WATER RESOURCES CONTRO,
RANDY INDVIK, (916)324-6341
E:MAIL RINDVIK@WATERBOARDS.CA.GOV

WRITING AND HARDWARE DESIGN SERVICES

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14053
Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
Severino (Jun) Caranto, (415)558-4595
severino.caranto@sfdpw.org

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

COST ESTIMATING SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14048

Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM
Description available through electronic services.
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
Severino (Jun) Caranto, (415)558-4595
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CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14049

Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
Severino (Jun) Caranto, (415)558-4595
severino.caranto@sfdpw.org

ELEVATOR DESIGN SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14050
Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM

Description available through electronic services.
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
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LIGHTING DESIGN SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14051
Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
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PROFESSIONAL RENDERING SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**
Ref#: APA14052
Prebid Conf: 11/21/13 2:30PM
Description available through electronic services.
Owner: San Francisco C&Co,
Severino (Jun) Caranto, (415)558-4595
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WATERPROOFING CONSULTATION SERVICES 2013

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **San Francisco, CA**
Date: **12/06/13 2:30PM**

Ref#: APA14054

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Severino (Jun) Caranto, (415)558-4595
severino.caranto@sfdpw.org

VENTURA COUNTY

A&E ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR PROJECT S

1st reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Location: **Ventura, CA**
Date: **12/05/13**
Ref#: 75A0398
Description last reported in SBE: 11/14/13
Owner: CA TRANSPORTATION, DEPART,
JENNIFER NOAKES, (916)227-3216
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Filmmaker Burns Celebrates Gettysburg Address

by David Jackson, USA TODAY

If filmmaker Ken Burns had his way, all Americans would honor Tuesday's 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address - in both old-fashioned and new-fashioned ways.

First, they would memorize Abraham Lincoln's most famous speech; then they would recite it on video for posterity, part of a Burns project to extend Lincoln's historic call for freedom and equality.

"It's our catechism," Burns said. "It's our marching orders."

Burns, whose next film spotlights the Gettysburg Address, has created a website - learntheaddress.org - that enables people to post videos of the speech immortalized on a wall at the Lincoln Memorial.

An award-winning documentarian whose works include *The Civil War* (1990), Burns said the Gettysburg project was inspired by a boys school in Vermont that requires students to learn the address. The project is being produced in conjunction with PBS; it will run through April 15, 2014, when Burns' 90-minute documentary *The Address* will air on PBS stations nationwide.

Lincoln's speech came on Nov. 19, 1863, dedicating a cemetery to those who died at the battle of Gettysburg 4½ months before.

In little more than two minutes, Lincoln previewed the end of the Civil War and challenged the nation to reunite and live up to the ideal of equality expressed in the Declaration of Independence - a struggle that is ongoing.

Burns' Gettysburg Address project has produced a mash-up of various celebrities reading brief segments of the speech. The videos on learntheaddress.com range from college students to singer Taylor Swift to comedian and talk show host Stephen Colbert, who donned a stovepipe hat and Lincoln-like fake beard for the occasion.

In a phone interview, Burns said he is especially honored to have secured readings from the five living U.S. presidents: Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

"We've got so many notables, we've got to do two or three mash-ups," Burns said.

Burns' forthcoming film combines a history of the speech with the story of the Greenwood School in Putney, Vt., where students ages 11 to 17 are required to memorize and recite Lincoln's great work.

The students at Greenwood have learning challenges - dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and the like - but the Gettysburg Address is a requirement. "It's a minefield for these boys," Burns said, "and yet they do it."

A resident of rural New Hampshire, Burns said he had long known about the school in neighboring Vermont. He became professionally interested in Greenwood School after it asked him about 10 years ago to be a judge at a Gettysburg Address event.

"I wept at the struggle and the beauty" of the students' efforts, Burns said.

Written by Lincoln himself, the Gettysburg Address features one of history's great openings: "Four score and seven years ago our

fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

A score is 20 years; Lincoln was noting that it had been 87 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which stated that "all men are created equal."

Yet the young United States still allowed slavery - and denied women the right to vote, by the way - and the country descended into civil war.

At Gettysburg, Lincoln called on the nation to honor the fallen of the Civil War by living up to the call for equality.

"He essentially doubled down on the Declaration of Independence," Burns said.

In his equally famous closing, Lincoln spoke of "the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

That task is still with us, Burns said. He cited the death of Trayvon Martin and the subjects of another of his film projects, *The Central Park Five*, a group of men wrongly convicted of assault and rape.

Burns said memorizing the Gettysburg Address can help bring a measure of unity to a nation undergoing a "fractured time" politically.

The videos on learntheaddress.org include recitations by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. There are appearances by liberal MSNBC talk show host Rachel Maddow and conservative Fox News talk show host Bill O'Reilly.

Referring to the national motto of *e pluribus unum* - "out of many, one" - Burns said, "This can be something that reminds us we have too much pluribus and not enough unum."

In addition to *The Address*, Burns is working on a seven-part documentary series about three other pivotal occupants of the White House: the Roosevelts - Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor.

Other Burns projects include upcoming biographies of Jackie Robinson and Ernest Hemingway and a future multipart documentary on the Vietnam War.

Tuesday, the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, Burns and a camera crew will be at the battlefield site, helping people upload their recordings of Lincoln's speech and hoping they remember its lessons.

Burns said, "By memorizing it, it will be internalized."

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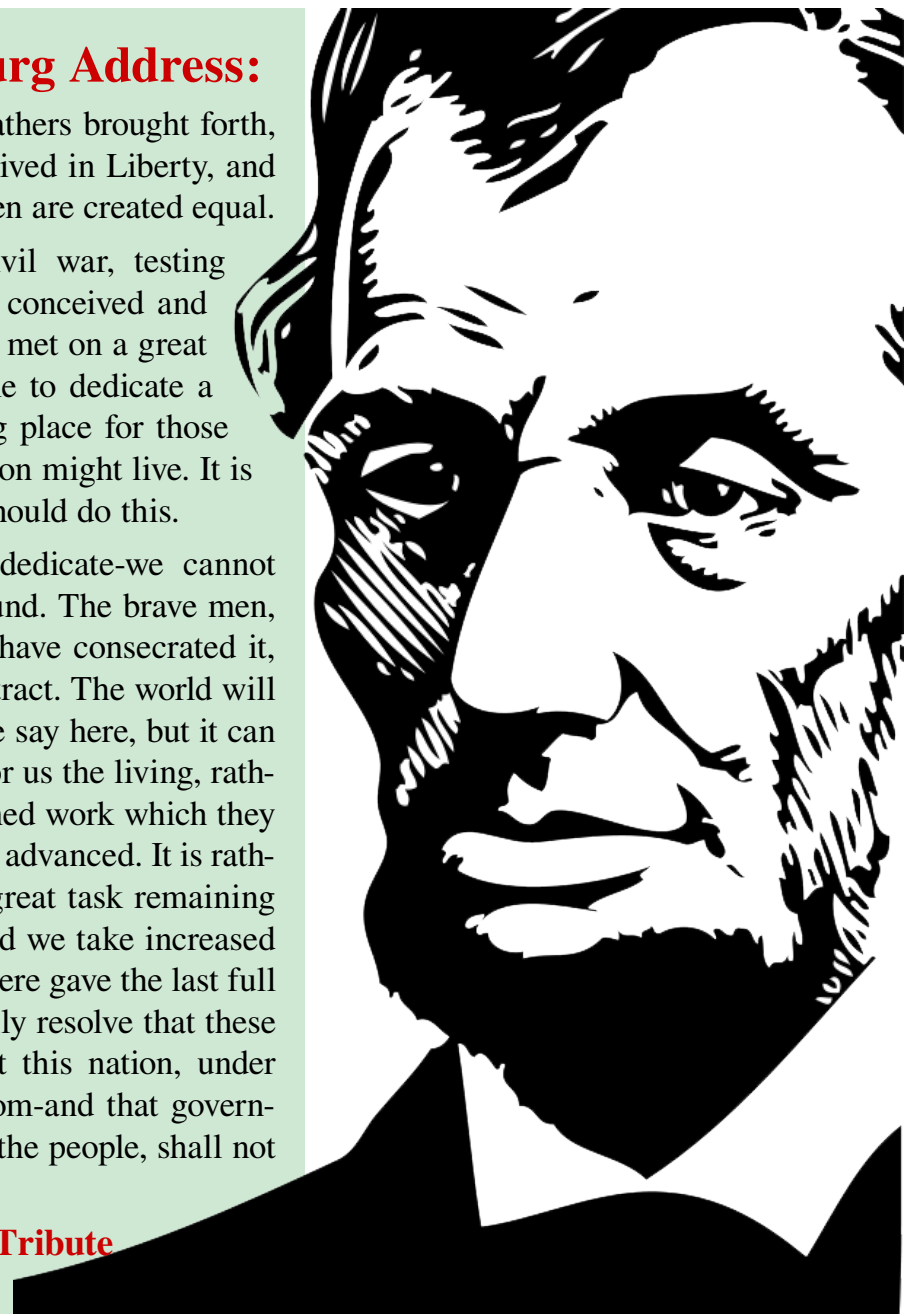
Full text of the Gettysburg Address:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate-we cannot consecrate-we cannot hallow-this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us-that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain-that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

President Obama's Handwritten Tribute to the Gettysburg on page 9



President Obama's Handwritten Tribute to the Gettysburg Address

One hundred fifty years after President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, President Obama penned a handwritten tribute to President Lincoln's historic remarks. Read his essay below, then share it with others.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

In the evening, when Michelle and the girls have gone to bed, I sometimes walk down the hall to a room Abraham Lincoln used as his office. It contains an original copy of the Gettysburg Address, written in Lincoln's own hand.

I linger on these few words that have helped define our American experiment: "a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Through the lines of weariness etched in his face, we know Lincoln grasped, perhaps more than anyone, the burdens required to give these words meaning. He knew that even a self-evident truth was not self-executing; that blood drawn by the lash was an affront to our ideals; that blood drawn by the sword was in painful service to those same ideals.

He understood as well that our humble efforts, our individual ambitions, are ultimately not what matter; rather, it is through the accumulated toil and sacrifice of ordinary men and women — those like the soldiers who consecrated that battlefield — that this country is built, and freedom preserved. This quintessentially self-made man, fierce in his belief in honest work and the driving spirit at the heart of America, believed that it falls to each generation, collectively, to share in that toil and sacrifice.

Through cold war and world war, through industrial revolutions and technological transformations, through movements for civil rights and women's rights and workers rights and gay rights, we have. At times, social and economic change have strained our union. But Lincoln's words give us confidence that whatever trials await us, this nation and the freedoms we cherish can, and shall, prevail.

Revitalizing History: Entrepreneurship Through Innovation

by Dr. Winslow Sargeant,
Chief Counsel for Advocacy

Sitting down to write a message to our readers this month is very exciting. The Office of Advocacy remains very busy. From releasing in-house issue briefs and research reports to regulatory success stories, Advocacy is diligently working on behalf of our nation's small businesses. With so many topics address, I chose to highlight a recent trip to the Northeast which continued Advocacy's Innovation Initiative.

This fall, I traveled to the great cities of Wilmington, Delaware; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Camden, New Jersey. Leading the way were Region II Advocate Teri Coaxum and Region III Advocate Ngozi Bell.

My trip started as an opportunity to continue our national conversation about innovation, and to my delight, it became much more. It could best be described as a three-day information gathering session with a vibrant cross-pollination of regionally focused ideas, strengthened by robust feedback.

Interestingly, in each city we met in historic venues that have been repurposed as innovation hubs, uniquely capturing the essence of transformation and innovation in each region.

Our trip began in Wilmington at the Hercules Center, a former DuPont chemical and munitions company founded in 1912. Today, the Hercules Center is still home to a chemical company and is quickly becoming one of Wilmington's most vibrant innovation clusters. While I was there, Delaware Governor Jack Markell pledged to support even more opportunities to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship. With the support of our leaders, we will continue to surpass our competitors and move our nation on a path to success through viable solutions and out-of-the box thinking. With representatives from the University of Delaware and Delaware State University, we received feedback from premier learning institutions and entrepreneurs about green chemistry, cybersecurity, and youth entrepreneurship. Whether leveraging existing tools like startup tax credits or expanding state programs into national ones, we were delighted to find that our innovation toolbox is beyond the drawing board stage when it comes to fresh concepts for an innovative nation.

We next traveled to Philadelphia, where we spent the majority of our time at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This state-of-the-art industrial park, formerly the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and Naval Business Center, is now home to some of the region's most technologically advanced companies. Representatives from the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Rowan University, and Rutgers University joined our dynamic discussion. Our dialog spanned energy, healthcare, manufacturing, women and minority entrepreneurship, and life sciences.

In addition to forward-thinking conversations with some of our nation's top academic minds, I had the opportunity to hear from students seeking to start their own businesses. Students from the Delaware Valley Charter School shared their challenges with access to mainstream capital, describing how

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Contract No. 2182J
(ID No. FCE14041)**

MCALLISTER STREET PAVEMENT RENOVATION AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market St., 4th Flr., San Francisco, CA 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on December 18, 2013**, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs, or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market Street, 4th Flr., San Francisco, CA 94103, telephone 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable \$15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work is located on McAllister St. from Divisadero St. to Polk St. and consists of pavement renovation, curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, electrical work related to conduits and pull boxes, traffic routing and all related and incidental work. The time allowed for completion is 210 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is in excess of \$2,500,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Ramon Kong at (415)-554-8280.

This Project shall incorporate the required partnering elements for **Partnering Level 1**. Refer to Section 01 31 33 for more details.

Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Lump Sum Bid Items With Unit Prices basis. Progressive payments will be made.

Bid discounts may be applied as per SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **25% LBE**. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with SFAC Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders, except those who meet the exception noted below, shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids and must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference. Refer to CMD Form 2B for more details. Exception: Bidders who demonstrate that their total LBE participation exceeds the above subcontracting goal by 35% will not be required to meet the good faith efforts requirements.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **December 4, 2013; 1:30 p.m.**, at 1680 Mission St., 4th Flr For information on the City's Surety Bond Program, call Jennifer Elmore at (415) 217-6578.

A corporate surety bond or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must accompany each bid. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction greater than \$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "A" license required to bid.

In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$400,000 is awarded by the City and County of San Francisco until such time as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee approves the contract for award, and the Director of Public Works then issues an order of award. Pursuant to Charter Section 3.105, all contract awards are subject to certification by the Controller as to the availability of funds.

Minimum wage rates for this project must comply with the current General Prevailing Wage as determined by the State Department of Industrial Relations. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with SFAC Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids and waive any minor irregularities.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Santa Cruz, responses to the University's prequalification documents for a Lump Sum contract are sought from prospective bidders for the following project:

**Project Name: Hay Barn Disassembly
Project Number: 1326A**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Cruz PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

The University has determined that bidders who submit bids on this project must be prequalified. Prequalified bidders will be required to have the following California contractor's license(s):

General Building Contractor, B

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The project will disassemble an historic Hay Barn on the UCSC campus. The barn is approximately 5,000 square feet and was built in the 1850's using pegged mortise and tenon joinery in heavy timbers. The building has deteriorated extensively, such that one end has collapsed. The contractor will stabilize the structure, then disassemble and sort and store the salvaged materials for eventual reuse in the reconstruction of the same Hay Barn.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, San Francisco (University), responses to the University's prequalification documents for a JOB ORDER CONTRACT are sought from bidders for the following:

UCSF MEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING FAN ROOMS RENOVATION Project No.: M2618A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

The University has determined that bidders who submit bids on this project must be prequalified. Prequalified bidders will be required to have the following California Contractor's license(s) classification:

B - GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR and C20 - WARM-AIR HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR-CONDITIONING (HVAC)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The scope of work for this project includes repair and/or upgrade of mechanical systems associated with the Medical Science Building air handlers. Work may include any of the following tasks:

1. Procurement and Installation of new FSD's.
2. Demo of Existing FSD's.
3. Construction of a Fire-Rated enclosure for FSD operations.
4. Replacement of the steam heating coil in the warm air duct with new.
5. Addition of new steam tempered air coil in the supply air plenum.
6. Repair of Existing Steam Coils.
7. Procurement and Installation of New mist eliminators.
8. Procurement and Installation of New VFD's.
9. Replacement of the access doors and frames to the outside air intake and fan sections of the Mechanical room.
10. Repair of the existing damaged fan room 1-hour plaster walls.

The Job Order Contract awarded under this solicitation will have a Maximum Job Order Contract amount of \$1,400,000 for the initial term with two possible exten-

What cannot be reused or repurposed will be disposed of.

The contractor qualifications will include, but not be limited to, experience in building salvage and historical structures and the field crew will be led by someone with demonstrated experience in timber frame structures.

PREQUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

On **November 20, 2013**, a set of prequalification documents will be issued at:

CONTRACTS OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA
CRUZ
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
831-459-2366

On **December 2, 2013**, the completed Prequalification Questionnaire and associated documents will be received at:

CONTRACTS OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA
CRUZ
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, BARN G
1156 HIGH STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95064
831-459-2366

The Prequalification Questionnaire and associated documents is due on December 2, 2013 at 3:00

sions for \$1,400,000 each. Individual Job Order authorizations will range from \$5,000 to \$500,000.

PREQUALIFICATION SCHEDULE:

Prequalification Documents will be available beginning **November 19, 2013 at 12NN** by requesting via e-mail to prequal@ucsf.edu with the following information: Company name, address, phone and fax nos. Please reference Project No. M2618A in the subject line. You will be sent an email with a link to the questionnaire. The questionnaire has been created using an online software.

Questionnaires are to be completed by **December 6, 2013 at 12NN**.

Any questions or requests for clarifications or interpretation of the Prequalification Documents must be submitted in writing to **Conor Neville**, Facilities Construction Manager - Facilities Services at email address Conor.Neville@ucsf.edu by **5 PM, November 25, 2013**. Questions received after the above-noted deadline may be answered at the discretion of the University.

Any person or entity not satisfied with the outcome of the prequalification must file a writ challenging the outcome within 10 calendar days from the date of the University's written notice regarding prequalification determination. Any assertion that the outcome of the prequalification process was improper will not be a ground for a bid protest. However, the University reserves the right to accept late submissions and to request, receive, and evaluate supplemental information after the above time and date at its sole determination.

The dates, times, and location set for receiving and opening of bids will be set forth in an Announcement to Prequalified Bidders and Advertisement for Bids.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and to waive non-material irregularities in any response received.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy.

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The dates, times, and location set for receiving and opening of bids will be set forth in an Advertisement for Bids.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and to waive non-material irregularities in any response received.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence, and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) seeks bids for **Contract No. 2014-FT-14, Propulsion Overhaul and Capital Improvements to the M.S. Marin Ferry**. Interested Bidders must submit sealed bids to the Office of the Secretary of the District on **Tuesday, November 26, 2013, by 2:00 p.m., PT**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Bid Documents are available for download on the District's web site. To download the Bid Documents, go to the District's web site home page at <http://www.goldengate.org>, click on Contract Opportunities, scroll down to Ferry Division and look for Contract No. 2014-FT-14.

To inspect and obtain the Bid Documents, please contact the Office of the Secretary of the District, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, by telephone at (415) 923-2223, by email at districtsecretary@goldengate.org, or by facsimile at (415) 923-2013.

/s/ **Janet S. Tarantino**,
District Secretary
Dated: November 14, 2013
11/14, 11/21/13
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Los Angeles, sealed bids for a lump-sum contract are invited from prequalified general contractor bidders for the following work:

BOYER HALL 570 LAB RENOVATION Project Number 943970.01

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Remodeling of approximately 5,300 square feet on the fifth floor of Boyer Hall, located on the UCLA campus. The renovations will create work areas for tissue cultures (rated Biosafety Level 2) microscopy, chemicals, equipment and offices. The restrooms on the fourth floor (men's) and fifth floor (women's) shall also be upgraded for disabled access.

Work shall include but is not limited to: provision of laboratory utilities, piping, HVAC terminal boxes with reheat coils, ductwork and mechanical system controls; provision and reconfiguration of electrical power and communications connectivity conduit; reconfiguration of the fire sprinkler system and provision of fire alarm devices; and the provision of interior partitions, casework, shelving, fume hoods, sinks and finishes.

The estimated construction cost is \$2,670,000.00.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

1. Bidding Documents will be available beginning on November 21, 2013 and will be issued at:

ARC
2435 Military Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Telephone (310) 477-6501
Website: <http://social.fordgraphics.com/>

2. Each prequalified General Contractor Bidder will be issued (1) complete set of Bidding Documents at no cost (each prequalified entity must contact ARC to instruct them as to whether they wish to receive digital or hard copy). Said entities and all other interested parties may view the Bidding Documents online at the ARC PlanWell Public Plan Room, and purchase digital and/or hard copies of the Bidding Documents by contacting ARC as indicated above. All parties will make arrangements with and payment to ARC directly. (NOTE: Bidding Documents will not be issued at the University's office.)

PREQUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTOR BIDDERS: University has prequalified general contractor bidders for this Project. Refer to the website address listed at the end of this Advertise-

ment for a list of said prequalified entities.

BID DEADLINE: Bids will be received only at the following location:

Contracts Administration
University of California, Los Angeles
1060 Veteran Avenue, Suite 125
Box 951365
Los Angeles, California 90095-1365
310-825-7015

and must be received at or before:

2:00 p.m., December 13, 2013

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE & JOB WALK:

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and mandatory Pre-Bid Job Walk will be conducted on November 22, 2013 beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Only bidders who participate in both the Conference and the Job Walk, in their entirety, will be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. Participants shall meet at Capital Programs Building, 1060 Veteran Avenue (follow signs to the meeting room), UCLA campus (refer to the online UCLA Campus Map at www.ucla.edu/map). For further information, contact Howard Titzel at 310-825-5500.

(NOTE: Bidders are advised that parking may be difficult. Bidders should allow ample time to drive to the above location in heavy traffic, find a parking space, walk to the building, and arrive in the designated Meeting Room prior to the required time. It is currently anticipated that the Conference/Job Walk will last at least 2 hours.)

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: The successful Bidder will be required to have the following California current and active contractor's license at the time of submission of the Bid:

B License (General Building)

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The work described in the contract is a public work subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS (RE-BID)

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Los Angeles, sealed bids for a Job Order Contract are invited for the following work:

FIRE LIFE SAFETY JOB ORDER CONTRACT - UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS 2013 Project Number UAEL--2013

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: University is seeking to hire a contractor to perform single trade fire life safety construction work that will be delivered by Job Order Contracting (JOC) and occurring in UCLA off-campus University Apartment facilities. A list of University buildings applicable to this scope is contained in the bidding documents. Work applicable to this contract consists of: repairs and/or replacement of CCTV, building entry equipment and City of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 4 C10/C16 testing and related repairs required by University and valued between \$5,000.00 and \$250,000.00. The types of equipment addressed by the regulation (Regulation 4) include, without limitation:

Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems
Building Automation and Control Systems
Central Station Signaling Systems
Elevator Emergency Service
Emergency Lighting Systems
Emergency and Standby Power Systems
Fire Department Communication and Emergency Voice Alarm Signaling Systems
Fire Protection Assemblies
Fire Protective Signaling Systems
Fire Pumps
Gas Detection and Alarm Systems
Smoke Management Systems
Standpipe Systems.

The Job Order Contract will have a Maximum Contract Value of \$1,500,000.00 for the 1-year Base Term, and \$1,750,000.00 during each 1-year Option Term, if exercised by University.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

1. Bidding Documents will be available beginning on November 19, 2013, and will be issued at:

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Los Angeles, CA 90064
Telephone (310) 477-6501
Website: <http://social.fordgraphics.com/>

2. Bidders may view the Bidding Documents online at the ARC PlanWell Public Plan Room, and purchase digital and/or hard copies of the Bidding Documents by contacting ARC as indicated above. All parties will make arrangements with and payment to ARC directly. (NOTE: Bidding Documents will not be issued at the University's office.)

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310-825-7015

and must be received at or before:

2:00 p.m., December 6, 2013

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted on November 26, 2013 beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Only bidders who participate in the Conference in its entirety, will be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. Participants must arrive at or before 10:00 a.m. Persons arriving later than said time will not be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. Participants shall meet at Capital Programs Building, 1060 Veteran Avenue (follow signs to the meeting room), UCLA campus (refer to the online UCLA Campus Map at www.ucla.edu/map). For further information, contact Ken MacKenzie at 310-983-3807.

(NOTE: Bidders are advised that parking may be difficult. Bidders should allow ample time to drive to the above location in heavy traffic, find a parking space, walk to the building, and arrive in the designated Meeting Room prior to the required time. It is currently anticipated that the Conference will last at least 2 hours.)

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: The successful Bidder will be required to have both of the following California current and active contractor's licenses at the time of submission of the Bid:

C-10 License (Electrical) AND C-16 License (Fire Protection)

If Bidder is a joint venture, Bidder shall have the above-specified licenses in the name of the joint venture itself, and each member of the joint venture shall also have said licenses.

In addition, at least one direct employee of successful Bidder's firm (or direct employee of successful Bidder's subcontractor's firm, if applicable) must possess a Valid Certificate of Fitness to perform City of Los Angeles Regulation 4 testing and certification.

A Contractor License Fee of 1% of the Job Order Sum for every Job Order shall be paid directly by the Contractor to The Gordian Group as set forth in 6.3.10 of the Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

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NOTICE INVITING GLAZING CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Prequalification Questionnaires will be received by the **University of California, Irvine Medical Center (UCIMC)** from glazing contractors wishing to submit bids for a lump sum contract for the **UCIMC B23 Exterior Upgrade, Project No. 994024**.

PREQUALIFICATION: The University has determined that bidders must be prequalified for this project.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Replace all existing spandrel glass elements and repaint existing mullion caps in Building 23 with a solid, light gray glass. Project completion time: 90 days.

ESTIMATED COST: \$800,000

PROCEDURES: Prequalification Questionnaires available Friday, 11/22/13, 2:00 PM. Contact David Donovan, (714) 456-5628, ddonovan@uci.edu.

MANDATORY PREQUALIFICATION CONFERENCE: Tuesday, 12/3/13, at UCIMC, Building 22A, Rooms 2103-2104, 101 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868, beginning promptly at 10:00 AM.

QUESTIONNAIRE DUE DATE: Questionnaires must be received by **Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 4 PM** only at UCIMC, Planning Administration, Building 27, Room 36, 101 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: Must meet license, insurance, bonding, safety, financial and claims history requirements. Must have completed a minimum of three projects with a construction cost of \$500,000 or more in the last five years including: One (1) window replacement project requiring infection control constructed in a fully operational/occupied hospital or outpatient facility; one (1) renovation project involving window replacement in a multi-story building; and one (1) window installation/replacement project that required waterproof testing. **Bidders not meeting the requirements of the prequalification questionnaire will not be eligible to bid.**

LICENSE REQUIREMENT: Current and active California CSLB **C17 Glazing Contractor** license.

Prequalification is solely for the purpose of determining bidders who are deemed capable of successful performance of the type of work included in this project. A contract will be awarded to the prequalified bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses to this notice, to waive non-material irregularities, and to deem Contractors prequalified to submit proposals for the project. To prequalify, Contractors must agree to comply with all bid conditions including state prevailing wages, 10% bid bond, 100% payment and performance bonds, and insurance requirements. All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence, and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Proposer may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy.

For other opportunities: www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/planning-administration/index.asp

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State of California - Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Department of Parks and Recreation, Monterey District, is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) for CONTRACT C1364009 Audio Visual Installation - Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Campfire Center. MANDATORY JOB SHOWING: December 10, 2013 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Bidder Questions accepted through Bid Sync until 10:00 a.m. December 13, 2013

Answers by State Representative will be posted to Bid Sync no later than 4:30 p.m., December 16, 2013

Request for Proposal (RFP) Packets Due Date: December 19, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. - **Review RFP packet for mailing instructions.** Note: Official bid packets can be downloaded off Bid Sync website <https://www.bidsync.com>

Job Showing: 47225 HWY 1, Big Sur, CA 93920 (Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park) - Job-walk location is in Day Use Parking Lot #1

Budget/Engineer's Estimate: \$70,000.00 - \$80,000.00

PROJECT MANAGER: Mike Zuccaro - Associate Architect - mike.zuccaro@parks.ca.gov

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Delane Hurley - delane.hurley@parks.ca.gov

Minimum Qualifications: Refer to RFP Packet for details

Substantial Completion: Within 90 days of Notice to Proceed, if no extreme unforeseeable weather conditions exist. Contract duration: 365 calendar days

Scope of Work: Provide a Proposal for Audio Visual (AV) System Installation at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The AV system will be used for Speech Reinforcement and Laptop Presentation. The system will include a new Video Projector and Rear Projection Screen, a new custom Pedestal for the new Projector, reuse of existing speakers at the front, addition of rear speakers on light standards, audio amplifiers in the utility shack, and a new custom lectern with roll-in rack. Installation of the AV equipment will be coordinated with current Campfire Center construction project. The contractor will also provide training of the AV system and will be responsible for troubleshooting and repair of the equipment for a period of one year.

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Black Farmers Open Confab with Fresh Optimism

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whose claims were denied.”

The USDA's settlement with the farmers will be one of the highlights of the conference. The event will also feature presentations meant to boost the farmers' success and offer other victories in the future.

“As we celebrate a thirty year struggle to victory for Black farmers, we must focus on the future. NBFA members must find creative ways to take part in all federal programs such as the

much delayed federal crop insurance program to compete with large scale farmers,” Boyd said in a statement.

Workshops will provide information on USDA programs and techniques in the areas of farm credit and financing, networking, communications, skills, legal and social services, farm management teaching tools, international markets, and many more. Private companies and the Obama administration have also been supportive, Boyd said, sending representatives from appropriate agencies to interact one-on-one with farmers and answer their questions.

Most importantly, he told the AFRO, the conference features a youth track for students, which is meant to get young African Americans interested in careers in farming and agribusiness.

“We want to do like the White farmers, who pass on their legacy to their children,” Boyd said. “It is important for the survival of Black farmers.”

For a full conference agenda and other details, please visit: www.nationalblackfarmersassociation.org.

Source: Trice Edney News Wire

How Tennessee Contractors, Armed with Tougher Surety Law, Caught Forged Bonds

By Jonathan Barnes

A small contractor that prompted Memphis surety agents in 2011 to begin to push for a state law strengthening requirements for surety bonds also was the first contractor to be canned from a job because of the new law.

Local surety brokers spotted the contractors' forged Chubb surety bond following up a complaint from a competitor that submitted a second-low bid. The new law required vigilance and persistence by the local surety industry and may be an example to other states where surety fraud is found. Chubb has sued two men who operated as individual sureties in connection with the forged bonds issued to more than 20 contractors in nine states.

The Memphis-based contractor, Nelson Inc., has apparently had severe financial problems in the last few years. The company's website describes it as an African-American owned Small Business Administration certified HUB Zone site manager, supervisor and administrator.

Nelson Inc. in 2011 sought protection in federal bankruptcy court, where it tangled with at least one of its creditors, according to court records. A judge last year terminated the company's voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding.

Nelson Inc., which has performed a lot of work in Tennessee and Georgia and has been commended by Memphis city officials, did not respond to several requests for comment. According to the company's website, it was founded in 1972.

In 2011, Nelson bid on an \$8-million interceptor sewer relocation project and members of the Associated General Contractors regional chapter say they pointed out that the individual surety named on that bid did not exist. Recognizing the legal loophole which allowed the bid to be accepted, surety agents who belong to the AGC, Jay Madden and Larry Bryant, contacted the city of Memphis to see how such a mistake could happen.

Madden and Bryant say that they found that Memphis' only requirement for a surety bond is that it be “acceptable.” That's when they began to push, through West Tennessee AGC Chief

Terry Lotz, for a state law to ensure that all contract surety is backed by a U.S. Treasury-listed company.

After passage by state legislators, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam signed the measure into law in April and it went into effect in July. So when Lotz received calls in late July from some of the members of his group about a new \$458,000 project awarded to Nelson Inc., for demolition of the Regency Hotel & Suites at the Memphis-Shelby County Airport, it was the first time anyone had called him to reference the new regulation his chapter had shepherded through the state legislature into law.

The second lowest bidder for the hotel demolition, Memphis Wrecking, had complained about Nelson being awarded the contract, says Lotz.

Surety agent members of the AGC chapter thought something could be wrong about the surety guaranteeing the contractor's work, too, so in conjunction with Lotz they approached the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority to get a copy of the Nelson bid bond document to inspect it.

Lotz, Bryant and Madden inspected the documents and found them to be fraudulent.

To begin with, “Why in the world would the document's Power of Attorney reference people who are signing on behalf of the surety [who] come from Sydney, Australia?” Lotz recalled saying to himself. “And why would the signing attorney, Roy Frederick Amos, be listed as from Sydney, with an office in Jacksonville, Florida?”

Madden, who is a surety bond agent and principal in Harris Madden Powell Insurance in Memphis, immediately called Chubb, named on the documents as the underwriter, to let Chubb know someone from a broker named Asurety Partners seemed to be the bond producer (Asurety is one of the names used by Steve Stokeling, whom Chubb has charged in a civil lawsuit with fraud).

The Chubb official looked up the bond's number and told Madden the bonds were fraudulent.

Nelson's contract began on June 18, 2013 and work began on Aug. 8. The airport authority issued a stop order when the bond problem was discovered early, says Brian L. Kuhn, gen-

eral counsel for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. Little work had been done.

“The contractor had put up a construction fence, moved a temporary trailer on the property, moved a couple pieces of equipment on the property and removed some salvageable materials, but no demolition of the structure had begun when the contract was cancelled for failure to produce good performance and labor and materials bonds,” Kuhn says.

The airport authority rebid the project Oct. 23 and bids are currently being evaluated.

But the reason why no one at the authority vetted the surety remains unclear.

“We followed our normal vetting process, which would not have included checking for forged signatures,” Kuhn says.

So why was Nelson chosen for this job despite earlier problems?

Because the company submitted the low bid and was on the qualified bidder list, Kuhn says.

The airport authority hasn't paid anything to Nelson so far and the authority is in preliminary discussions with the company's attorneys regarding pay, Kuhn says. “There has been no decision on any specific amount, or if we owe them anything.”

But how much money may be recoverable from Nelson, based on the amount of money they would have received from sales of materials removed from the project?

“That is also part of the discussion with his attorneys, nothing has been decided on that either,” Kuhn says.

Meanwhile, Lotz points out how simple it is to check on the authenticity of a bond.

“This is not rocket science,” he says. “All you must do is call the national office of the surety underwriter [in Warren, N.J.] and verify the legitimacy.”

Link: <http://enr.construction.com>

Source: Engineering News-Record

Revitalizing History: Entrepreneurship Through Innovation

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they often had to rely on their friends' and families' limited resources. We also spoke with Delaware Valley leaders and entrepreneurs. We were joined by

Osagie Imasogie, managing partner of Phoenix IP Ventures; Anthony Green, senior executive of Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania; and Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Alan Greenberger. Each distinguished guest gave a personal perspective on innovation in the Delaware Valley. The wide-ranging discussion gave me a sense of perspective on the arc of innovation: the need to learn from the past, be proactive, not let ideas pass us by, and recognize a region's capabilities before they are overtaken by the market or global trends.

We ended our three-city tour on Camden's Eastern Shore at One Port Center. This architectural gem is a historic relic for the community. And today One Port Center is helping

revamp the city's economy— providing advanced technology access through its innovation incubator partnership. To take it one step further, we even toured one of the facilities in the area, the Coriell Institute for Medical Research. By showcasing some of the best area talent, Camden was the perfect location to highlight our nation's successful transformation of struggling economies.

As we approach the holiday season, we acknowledge and give thanks for our great nation. Even more so, we must give back by continuing our drive to recognize successful avenues for innovation while searching for new ways to keep our country vibrant. My tour of the East Coast reminded me that every pocket of our country comes with unique and valuable ideas. As the voice for small business, Advocacy will continue to bring this knowledge to the forefront for our policymakers to develop the best options for our future.

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Tutor-Saliba Says Claims of Defective LAX Runway Are Evidence of 'Witch Hunt'

Responding to allegations it built a defective runway at Los Angeles International Airport, a major construction company on Wednesday claimed it is the victim of a witch hunt and blamed poor maintenance by LAX workers for the deteriorating pavement.

Tutor-Saliba Corp., of Sylmar, which participated in the \$250-million project to relocate the southernmost runway at LAX, made the assertions in a letter sent to Gina Marie Lindsey, executive director of Los Angeles World Airports.

The city agency sued Tutor and four other contractors in October, asserting that the 13,000-foot runway completed in 2007 is riddled with defects, including premature cracking, exposed steel reinforcing bars and failing concrete.

Airport officials allege the problems could disrupt future flight operations at the nation's third-busiest airport and require replacement of the pavement earlier than planned.

However, Tutor contends in its letter that the use of abrasive cleaning methods and high-pressure water blasting by maintenance workers is damaging the runway surface, as well as rubberized joint seals in the concrete. Company officials said damage was confined to areas where planes touch down.

After a recent inspection, "it was blatantly obvious that LAWA's airport maintenance has culpability in this matter," the letter stated. "LAWA filing suit against all parties with no contractual relationship between each other is evidence of an apparent witch hunt."

Also named in the case are R & L Brosamer, HNTB Corp., CH2M Hill Inc. and O & G Industries Inc., which had partnered with Tutor-Saliba. Brosamer was the paving subcontractor, HNTB provided engineering services and CH2M Hill served as the construction manager. Officials for HNTB and CH2M Hill said they do not discuss litigation.

Located on the south side of LAX near El Segundo, the troubled runway continues to handle up to 500 take-offs and landings a day. LAX officials have said the problems pose no immediate danger and they are monitoring the condition of the pavement.

Airport officials declined to comment on Tutor-Saliba's accusations, citing a policy against discussing pending litigation.

Tutor said it was relieved of any maintenance responsibilities in April 2007 and that the firm's warranty against defective workmanship and materials expired in 2009. The company's letter also claimed that reports of exposed rebar in areas of the runway over the Sepulveda Boulevard tunnel are exaggerated and not in sections involving Tutor's contract.

Company officials stated that the dispute is "very unfortunate" because the runway effort has won accolades, awards and bonuses for workmanship and handling of the project's complexity.

Tutor suggested that Los Angeles World Airports review its maintenance program. In addition, the letter stated that Brosamer, another contractor, will send separate correspondence to airport officials stating that its work methods, concrete mixes and testing complied with its contract and were approved by the airport's engineers, construction manager and design firm.

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CASE NO. CNC 13-549908

PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
Ermilo Dindo Trocino Mistades
18 10th Street Unit 1025
San Francisco, CA 94103

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner **Ermilo Dindo Trocino Mistades** for a decree changing names as follows:

Ermilo Dindo Trocino Mistades changed to
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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **January 16, 2014** Time: **9:00 AM**
Room: **514**

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published in **Small Business Exchange**, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the **Small Business Exchange** newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county.

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BANKING \$ FINANCE

Liberty Bank Expands Southern Footprint



Liberty Bank President/CEO Alden McDonald

Black-owned Liberty Bank and Trust recently announced plans to expand its footprint to eight states with the acquisition of First Tuskegee Bank of Alabama.

According to New Orleans CityBusiness, the purchase will be the second this year for the 41-year-old Liberty Bank, which has used a string of acquisitions to establish a presence across the South and Midwest over the past decade.

The Montgomery Advertiser reported that Liberty Bank will acquire First Tuskegee Bank's assets and its three Alabama branches, one in Tuskegee and two in Montgomery, under the deal, though the banks did not provide further details. The final agreement is subject to shareholder and regulatory approval.

Liberty Bank officials did not return a call from CityBusiness seeking comment.

With \$54.4 million in deposits and \$33.4 million in total loans as of June 30, First Tuskegee Bank was founded in 1990 by a group of investors who purchased the assets of the insolvent

Tuskegee Federal Savings and Loan Association established in 1894. The investors were led by James Wright, the father of current First Tuskegee Bank CEO Neill S. Wright.

According to its website, First Tuskegee Bank is one of the oldest continuously operating minority-owned and operated financial institutions in the country.

Liberty Bank and Trust, one of the nation's largest Black-owned banks, has grown exponentially from assets totaling \$184.3 million in 2000 to \$556 million as of June 30. Its recent acquisitions include the failed Covenant Bank of Illinois in February, and United Bank and Trust Co. of Louisiana and Home Federal Savings Bank of Detroit in 2009.

With Liberty Bank CEO and president Alden McDonald at the helm, the financial institution currently operates 19 offices in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas.

Source: Trice Edney News Wire

The Fable of the Long Term Federal Budget Crisis

By William Spriggs

The Washington elite are returning to their obsession with the long term budget crisis which means extremists are once again calling for benefit cuts to Social Security and Medicare. Last week as the government reopened, President Obama called for cooler heads to prevail and warned elected leaders to ignore the bloggers and paid activists who have been distracting lawmakers from the real task of growing our economy. The president's warning should also apply to so-called moderates who continue to succeed in creating a fable to convince rational people to agree to make sacrifices of family sustaining programs, rather than ask the rich to pay their fair share of taxes.

The plotline of the fable is that the growing share of elderly in our population creates a growing share of "non-workers" the rest of us must "support" through Social Security and Medicare. In this warped tale, as the elderly become a bigger share of the population, they will take away from resources the rest of us need. In particular, the rapid increases in medical costs mean the elderly will consume a disproportionate share of resources, because they tend to have more expensive health care needs than the rest of us. According to current Congressional Budget Office projections, in 2038, when about 21 percent of our population will be older than 65, we would spend 14 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP, all the goods and services produced in the economy) on Social Security and Medicare.

But using the argument that Social Security and Medicare will become a rising percent of GDP is irrelevant. If the government gets totally out of the business of Social Security and Medicare, and the elderly paid out of pocket for everything on their own, as 21 percent of the population they would still consume the same 14 percent amount of the nation's income.

The solution from Republicans, and those like Pete Peterson (an 87 year old billionaire) who has personally invested his fortune in perpetuating this fable, is that the government needs to get out of assuring the elderly that the benefits they paid for will be honored to support Social Security and Medicare.

The "smart" people in the Washington elite think we should compromise by lowering the lifestyle of the elderly-or as they euphemistically say "slow the growth of their lifestyle" as the president has proposed by letting the costs of living outstrip the benefit levels by reinventing the formula for adjusting for inflation.

Why do I call this a fable? Because it creates the "evil" grandma to scare rational people to sacrifice the elderly while ignoring the real culprit behind our economic issues. Since 1997, the richest 5 percent got 284.7 percent of the nation's income growth so they now eat up 22.3 percent of the nation's income. The bottom 95 percent lost income and income share, leaving us with less money for our retirement and children's education and a lower share of the nation's resources.

Meanwhile the Peterson publicity machine has frightened us into believing that we will all be working to pay taxes to keep the elderly alive. But their fascination with the growing financial burden of seniors doesn't extend to the bigger problem of growing income inequality. Inequality worsened by continued lowering of real wages and less retirement security for the 95 percent of us, higher CEO pay for corporate executives, bigger profits for multinational corporations and more money to Wall Street speculators. Let's also be clear that future seniors Peterson wants us to fear are currently around 40 years old and living through a nightmare of an economy. Today's 40-year-old saw one of the lowest median income growth's over a decade. They also have inadequate retirement savings, so except for Social Security, they face a very uncertain future.

Rather than sacrifice current 30 and 40-year-olds to save the rich, we need to move away from fables to solving real economic problems. The real governing challenge is how to govern in an age of rapidly growing inequality. Rather than fear the elderly eating up too much resources, we need to fear accepting story lines that reinforce the current path of growing inequality.

We need to look at policies from the perspective of what our nation needs first, and the best policy designs to achieve those goals, rather than what the rich will accept. Because the tea party and the shutdown of the government and the threatening of the United States' standing tells us the rich are too

greedy to accept anything less than more sacrifice from the rest of us.

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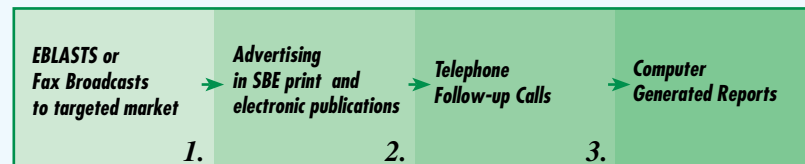
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