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U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker Highlights Minority-Owned Businesses Growth



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker

Recently, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker and Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Director Alejandra Y. Castillo hosted a roundtable with local minority business leaders in New Orleans to discuss the tremendous growth of minority-owned businesses and their impact on the local and national economy. The roundtable also addressed the challenges and opportunities of doing business in the Gulf Coast as the region continues to rebuild from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the effects of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Recently, the Commerce Department shared the final results [1] of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), which found that our nation's 8 million minority-owned firms are now the fastest-growing segment of our country's business community, and contribute

more than \$ 1.4 trillion to our economy. In Louisiana, the 126,000 minority firms contribute more than \$12 billion to the U.S. economy.

During the roundtable, Secretary Pritzker and Director Castillo heard directly from local minority business leaders about the challenges they face and how the MBDA can help firms compete, succeed, and grow. Some of the business leaders discussed the need to help new minority firms become sustainable once they initially get off the ground. Issues including access to capital, capacity building, and the opportunities presented by technology were also discussed.

"As the only federal agency focused on strengthening the economic contribution of our nation's minority-owned businesses, MBDA works each day to ensure that minority-owned businesses grow in size and scale through our 44 business centers across the nation," said Director Castillo. "Minority businesses are a key part of the recovery and restoration in the Gulf Coast, and the New Orleans MBDA Center has greatly impacted local businesses and workers by opening doors for contracts and procurements, facilitating financial transactions, and helping create new jobs.'

In addition to impacting the national economy, local minority business leaders are also a critical component of ensuring the Gulf Coast comes back stronger and more vibrant than ever before. Chaired by Secretary Pritzker, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council voted last month to adopt the final rule, [2] which allocates funding between the five Gulf Coast States through the Spill Impact Component of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act). These funds will support investments in actions and projects to ensure the longterm environmental health and economic prosperity of the Gulf Coast region. The RESTORE Act provides greater opportunity for minority businesses in Louisiana to aid in the repair of the ecosystem and build a stronger economy.

Source: http://www.mbda.gov

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About Penny Pritzker

Penny Pritzker has served as the 38th U.S. Secretary of Commerce since being sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden on June 26, 2013. As Secretary of Commerce, she is focused on providing American businesses and entrepreneurs with the tools they need to grow and hire.

Secretary Pritzker is a key member of President Obama's economic team, with 27 years of private sector experience. Since taking office, she has worked closely with the business community and helped advance the President's priorities of expanding growth and opportunity for all Ameri-

cans. Guided by conversations with more than 1,500 CEOs and business leaders, and over onethird of the Fortune 500 CEOs, Secretary Pritzker has developed the "Open for Business Agenda." This bold strategic plan and policy blueprint for the Commerce Department focuses on expanding trade and investment, unleashing government data for economic benefit, spurring innovation, protecting the environment—and executing these priorities with operational excellence as careful stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Source: https://www.commerce.gov/directory/

Lorraine Paskett Appointed to California High-Speed Rail **Authority Board of Directors**



The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Director Chair Dan Richard issued the following statement regarding Ms. Lorraine Paskett's, appointment to the Board of Directors by the California State Senate Rules Com-

"We thank the Senate Rules Committee and Senate Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, for the appointment of Lorraine Paskett to the Authority Board. Ms. Paskett is eminently qualified and has a reputation for hard work, creativity and effectiveness. She will be a thoughtful and engaged member of our organization. She also brings with her a wealth of valuable business and management experience, especially in the areas of energy, water and the environment, and will provide vital representation for the Southern California region," said Board Chair Dan Richard.

Lorraine Paskett is an attorney and CEO of Cambridge LCF Group, and Paskett Winery. She brings over 25 years of experience on water, energy and environmental issues. She is also currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and was previously a Senior Assistant General Manager of Sustainability Programs and External Affairs at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.



Lorraine Paskett

In addition, she was previously a director for a private electric and gas utility, and served as vice president for a large solar energy company developing business, market, environmental and energy regulatory compliance plans for California

Her compensation is \$100 per diem not to exceed \$500 in one calendar month, plus actual travel expenses incurred in attending to the business of the Authority.

Ms. Paskett fills a vacancy left by former Vice-Chair Jim Hartnett who stepped down in March 2014.

Source: California High-Speed Rail Authority

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Homeboy Industries founder Father Greg Boyle, Las Familias del Pueblo founder Rev. Alice Callaghan, Los Angeles Catholic Worker cofounder Jeff Dietrich and Skid Row artist and Los Angeles Department of Poverty founder John Malpede today endorsed the citywide 'Neighborhood Integrity Initiative' heading for the November ballot in Los Angeles.

The initiative will halt huge developments not permitted by existing zoning, end City Hall's practice of destroying affordable housing to make way for luxury projects, and force elected leaders to follow the planning laws. It creates a two-year moratorium on all development that tries to go bigger than allowed through "spot rezoning," bans developers from reducing their required parking, bans developers from writing their own Environmental Impact Reports and forces the City Council to finally update the 1980s-era General Plan framework for how and where growth in L.A. should be allowed

Father Boyle, whose Homeboy Industries works closely with former convicts and ex-gang members to put them back on track, train them and

find them jobs, said in a statement: "There is no more pressing issue for returning citizens than finding affordable housing. The 10,000 former gang members, felons and parolees, wanting to re-direct their lives through Homeboy Industries each year are burdened more than they can bear by a considerably reduced housing stock. This renders them homeless at the precise moment that they are seeking to become productive members of the community. The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative will provide a moratorium on development and therefore a respite for the poor seeking just and fair housing."

Rev. Callaghan, who has worked for years with immigrant families and homeless individuals on Skid Row, using her Las Familias del Pueblo learning center as a hub of family and homeless services, condemned the behavior of Los Angeles City Council members who meet behind closed doors to help developers get around L.A. zoning rules:

"What is the point of building 100 luxury units when, in Pico Union, they're losing 1,000 affordable units?" Callaghan asked. "On Skid Row, in the 1960s, we had 9,000 single room occupancy

places for the poor and people getting back on their feet to live. Now we have 3,600 rooms. Where do Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Council think these people go when another luxury condo goes up? We wonder why so many are on the sidewalks – these are the very people who lived in those single rooms. City leaders can only blame themselves. We've sold our soul to a handful of developers."

Jeff Dietrich, a founding member of Los Angeles Catholic Worker and author of three books including The Good Samaritan, has worked for decades running the Catholic Worker soup kitchen on Skid Row and offering shelter and care to the ill and frail in a group home near Downtown. Dietrich explained: "It was so enlightening to me to realize — even though I knew it on a broader level — that there's a deep, intimate financial relationship between our L.A. politicians and the developers. I'm so happy we can vote in November to create a civic plan that's really careful about development, and stop the politicians from ignoring the law. ... The mayor says he is going to end homelessness by — what was the last date? I can't even remember, because every few years in this city, there is some

new push. Let's get that moratorium in place and actually stop and think for a few minutes: 'What are we really doing here?'"

John Malpede decried the frenzy of overdevelopment being approved on and around Skid Row, which is forcing people onto the streets and pushing out artists, to be replaced by those who can pay \$3,000 to \$4,000 a month in rent. Malpede, a performance artist whose Los Angeles Poverty Department was the first theater in the U.S. created by and for the homeless, praised the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative's requirement that the Los Angeles City Council obey the law by writing a General Plan for how and where Los Angeles should grow. "I wonder, have we forgotten what kind of city we want?" Malpede asked. "We need to have a plan, not driven by what developers think L.A. should be, but about what kind of people we want to be and what kind of community that looks like. It doesn't look like what I see on the streets of L.A."

Source: AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Local Vietnamese Catholic Community Celebrates Lunar New Year With Historic Tet Festival

The Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange and the Most Rev. Dominic M. Luong, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Orange, will preside over a mass and celebration marking the lunar new year and the traditional Vietnamese Tet holiday at the Vietnamese Catholic Center (1538 N. Century Blvd., Santa Ana), February 8 at 10 a.m. Tet is an abbreviation for Tet Nguyen Dan which means the first morning of the first day of the first period.

"I am honored to celebrate this Mass and traditional holiday at the center of our Vietnamese-American Catholic community. As we mark the beginning of the Year of the Monkey we honor the Lord and call for more peaceful relationships between all societies and people," said Bishop Luong.

The Orange County celebration is the largest in the United States and features a ceremony and Mass marked by dragon dancing and ceremonial drumming. The entertainment includes well-known Vietnamese performers, a Vietnamese Catholic choir contest and traditional Ao Dai pageant. Thousands of varieties of flowers are displayed throughout the week ending with the New Year Mass celebrated by Bishops Vann and Luong.

The Tet festival is not only a new year's celebration; it is a celebration of the symbiotic relationship between all things and honors the peaceful relationship between the Creator and humans. Families display a Ngheu Tree, or tac, which is a cone shaped fruit tree with small kumquats. The more fruit on the tree, the luckier the family is said to be. Greeting cards and good luck symbols are hung from this tree.

Vietnamese families will also hang a branch from a Hoa Mai tree in their home. This tree bears small yellow blossoms signaling spring and a new beginning. The Vietnamese do not keep track of birthdays. Therefore, a baby turns one year-old on Tet no matter when he/she was born that year. Children's ages are determined by the symbol of the lunar calendar. On the first morning of Tet, adults celebrate birthdays by presenting children with red envelopes that contain "Lucky Money," or li xi.

About Our Diocese

Our community is on a journey of faith together, growing closer to God and closer to one another as we explore, experience and share the mystery of Christ and the love of our Lord. With 1.2 million Catholics and 62 parishes and centers across Orange County, faith in the Diocese of Orange is vibrant and flourishing.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange is the growing Catholic community in Orange County, California on a journey of faith together. We are one of the most diverse Catholic communities in history, but we are united through our salvation in Christ, serving across languages and cultures, politics and lifestyles, to live out the Gospel and share the love of our Lord. Officially established in 1976, the Diocese of Orange's history dates back to 1776 with the founding of Mission San Juan Capistrano, our diocese's Historic Mother Church. Today, as it is home to more than 1.2 million faithful believers, the Diocese of Orange is the 10th largest and one of the fastest growing in the nation.

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Infrastructure & Environment

Flint Crisis Renews Calls to Replace All Lead Pipes in America

By Daniel C. Vock

Near the end of a press conference on the Flint water crisis last week, one reporter repeatedly asked Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder why the lead pipes that have been poisoning the town weren't going to be replaced as soon as possible.

The answer, the governor explained, is that Flint is using the same process that drinking water utilities across the United States use to minimize the risk of lead poisoning: They add chemicals to the water that create a protective barrier on the inside of the pipes and prevent them from corroding. It's a process the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has required since 1991.

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver has since announced Tuesday that the city will replace lead pipes, starting with the homes of small children and pregnant women.

Even before news of Flint's water crisis came to light, public health advocates and water utilities have increasingly questioned the decades-old approach. That's because research shows that any exposure to lead can be dangerous, particularly to pregnant women and children. It can damage the brain, red blood cells and kidneys, and can cause lifelong developmental problems.

That risk and the Flint water crisis has led an influential group advising the EPA to suggest

making the removal of all lead service lines a national priority -- something only a few cities have done. "To truly solve the problem of exposure to lead in drinking water, [we] concluded that lead-bearing materials should be removed from contact with drinking water to the greatest degree possible, while minimizing the risk of explosure in the meantime," wrote the EPA National Drinking Water Advisory Committee Working Group.

Replacing lead pipes with pipes made of copper or other materials would be a Herculean task. There are approximately 7.3 million lead service lines throughout the U.S. that connect water mains to buildings. Drinking water utilities like Flint's often don't know where lead plumbing is located. Plus, those lead lines often cross between public property and private property, which makes it harder to force property owners to replace their lines.

"Ultimately, removing the lead lines would be optimal," said Tracy Mehan, the executive director for government affairs for the American Water Works Association, which represents 4,000 water utilities. "But it won't be cheap, and it will take time. It will take contributions from private owners, from society at-large and utilities."

The push for infrastructure upgrades comes as federal, state and local officials scramble to address the water quality issues in Flint, where the water system and homes have had lead plumbing for decades. Residents didn't report anything

out of the ordinary until April 2014, when the city, under a state-appointed emergency manager, switched the source of its drinking water from Detroit's Lake Huron to the Flint River. Because

Flint failed to add anti-corrosive chemicals to the water -- as required by the EPA -- the new water source corroded the pipes. Lead is still getting

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Any exposure to lead can be dangerous, particularly to children and pregnant women. (AP/Carlos Osorio)

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M/WBE firms must be certified as follows: To constitute a MBE or WBE for the purpose of meeting the agency thresholds, an enterprise must be formally certified as such by at least one of the following entities: The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, The Connecticut Department of Transportation, The Federal Environmental Protection Agency, The Federal Small Business Administration OR other states as evidenced by the appropriate state certificate which specifies the applicable WBE or MBE designation. In the event the certificate from a state other than Connecticut does not contain the applicable designation, the certificate should be presented to the Owner (The Metropolitan District) for review and consideration.

Shea-Skanska Joint Venture invites qualified contractors, specifically M/WBEs certified by the agencies and requirements listed above, to contact Shea-Skanska JV (Prime Bidder/Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shaft project.

The Work under this contract is located in South Hartford, Connecticut. The participation rates are 3% for MBEs and 5% for WBEs of the total contract price. Additionally, the goals are 6% MBE and 5% WBE. The Work consists of the construction of a deep rock tunnel, drop shafts, and an odor control facility along with support equipment and accessories as shown and specified.

Owner: The Metropolitan District South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel: Tunnel and Shaft Construction Contract No. 2 (2015B-27) BID DATE: February 25, 2016 AT 2:00 PM

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, mechanical rock excavation, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, slurry wall, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shot-crete, concrete finishing, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, mechanical equipment – hydraulic, sluice & weir gates, electrical services, landscaping, dewater pump station, pest control, IT services, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

Any business seeking to participate as a M/WBE must submit current valid certification documents with proposal. We have set up an FTP site where you can view all plans and specifications for your convenience. Please contact Brett Campbell at (909) 594-0982 (brett.campbell@jfshea.com) to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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Swinerton Builders is soliciting bidders from qualified subcontractors and suppliers:

Due Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 2:00 PM

Project Description: Design-Build for a 469,000 square foot, 1,446-stall, 6-Level, post-tensioned, cast-in-place parking structure and site infrastructure work including landscape, access roads, signage, site utilities, and pedestrian walkways. The project also has an "On-Site Make Ready" and "Off-Site Make Ready" components which are fully designed. The "On-Site Make Ready" scope of work consists of site clearing/demo of the surface parking lot, relocation of existing underground utilities, re-routing of the entry drive loop, traffic striping, signage, and preparation of a certified building pad. The "Off-Site Make Ready" scope of work consists of the removal of the bus turnout and relocation of the bus stop along Wilmington Avenue.

Project Components Include:

- Design-Build Parking Structure All trades shall comply with current local building codes as well as ADA Guidelines, California
 Title 24 Regulations, Performance Specifications, and Basis of Design Criteria. Please state clearly, all qualifications and/or
 assumptions included in your proposal in addition to all permits, fees, licenses, charges, etc.
- o Trades include: Survey, Cast in Place Concrete, Concrete Reinforcing & P.T., Masonry, Structural Steel, Misc. Metals, Barrier Cables, Security Screens, Waterproofing/Traffic Coatings/Sealants & Caulking, Roofing, Sheet Metal, Expansion Joints, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Coiling Grilles, Glazing, Portland Cement Plaster, Flooring, Painting, Signage, Fire Extinguishers, Parking Controls, Bicycle Racks, Elevators, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Fire Alarm, Earthwork, Drilled Caissons, Asphalt Paving, Site Concrete, Pavement Markings & Striping, Tactile Warning Mats, Chain Link Fencing, Landscaping, and Cited Hillities. and Site Utilities.
- On-Site Make-Ready Fully Designed Set of Plans and Specs.
- o Trades include: Survey, Site Electrical, Site Clearing/Demolition, SWPPP, Earthwork, AC Paving, Striping, Site Concrete, Landscaping, and Site Utilities.
- Off-Site Make Ready Fully Designed Set of Plans and Specs.
- o Trades include: Survey, Site Clearing/Demo, Site Concrete, Concrete Pavers, Signs, and Site Furnishings.

This a Public Works Project requiring, in part, the following:

Department of Industrial Relations "DIR" Registration, Prevailing Wages, Labor Compliance Reporting, and Compliance with various County of Los Angeles programs such Gain / Grow Program Participants for Employment, Local Small Business Enterprises, Community Business Enterprise Participation which include Disable Veterans, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises, and Local Worker Hiring Program (Refer to RFP sections 6.16, 6.20, 6.33, 6.36, Project Manual section 00700 (19.4, 19.16) and 01910).

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BID GROUPS					
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Turner has been awarded the above referenced project. This project includes the following three (3) components:

1. Moffitt Library Terrace Renovation - Project NO. TBD

This segment of the project will be a renovation of the existing L4 terrace scope. New bench seating with integrated lighting, site lighting and glass railing. The terrace is approximately 4,000 SF in size. Project schedule will be during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2016.

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS: The University has determined that Subcontractors who submit bids on this Project must be prequalified. After submitting your prequalification VIA www.turnerconstruction.com, please email your Turner issued prequalification number to mguzman@tcco.com and jamassey@tcco.com. The Design-Build subcontractors must utilize professional engineers licensed in the state of California to assume the responsibilities of the Bid Package Designer of Record.

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CONTACT INFORMATION: For information on how to Pre-Qualify with Turner, please contact Marlene Guzman (510-267-8105 or mguzman@tcco.com)

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BID DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

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If you need DBE or SBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies or related assistance or services, for this project call the Estimator at (925) 829-9220, or contact your local Small Business Development Center Network (http://californiasbdc.org) or contact the California Southwest Transportation Resource Center (www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs). DGC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the DBE and SBE goals.

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Owner: Alameda – Contra Costa Transit District **Engineers' Estimate: \$90 - \$95 Million** BID DATE: February 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

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Requests quotes/bids from qualified Subcontractor, Service Providers, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the City of San Jose, Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade Project in San Jose, CA. http://www.epa.gov/http://www.sba.gov/ www.californiaucp.org

Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade Contract No. 7382 Owner: City of San Jose Bid Date: March 17, 2016 @ 3:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF), or Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Businesses wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

Asphalt Paving, Carpentry, Casework, Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Concrete Readymix, Concrete Reinforcement Supply & Install, Concrete Forming, Cast in Place Concrete, Grouting, Shotcrete, Dewatering, Demolition Access Doors, Frames & Windows, Electrical, Communications, Equipment, Geotextiles, Grading, Fire-Suppression & Detection, Hazardous Waste Abatement, HVAC, Masonry, Metals, Paintings & Coatings, Plumbing, Piping & Valves, Process Interconnections, Shoring, Signage, Street Sweeping, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Canopies, Metal Buildings, Earthworks, Membrane Roofing, Joint Sealant, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Trucking & Hauling, Woods, Plastics, and Composites, Water Truck, Geo Foam and Tanks.

Bonding, insurance, and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specification and requirements for the work will be made available to interested CUCP, MBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF or HUB Certified DBE isiness suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due March 11, 2016 and Quotes NO LATER THAN March 16, 2016 at 5 PM.

Plans are available for viewing at our office at our address below and through SmartBidNet (SBN).

All subcontractors that are registered in our SBN database will receive an invitation to bid.

Please visit http://www.kiewit.com/districts/northern-california/overview.aspx to register your company to be able to receive bidding information, Plans and Specifications Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for Subcontractors and Supply Bond for Suppliers on this

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Provisions apply Buy American Iron & Steel (AIS) requirements apply

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR: **Concord Various Streets Preservation Project** City Project No. 2292, Federal Project No. CML 3135(053)

City of Concord BID DATE: February 10, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Traffic Control, Construction Area Signs, Water Pollution Control Plan, Minor Concrete, Cold Plane AC, Speed Table, Adjust Utilities to Grade, Striping & Marking, Curb Paint, Markers, Roadside Signs, Loop Detector, Water Barrier, Red Oak Tree, Catch Basin Insert, Full Depth Reclamation, Quicklime Plus, and Construction Materials

100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Worker's Compensation Waiver of Subrogation required. Please call OCJ for assistance with bonding, insurance, necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. OCJ is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE Participation. Plans & Specs are available for viewing at our office or through the City's at http://cityofpetaluma.net/pubworks/biddingopportunities.html

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Contact: Jean Sicard, Donat Galicz or Victor Babbitt • An Equal Opportunity Employer

REQUEST FOR DBE & SBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project Infrastructure and Station Platforms AC Transit IFB #2016-1354 BID DATE: February 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Traffic Control System, Construction Survey, Stormwater Pollution Control Plan, Clearing & Grubbing, Water Pollution Control, Subgrade Enhancement Geosynthetic (Class B1 Geotextile), Adjust Utilities, Cold Plane AC, Slurry Seal, Tack Coat, Portland Cement Concrete Pavement, Minor Concrete, Concrete Station Platform Curb, Detectable Warning Surface, Parking Space Meters, Pedestrian Barricade, Colored Stamped Concrete, Manhole, Catch Basin Insert, Architectural Fence, Artistically Enhanced Handrail and Windscreen Panels, Concrete Pipe, Iron Pipe, Sewer Pipe, Building Sewer Connection, Sanitary Sewer Cleanout, Sanitary Sewer Manhole, Traffic Signal & Lighting, Landscape & Irrigation, Painted Curb & Striping, Thermoplastic Striping & Marking, Object Marker, Pavement Marker, Roadside Signs, Bollard, Contract Arborist, Precast Architectural Pavers, Rain Even Action Plan, Storm Water Annual Report, Temporary Hydraulic Mulch, Temporary Fencing, Sweeping, Abandon Culverts, Cap Inlet, Jointed Plane Concrete Pavement, Off-Platform Wayfinding Signage, Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert, Inlet Frame & Grate, Concrete Forming and Accessories, Cast-In-Place Concrete, Structural Steel Framing, Benches, Map Display, Detectable Directional Surface, Walking Deterrent Dome, Contrasting Warning Strip, Tubular Handrailing, Windscreen, CCTV System, Communication Cabinets, Public Address System, Station Conduits and Junction/Outlet Boxes, Central Command and Communication, Conductors (Cable), Ticket Vending Machine, Magnetic Ticket Handheld Devices, Clipper Mountain Pole, Centralized Fare Collection, Electrical, Testing, Waterlines, Tree Grates, Temporary Erosion Control, Hazardous & Contaminated Material Removal and Construction

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

San Tomas Expressway Projects El Camino Real to Homestead Road **County of Santa Clara** BID DATE: February 18, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Traffic Control System, Type III Barricade, SWPPP, Adjust Utilities, Tree/Bird Survey, Clearing & Grubbing, Hydroseed, Roadside Signs, Untreated Lumber & Timber, Soundwall, CIDH Concrete Piling, Temporary Fence with Privacy Screen, Underground, Curb & Gutter, Minor Concrete, Storm Drain Manhole, Concrete Paver, Fencing, Removable Bollard, Transition Railing, Terminal System, Concrete Barrier, Striping & Marking, Signal Pole and Foundation, Electrical, Detector Loop, Cold Plane AC, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Crack Seal/Filler, AC Dike, Retaining Wall, Microsurfacing, Sound Wall - Precast Panels & Columns, Bioretention Swales, Misc. Iron & Steel and Construction Materials

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR: Intermodal Station Phase 2 – Surface Parking Lot Project CIP #879-810237 **City of Vacaville** BID DATE: February 9, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Water Pollution Control, Traffic Control, Underground Storm, Clearing & Grubbing, Construction Area Signs, Geotextile Fabric, Minor Concrete, Vegetated Swale, Roadside Signs, Striping & Marking, Lighting, Landscape & Irrigation and

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Events & Seminars

Save-the-Dates

San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society

2016 Black History Month Kickoff

Friday February 5, 2016 12:00 PM SF City Hall Rotunda

Join the Society, Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor Malia Cohen and other in the Rotunda of City Hall for the annual "Kickoff" of Black History Month celebrations in San Francisco.

Featuring

John William Templeton, Historian

HARLEM OF THE WEST with Lewis Watts

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 6:30 - 8:30 PM, 762 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor

Pilgrimage to Mary Ellen Pleasant Burial Site

Saturday, February 27, 2016 1 - 5:30 PM Tulocay Cemetery, Napa

For more information Call: 415/292-6172 or E-mail: info@sfaahcs.org



Turner Construction and Union Bank are kicking off Turner's annual construction management training program on March 1st in Oakland. Each class provides networking opportunities between other business owners and Turner industry experts that lead the class. The Estimating and Scheduling classes have an additional hands-on exercise that offer participants real life work experiences.

 $\label{thm:continuous} A \ special \ thanks \ to \ Union \ Bank \ for \ their \ generous \ support \ of \ our \ program!$

WHO SHOULD ATTEND Local, minority-owned, women-owned, disabled veteran owned, disadvantaged and small emerging businesses that are general contractors, specialty contractors, construction managers and construction consultants.

COST OF THE PROGRAM There is NO COST to program participants however, participation in the training program is a commitment to attend a minimum of 11 classes in order to receive a Certificate of Completion.

CLASS SCHEDULE Classes will be held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM beginning March 1st ending April 14th. Classes consist of two-hour courses in: Accounting Basics for Contractors, Business Development/Sales, Estimating, Bidding & Procurement, Field Operations, Insurance & Bonding, Management, Project Delivery Systems & Contract Risk Management, Safety, and Scheduling.

SELECTION PROCESS

- There are only 20 spots available. Space is limited, so only one participant per company will be
- To be considered, your firm must have been in business and actively performing work in the construction industry for at least one year prior to registration.
- This program is only for local, minority-owned, women-owned, disabled veterans, disadvantaged and small emerging businesses.
- If your company is selected, you will be notified no later than Thursday, February 25th.

TO REGISTER Please contact Elena Anaya at 510-267-8241 or eanaya@tcco.com.

Registration deadline is February 23, 2016

DRAGADOS USA

WHO: SBE/DBE/DVBE Subcontractors, Material and/or Suppliers

WHAT: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Biological **Nutrient Removal Project**

IEN: Bids Due On February 11, 2016 : 2:00 nm

WHERE: FAX: (657) 229-7637

WHAT: Soliciting Major Subs & Disadvantaged Business Participation

Seeking Assistance on:

IVAC AIR-DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

PIPING SPECIALTIES

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- TILT-UP CONCRETE
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- ROOFING
- DOOR HARDWARE
- GLASS AND GLAZING
- NON-STRUCTURAL METAL FRAMING
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- CLEANING
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 AND CABLES ✓ INTRUSION DETECTION
- SITE CLEARING ✓ DEWATERING
- GEOGRID SLOPE PROTECTION
- CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, AND DRIVEWAYS
- CHAIN LINK FENCES AND GATES
 - MANHOLES AND STRUCTURES

- SANITARY UTILITY SEWERAGE
- MANHOLES STAINLESS STEEL PROCESS PIPE AND TUBING
- POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PROCESS PIPE
- POLYETHYLENE PROCESS PIPE
- CONCRETE PRESSURE PROCESS PIPE
- REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
- VALVES
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General information is available at the following link:

http://www.regionalsan.com/echowater-project-opportunities

For more information please contact:

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SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



Proven Management, Inc. 2000 5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Phone: 510-671-0000 • Fax: 510-671-1000

Requests proposals/quotes from all qualified & certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) subcontractors, suppliers, and truckers for the following project:

SAN TOMAS EXPRESSWAY PROJECTS • El Camino Real to Homestead Road County of Santa Clara, Roads & Airports Department Federal Project #CML-5937 (197) Bids: 02/18/2016 @ 2 PM DBE Participation Goal –14%

100% Payment & Performance bonds will be required from a single, Treasury-listed surety company subject to PMI's approval. PMI will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors awarded on any project will be on PMI's standard form for subcontract without any modifications. For questions or assistance required on the above, please call.

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American Bridge Company 1000 American Bridge Way • Coraopolis, PA 15108 412-631-1000 • Fax 412-631-2003

American Bridge Company continues to solicit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) to submit pricing for labor, materials, equipment and supplies associated with the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) Bid for Contract No. 2016-B-1, Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit whose Bid Date has been REVISED to Tuesday, March 08, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., PT.

Please refer to our prior solicitation for additional details regarding this Project. Interested DBE Firms should contact Bruce Luu at (412) 631-1047 or Bluu@americanbridge.net

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Oprah wisely says:

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate. We're such a goal-oriented culture and we get a thrill from achieving our goals – but are all too quickly straight onto the NEXT achievement. It's so easy to shift from the end of one year and straight into the next – without pausing to celebrate the success we've achieved."

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Black Business Leaders -Past and Present







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William Leidesdorff

David Ruggles

William Whipper

Robert Purvis

Top Black Business Leaders of the 1800s and 1900s

By D.L. Chandler

From the Editors: In celebration of Black History Month, SBE will acknowledge Black business leaders of the past and present.

Although Blacks endured abject racism and prejudice in the 18th Century, many businesses sprung forth in spite of the barriers ahead of them. With determined grit and sound practices, Black business leaders began to emerge and earned the right to engage in commerce like any other citizen. NewsOne takes a look at 20 Black business owners between the time period of 1800 and 1900, highlighting their significant contributions to Ameri-

Joseph Randolph, President of the African Insurance Company

In 1810, the African Insurance Company was opened in Philadelphia. Helmed by President Joseph Randolph, the company was formed to help support African Americans who did not want to join the mutual aid Free African Society but needed assistance and other benefits. Historians note this is the first African-American insurance company.

William Leidesdorff, America's first millionaire of African descent

William Leidesdorff was of mixed parentage but is largely identified as being of African descent. Raised in the Dutch West Indies, Leidesdorff was involved in the shipping trade initially. He was responsible for launching the first steamboat in the Bay Area of California and opened and operated San Francisco's first hotel. He also went on to become the city's school board president. After amassing large plots of land, his worth at the time of his passing was nearly a million and a half dol-

David Ruggles, owner of first African-American bookstore

Abolitionist and journalist David Ruggles was instrumental in the liberation of slaves as part of the famous Underground Railroad. After learning Latin from a tutor who attended Yale University, Ruggles would go on to publish works as a printer. A contributing journalist to popular papers of the time, Ruggles most-notable achievement was opening the first Black-owned bookstore in New

Paul Cuffee, Quaker businessman

Paul Cuffee made his fortune in the shipping trade and went on to open Massachusetts' first integrated school. After being born to a former slave and Native American mother, Cuffee tended to his father's farm before taking to the seas. He was also an instrumental proponent in helping British efforts to give freed slaves a place to settle.

<u>William Johnson,</u> the "Barber Of Natchez"

Born in to slavery, William Johnson was freed as a young boy in 1820 and became a barber's apprentice in Natchez, Miss. After his brotherin-law sold him a barber shop, Johnson would own and operate the business while teaching freed young Black boys the art of barbering.

William Whipper, abolitionist and <u>lumber businessman</u>

William Whipper's path to success was rooted in a controversial idea known as "moral reform"; however, his contributions to antislavery are noteworthy as is his profitable lumber business with partner Stephen Smith in Pennsylvania.

James Forten, inventor and shipping businessman

James Forten, like many African-Americans in the North, made his fortune in the maritime industry. He was also an active political figure and used his Quaker education to advance his life and others who wished to stamp out slavery. Forten invented a device for ship sails during his time in the industry.

Joseph Cassey, Philadelphia wig business owner

Joseph Cassey lived in the city of brotherly love after arriving from the French West Indies in the early 1800s. He struck gold with a wig, perfume, and barbershop business and was also involved in real estate with other partners in the

Robert Purvis, wealthy abolitionist

Although Robert Purvis was three-quarters European Jewish, he and his siblings aligned themselves with the African-American community in Pennsylvania. After obtaining considerable wealth from his father's estate, Purvis would help form and fund abolitionist efforts across the North. He would later marry the daughter of James Forten.

George Franklin Grant, Harvard dentist and inventor of the wooden golf tee

George Franklin Grant (pictured above) established himself in the world of business, after entering Harvard's School of Dental Medicine, becoming the university's first African-American faculty staff member. It was Grant's invention and patenting of a golf tee that would later gain him notoriety. In 1899, Grant was awarded a patent for a wood golf tee fashioned after British inventor Percy Ellis' "Perfectum" tee.

Mary Edmonia Lewis, savvy sculptor and businesswoman

Mary Edmonia Lewis owns the distinction of being the first African American recognized as a sculptor and achieving international stardom as a result. Although she began her career in Boston, she would move to Rome and continued her successful career. Of note, Lewis was known for her savvy business skills and abilities to garner sales of her work by using raffles, advertising, and other marketing tools.

Lewis Howard Latimer, master draftsman and inventor

Lewis Howard Latimer (pictured right) was born the son of an escaped slave in New Jersey on September 4, 1848. As a young man, he landed a job at a patent law firm and showed proficiency at drafting designs for the firm. Along with his work as the head draftsman at the law firm, Latimer helped invent and patent a series of useful inventions in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Chief among those inventions was his discovery of a process used for electric filament manufacturing in light bulbs. Working for a variety of electronic companies in the New York area, he eventually landed a job at General Electric as chief draftsman and a coordinator of patent licensing and regulation.

Norbert Rillieux, inventor who helped boost the sugar industry

Norbert Rillieux and his contribution to the production and refinement of sugar cane boosted the business and made him a considerable fortune. A mixed Creole-American, Rillieux was the son of a wealthy plantation owner and was afforded a prime

Learning physics and engineering, he was later offered a job at a Louisiana sugar refinery but found the process arduous. He would go on to

invent a multiple-effect evaporation system that produced better results than the "Jamaica train" method that was originally used. Rillieux would patent the machine and process, convincing a host of Louisiana sugar factories to hop on board. The method was so effective that it could produce up to 18,000 pounds of sugar per day.

Christina Carteaux Bannister, businesswoman and "hair doctress"

Christina Carteaux Bannister (pictured right) was born in Rhode Island of mixed parentage, but she was most certainly a descendant of slaves who worked in Rhode Island's South County. She moved to Boston as a young woman and took up the trade of hairdressng.

Amassing serious wealth as a self-proclaimed "hair doctress," Bannister married Canadian-born painter Edward Bannister and supported her husband as he became a successful artist. The couple were friends and lived with abolitionist Lewis Hayden and helped provide support to the Underground Railroad.

Joshua Bowen Smith, the "Prince Of Caterers"

Born in Pennsylvania and finally settling in Boston in 1836, Joshua Bowen Smith worked as a waiter at the Mount Washington House. A quick study, he employed what he learned from his job and began a catering business in 1849. An active proponent of the anti-slavery movement, Smith was known for hiring other progressive free Blacks to work for him. Known as the "Prince Of Caterers," Smith was a known ally of Lewis Hayden.

Harriet E. Wilson, first African-<u>American female novelist and </u> <u>entrepreneur</u>

Harriet E. Wilson's (pictured above) historic 1859 book "Our Nig" catapulted her in to the annals of history as the first African-American novelist. Although the book was a significant moment in time, Wilson would go on and become well-known in New England as a traveling merchant selling hair care items. From her New Hampshire home, Wilson also sold and marketed her novel as well.

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Black Business Leaders - Past and Present

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Isaac Myers, African-American trade union pioneer and leader

Baltimore's Isaac Myers, born free in 1835, faced barriers like most African Americans but surpassed his humble beginnings. Learning to read and write in a time where he was banned from public schools in his hometown, he would find work in the Maryland city's bustling seaports as a ship caulker.

Although Myers and other freemen had skills beyond preparing ships for sailing, they were mostly barred from greater opportunity due to racism. And even though Myers would become a successful clerk of a grocery business, he still maintained ties with Black ship workers on the docks.

When the largely White National Labor Union was formed, Myers fought for Black unionists to be included in the movement as president of the Colored National Labor Union.

Louis C. Roudanez, doctor and newspaper publishing pioneer

Louis C. Roudanez was born in Louisiana to a French merchant Father and free Black Mother. Like many children of mixed parentage in the state, he was raised and educated in France, where he earned a medical degree. Returning to New Orleans, he operated a successful practice open to Blacks and Whites.

When the city was federally occupied in 1862, Roudanez and his brother Jean-Baptiste would found the newspaper "La Tribune de la Nouvelle Orleans," the first daily published newspaper by African Americans.

James Napier, Tennessee businessman and politician

James C. Napier (pictured above) was born to free parents on June 9, 1845, in the city of Nashville. After a race riot in December 1856, which ended the education of Blacks in Tennessee, Napier finished his schooling in Ohio. Befriending powerful Black Republican congressman John Mercer Langston, Napier was convinced by the politician to enroll at the newly opened law school at Howard University.

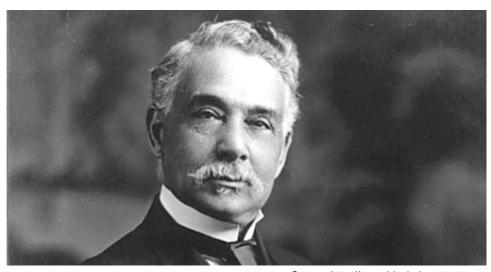
Returning to Nashville, Napier became a key figure in the city. After becoming the first African American to preside over the city's council board, he later achieved notoriety as President William H. Taft's Register of the United States Treasury the years of 1911-13. Napier founded the Citizens Savings Bank in 1904, presiding over the firm well in to his later days.

Source: http://newsone.com/2177962/black-business-leaders/



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James C. Napier





Source: Wikipedia



Lewis Howard Latimer





Norbert Rillieux



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Harriet E. Wilson

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Request for proposal

Implementation of Budgeting, Financial Forecasting, and Capital Planning Solution

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District is the water resource management agency meeting watershed stewardship needs of and providing wholesale water reliability to Santa Clara County's 1.9 million residents.

What: The Santa Clara Valley Water District (water district) is seeking proposals from a qualified firm to provide a commercial off the shelf (COTS) budgeting, financial forecasting, and capital planning system. Services will also include system implementation, integration, acceptance testing, user training, warranty and post warranty support, allowing the water district to implement an integrated system. Features include a publishing system with robust text and graphics capabilities. This system can be either on premise or cloudbased, and should provide a minimum 15-year term of life and licenses for the water district.

The proposed solution shall provide the functionality as following:

- Capital and Operations Project Planning
- Long Term Financial Forecasting
- **Budgeting System**
- Integration with PeopleSoft ERP Publishing System.

You are invited to submit a proposal based on your qualifications conducting this effort. The full Request for Proposal (RFP) can be viewed at https://cas.valleywater.org. Responses to this Request for Proposal must include the firm's proposed strategy for accomplishing the project objectives with a detailed description of all proposed services to be performed, identified milestones, deliverables, schedule, detailed price, and resources required to fulfill the water district requirements and objectives stated herein.

Responding firms are expected to be familiar with governmental accounting and financial processes. The solution presented must be able to integrate with PeopleSoft ERP system.

Please submit your proposals electronically to the water district's Contract Administration System (CAS) by the date and time specified in the RFP Schedule. Prior to submitting proposals, all firms must be registered in CAS. This can be achieved by going to the web address noted above and following the instructions to create an account. When in the creation process, select the expertise code "IS10" and add contact information as necessary.

Contact: If you need assistance with creating a CAS account, please call (408) 630-2992, or e-mail questions to ContractAdministration@vallevwater.ora

In addition to submitting proposals electronically through the water district's web portal, 5 hard copies of the proposal must be received by the proposal due date and time specified in the RFP Schedule. Please refer to the RFP for detailed hardcopy delivery instructions.

General questions regarding this solicitation will be accepted by email to Fang Lu at FLu@valleywater.org For general questions regarding this solicitation please go to http://cas.valleywater.org for instructions. All questions will be answered in writing.

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WIC provides Nutrition Education and Health information, breastfeeding support, checks for healthy foods (like fruits and vegetables), and referrals to medical providers and community services.
You may qualify for WIC if you receive Medi-Cal, CalFresh (Food Stamps), or CalWORKS (TANF) benefits. A family of four can earn up to \$3,739 before tax per month and qualify.
Enroll early! Call today to see if you qualify and to make an appointment. Call City and County of San Francisco WIC Program at 415-575-5788.
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Give Kids a Smile Day 2016 PSA Blurb:
On February 18*, 2016 from 10am to 3pm, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program, together with the SF Dental Hygiene Society, will be hosting the Eighth Annual Give Kids a Smile Day at the San Francisco General Hospital WIC Office (2550-23rd St. Bldg. 9). This event combines community outreach, heal

Room 250.

February 2
February 9
February 3
There will be no scheduled meetings on February 16.
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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DOCUMENT 00 11 16 CUPCCAA INVITATION TO BID

1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Oakland Unified School District will receive sealed bids for the following: Project No.,

Madison Middle School -UDG Piping & Onsite Hydrant 400 Capistrano Drive, Oakland, CA 94603

- Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at the District Office, located at 900 High Street, Front Desk, Oakland, California, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder.
- 3. The Project consists of:

Provide new private fire hydrant and trenching for new water pipe. Patch and repair concrete walkway and A/C paving. Obtain permit form City of

- 4. Engineer's Estimate: \$125,000.00.
- 5. Project Manager for this project is **William Newby**, he can be reached at **(510) 532-2802**.
- 6. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders
- 7. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses:

A - General Engineering

The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.

8. As security for its Bid, each bidder shall provide with its Bid form:

- · bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District,
- cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Oakland Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.
- 9. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100 % Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project
- 10. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 of the California
- 11. The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure perfor-

mance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

12. Effective January 1, 2015: The Oakland Unified School District has the duty to notify Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) when awarding a contract for a public works project over one thousand dollars (\$1,000), using the online Contractor's Affidavit form. This requirement, found in Labor Code Section 1773.3, now applies to ALL public works projects.

Effective March 1, 2015: NO contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with DIR.

Effective April 1, 2015; NO contractor or subcontractor may work on a public works project unless registered with DIR.

- 13. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on Thursday, Thursday, February 11, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at Front Entrance, James Madison Middle School. All participants are required to sign in at the Site Visit. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately [1] hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.
- 14. Contract Documents are available on Wednesday. February 3, 2016, for review at East Bay Blue Print, located at 1745 14th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606. All requests should be addressed Attention: Sandy. Plans can be ordered by:

Ph: 510-261-2990 Fax: 510-261-6077 Email: ebbp@ eastbayblueprint.com, Attn Sandy

Online using the Plan Command system at www.eastbayblueprint.com or plans can be delivered to a place of business, at requester's own expense. Payment for plan sets must be made with East Bay Blue Print and

In addition, Contract Documents are available for review at the following builders' exchanges

Builder's Exchange of Alameda County McGraw Hill Construction Data San Francisco Builder's Exchange Reed Construction Market Data Contra Costa Builder's Exchange Marin Builder's Exchange

15. The District's Board has found and determined, pursuant to Resolution 1415-0161, approved and adopted on February 11, 2015 and incorporated herein by this reference, that specific materials, products, things, or services ("Designated Products") shall be used on District projects based on the purpose(s) indicated in Resolution 1415-0161, as applicable. (Public Contract Code section 3400(c).) The Designated Products are designated by specific brand or trade name, as more fully set forth in Resolution 1415-0161, for the follow-

A. In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion; and/or

B. In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source.

- 16. The District's Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.
- 17. Project Labor Agreement: The District has entered into a Project Labor Agreement with Building and Construction Trade Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO.

18. The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on: The base bid and Allowance amount only

Public Legal Notices

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

HVAC Replacement, Duct Cleaning and Air Balancing Project For The Fremont DMV Field Office. Project No. 15-357

Provide the Dept of Motor Vehicles (DMV) all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to replace existing HVAC unit with new unit manufactured to replicate performance and dimensions of existing unit.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled at 10:00 am on 02/08/2016 at the Fremont DMV field office (meet at the flagpole), located at 4287 Central $\,$ Ave., Fremont, CA 94536, for the purpose of discussing concerns regarding this IFB.

Contractor must possess a C-20 license. Air Balancing Certification (AABC) OR National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB), AND Certified Energy Manager certification, issued by the Association of Energy Engineers. Successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond, must pay prevailing wages, and meet DVBE requirements. (Estimate: \$275,000.00)

Bid Opening: March 7, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Contact: For additional information, please download the Invitation For Bid Package at:

1/28, 2/4/16 CNS-2838349# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

EASTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

INVITING PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION OF FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT AND PARATRANSIT BUS SERVICES

Notice and Invitation to Proposers

Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA). also known as Tri Delta Transit, a Joint Powers Agency located in eastern Contra Costa County, California, is accepting proposals for contracting the operation of its fixed route transit and para-transit services for a four year period plus three optional two year extensions. ECCTA will provide the successful Contractor all vehicles and operations facilities.

ECCTA was formed in 1976 as a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) consisting of the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Pittsburg and the county of Contra Costa. Oakley incorporated as a city and joined the JPA in 1999. ECCTA provides over 2.8 million fixed route trips and 140,000 paratransit trips each year to a population of nearly 306,000 residents in the 225 square miles of eastern Contra

This project shall include the furnishing of all labor and services as set forth in the Scope of Work section of the RFP. A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at 10:00 am, local time, on February 17, 2016, in the ECCTA boardroom located at 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California. Attendance at this conference is recommended but not required.

Technical and Price Proposals are due to ECCTA on or before 2:00 pm, local time, on March 25, 2016, at ECCTA's facility, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California, 94509. Proposals received after said time or at any other place other than the time and place stated in the RFP will not be considered. Submitted proposals must include the ECCTA Proposal Cover Form and the ECCTA Price Proposal Form. Any proposal submitted without these forms will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from:

Ann Hutcheson Director of Administrative Services Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509 Telephone: (925) 754-6622 Facsimile: (925) 757-2530 ahutcheson@eccta.org

It is the intent of awarding the contract according to the process and procedures described in the RFP. ECCTA intends to procure the highest quality service possible for the best value possible. Accordingly, the Proposal and Contract Award process contains seven periods:

- 2. Technical and Price Proposal submission period
- 3. Technical Review Committee screening period
- 4. On site interview period
- 5. Technical Review Committee preliminary eval-

6. Technical Review Committee recommendation

7. Contract award period

Definition and terms of this seven-step process are contained in the Information for Proposers section of the RFP.

This contract is subject to the receipt of financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation and local sales tax funds, and may also be subject to a Grant Contract between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and ECCTA. The contract is subject to laws and regulations governing the use of such funds. Proposers will be required to certify that they have not been suspended or debarred from participation in federally funded contracts. Proposers must also disclose lobbying activities. Full compliance with applicable Safety and Health Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act laws and regulations will be required of the successful proposer.

ECCTA will affirmatively ensure that, in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Request for Proposal (RFP); Disadvantaged Business En-terprises will be afforded full opportunity to sub-mit proposals in response to this request and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Submittals shall be in accordance with the requirements set for in the Request for Proposal documents. Submission of a proposal shall constitute a firm offer to ECCTA.

Hunters Point Artists Parcel Mass Grading,Demo & Phase II Utility Project-Opportunity to Perform

Demolition and Abatement of existing infrastructure and structures, mass grading, and construction of new infrastructure at the Hunters Point Shipyard.

Lennar Urban is requesting qualified, interested construction firms to respond to a public request for proposals to perform:

Demolition and Abatement of existing infrastructure and structures, mass grading, and construction of new infrastructure to support future development inclusive of a new artists

building For more information, please visit: http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/ BidDetail.aspx?K=10535

The Successor to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) has established the 50% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Participation goal for construction firms. Respondents are encouraged to check this website regularly for updates.

Pre-Bid Coordination Meeting and Job Walk: February 16, 2016 @ 10:00 AM Building 101

101 Horne Ave. San Francisco, CA 94124

Proposals must be submitted by March 3, 2016@ 2:00 PM (PST).

Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco

Opportunity to Provide

Design-Build Services for three (3) Water Tanks on Yerba Buena Island

Lennar Urban is requesting qualified, interested construction firms to respond to a public request to provide

Design-Build Services for the Construction of three (3) 1.34 Million Gallon (MG) domestic water pre-stressed concrete tanks on Yerba Buena Island as part of the **Treasure Island Project**

For more information, please visit: http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/ BidDetail.aspx?K=10471

Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) has established the 41% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Participation goal for construction firms.

Respondents are encouraged to check this website regularly for updates.

Pre-Bid Conference: February 2, 2016 @ 2:00 PM One Sansome Street, Suite #3200 San Francisco, CA 94104

Proposals must be submitted by February 16, 2016 @ 2:00 PM (PST).

Flint Crisis Renews Calls to Replace **All Lead Pipes in America**

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into the water even though Flint switched back to Detroit water.

Flint residents began complaining about the quality of the water almost as soon as the switch was made. State officials intially downplayed those concerns until a Flint pediatrician documented high levels of lead in local children's blood and a Virginia Tech researcher showed that lead levels in the water were much higher than the state reported.

The revelations prompted calls for Snyder's resignation. The Republican governor declined to step aside. Instead, he apologized several times to Flint residents and accepted the resignation of the chief of Michigan's environmental agency. He also backed a \$28 million aid package for Flint in the Michigan Legislature.

For now, government officials are following federal rules and hope the Detroit water, which is treated with anti-corrosive chemicals, will recoat the lead pipes with a protective layer over time. The 1991 EPA Lead and Copper Rule requires drinking water utilities to take water samples from high-risk homes or buildings every six months. If more than 10 percent of those samples contain more than 15 parts per billion of lead --which they do in Flint -- the utility must take steps to address it, including using anti-corrosive chemicals.

But there's mounting pressure to make the rule even stricter. Public health officials worry that the threshold for action is too high. "No safe blood level has been identified and all sources of lead exposure for children should be controlled or eliminated," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Lead concentrations in drinking water should be below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's action level of 15 parts per billion."

place lead service lines. That's a big change from current regulations, which only require utilities to replace those lines if testing shows high levels of lead and other methods of reducing those levels -- like anti-corrosion treatments -- don't work.

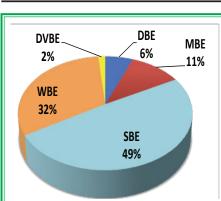
But Yanna Lambrinidou, who worked with the council to draft that suggestion, criticized the council's report because "it does not ensure that these replacements actually happen, and it does not have a Plan B for water utilities that cannot replace their lines.'

Lambrinidou, the president of Parents for Nontoxic Alternatives and a professor who researched the lead contamination in Washington, D.C's water in the early 2000s, stressed the need for replacing lead pipes because utilities often underestimate how much lead is already in the water. In Flint, for example, the state had advised residents to "pre-flush" their taps by running them the night before the sample was taken. That cleared the lines of water that had been sitting in lead pipes, which resulted in artificially low test results.

Madison, Wis., is one of the few cities that have replaced all its lead pipes. It finished putting in 6,200 new service lines in 2012 -- more than a decade after the city mandated property owners

Madison was lucky in that it stopped building new lead lines in the 1930s, several decades before other cities. Still, the process was still tricky. Just locating the lead lines was a "massive undertaking," said Amy Barrilleaux, a spokeswoman for the Madison Water Utility. It required historical research, surveys and community meetings. Another big obstacle was the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, which prohibited the city from using ratepayer money to subsidize the private owners switching out their pipes. Eventually, the city leased antennae on its water towers and used the revenues to pay for the subsidies.

The National Drinking Water Advisory Council recently suggested that water utilities fully re-



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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Contract No. 2777J (ID No. FCE16067) AS-NEEDED CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION FOR STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM NO. 6

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on March 9, 2016**, 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 Public Works Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs. Please visit the 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 on an as-needed basis at various locations in San Francisco, California and consists of curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, landscaping, traffic routing, and all associated work. The Work will be given out as work order packages that include the scope and time limit for completion. The time allowed for completion is 730 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$1,400,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Paul Barradas at 415-554-8249.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR").

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

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 ("Administrative Code") Section 6.25 and Chapter 25 of the Environment Code, "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.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City. Bid discounts may be applied as per Administrative Code Chapter 14B. LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement is 25%. Call Lupe Arreola at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids, except those who exceed the above stated LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement by 35%. Bidders must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference, if scheduled. Refer to CMD Form 2B.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at 1680 Mission Street, 3rd 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. Administrative Code Section 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 Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$600,000 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 Administrative Code Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (''Policy'') as set forth in Administrative Code Section 6.22(g). Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contract to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Contract Monitoring Division as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code within two weeks after notification of

If a bidder objects on any ground to any bid specification or legal requirement imposed by this Advertisement for Bids, the bidder shall, no later than the 10th working day prior to the date of Bid opening, provide written notice to the Contract Administration Division, San Francisco Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

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

2/4/16 CNS-2841481# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Contract No. 2775J (ID No. FCE16065) AS-NEEDED CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION FOR STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM NO. 4

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m.** on February **24, 2016**, 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 Public Works Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs. Please visit the 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 on an as-needed basis at various locations in San Francisco, California and consists of curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, landscaping, traffic routing, and all associated work. The Work will be given out as work order packages that include the scope and time limit for completion. The time allowed for completion is 730 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$1,400,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Paul Barradas at 415-554-8249.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR").

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

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 ("Administrative Code") Section 6.25 and Chapter 25 of the Environment Code, "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.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City. Bid discounts may be applied as per Administrative Code Chapter 14B. LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement is 25%. Call Lupe Arreola at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids, except those who exceed the above stated LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement by 35%. Bidders must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference, if scheduled. Refer to CMD Form 2B.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at 1680 Mission Street, 3rd Flr.

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Class "A" license required to bid.

In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$600,000 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 Administrative Code Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (''Policy'') as set forth in Administrative Code Section 6.22(g). Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Contract Monitoring Division as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code within two weeks after notification of award

If a bidder objects on any ground to any bid specification or legal requirement imposed by this Advertisement for Bids, the bidder shall, no later than the 10th working day prior to the date of Bid opening, provide written notice to the Contract Administration Division, San Francisco Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

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

2/4/16 CNS-2841428# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY Stanislaus

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CORP YARD AND BOILER PLANT RE-ROOF PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 9908 CSU STANISLAUS

One University Circle, Turlock CA 95382

The Trustees of the California State University will receive sealed bid proposals in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building, Room MSR270 at the above address, for furnishing all labor and materials for construction of the Corp Yard and Boiler Plant Re-Roof Project, for California State University, Stanislaus.

Proposals will be received in the above-mentioned room until 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016, in accordance with the contract documents, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the work consists of the removal of existing built-up roofing including ACM abate-

ment and replacement with 60mil PVC roof membrance over cover board and rigid insulation board in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by CRC Consulting Group, 1400 Easton Dr., Ste 138, Bakrsfield CA 93309. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the University and Plan Rooms. Engineer's construction estimate is \$515,000.

Plans and specifications may be obtained after February 8, 2016 by requesting them from ARC by going to www.e-ARC.com/ca/modesto then clicking on "Public Planroom" or by calling the ARC Modesto location at (209) 524-2924 asking for the PlanWell Department. Plans and specifications cost approximately \$125 plus tax and shipping payable to ARC and are non-refundable.

Each bidder offering a proposal must comply with bidding provisions of Article 2.00 et seq. in the Contract General Conditions, and should be familiar with all the provisions of the Contract

General Conditions and Supplementary General Conditions.

This project is a public works project and is subject to prevailing wage rate laws (see Contract General Conditions, Article 4.02-c). All contractors and all tiers of subcontractors bidding on this project shall register to bid public works projects with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), and maintain current this registration pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Please go to http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html for more information and to register.

A mandatory pre-bid walkthrough has been scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 10:00 am. Interested bidders should assemble at the Mary Stuart Rogers Building, Conference Room MSR130C, Building #27 on the campus.

The Trustees require the successful bidder to achieve three percent (3%) DVBE participation in

contracting construction projects as established in the bidding documents, and bidders shall identify the DVBEs to be used to satisfy this requirement in their bids. The University is granting a DVBE bid incentive of up to 1% as described in the Contract General Conditions. Bidders shall contact the Trustees' DVBE Coordinator at (209) 667-3243 or Debbie DaRosa at (209) 667-3987.

It will be the responsibility of each bidder to obtain a bid proposal package in sufficient time to fulfill requirements therein. Bid proposal packages are obtainable only by prequalified contractors, licensed in the State of California with a C-39 license, and registered with the DIR to bid public works projects. The bid packages must be requested from the Trustees, located at CSU Stanislaus, One University Circle, Turlock CA 95382; Attention: Debbie DaRosa, (209) 667-3987, ddarosa@csustan.edu.

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF PURI IC WORKS

Contract No. 1075J
(ID No. FCE15077)
BROADWAY CHINATOWN
COMPLETE STREETS
(BROADWAY CHINATOWN STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS)
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STPL-5934(174)

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m.** on March **2, 2016**, 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 Public Works Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs. Please visit the 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 along Broadway Street from Mason Street to Columbus Avenue and consists of pavement renovation, curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, water main installation, landscape improvements, street light installations, traffic signal modification, traffic routing, and all associate work. The time allowed for completion is 300 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$4,000,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Cristina Olea at (415) 558-4004.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR").

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

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 ("Administrative Code") Section 6.25 and Chapter 25 of the Environment Code, "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.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City.

Bidders are advised that this is a federal-aid project subject to equal employment opportunity provisions and Caltrans Race-Conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. CMD Bid Discount is not applicable to this Contract. **The DBE participation goal is 27%**. Only Caltrans certifications can be used to calculate the DBE participation. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-554-8369 for details

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 17, 2016; 3:00 p.m., at 30 Van Ness Ave, 5th Floor.

Contractor shall perform not less than 30 percent of the original contract work with the Contractor's own organization.

A corporate surety bond or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must accompany each bid. Administrative Code Section 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 at time of award.

In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$600,000 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 and the Federal General Prevailing Wage Determinations of the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with Administrative Code Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Contract Monitoring Division as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code within two weeks after notification of award.

If a bidder objects on any ground to any bid specification or legal requirement imposed by this Advertisement for Bids, the bidder shall, no later than the 10th working day prior to the date of Bid opening, provide written notice to the Contract Administration Division, San Francisco Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

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

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SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Contract No. 2776J (ID No. FCE16066) AS-NEEDED CURB RAMP CONSTRUCTION FOR STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM NO. 5

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on March 2, 2016**, 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 Public Works Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw. org/biddocs. Please visit the 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 on an as-needed basis at various locations in San Francisco, California and consists of curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, landscaping, traffic routing, and all associated work. The Work will be given out as work order packages that include the scope and time limit for completion. The time allowed for completion is 730 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$1,400,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Paul Barradas at 415-554-8249.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR").

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

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 ("Administrative Code") Section 6.25 and Chapter 25 of the Environment Code, "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.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City. Bid discounts may be applied as per Administrative Code Chapter 14B. LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement is 25%. Call Lupe Arreola at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids, except those who exceed the above stated LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement by 35%. Bidders must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference, if scheduled. Refer to CMD Form 2B.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at 1680 Mission Street, 3rd 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. Administrative Code Section 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 Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$600,000 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 Administrative Code Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (''Policy'') as set forth in Administrative Code Section 6.22(g). Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contract to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Contract Monitoring Division as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code within two weeks after notification of award.

If a bidder objects on any ground to any bid specification or legal requirement imposed by this Advertisement for Bids, the bidder shall, no later than the 10th working day prior to the date of Bid opening, provide written notice to the Contract Administration Division, San Francisco Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

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

2/4/16

CNS-2841458# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITIATION

BIDDER NOTICE

PLEASANT VALLEY STATE PRISON HEALTH CARE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID NUMBER: 6000001964

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) intends to receive bids and issue a contract for the Health Care Facility Improvement Project at the Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga, California.

PRIME CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN BIDDING MUST ATTEND THE SCHEDULED MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND WALK-THROUGH. The walk-through of the project construction site will be conducted after the pre-bid conference. For more information regarding security clearance to be eligible to attend the pre-bid conference and walk-through, refer to the Notice to Contractors (Document 00 21 00).

THE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS which includes the Projected Timetable & all bid information is available to view and download on the Department of General Services website at www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/home.aspx, or at the following websites:

www.caleprocure.ca.gov or http://www.signa-turerepro.com.

Reference Bid Number 6000001964.

CDCR Contact: Ms. Toshi Cordova, Contract Analyst

E-mail: Toshi.Cordova@cdcr.ca.gov

DRAWINGS & SPECIFICATIONS: Drawings, specifications and a sample bid proposal can be obtained by contacting Signature Reprographic at (916) 443-1322 or email print@signaturerepro.com. The bid documents can be viewed & ordered by selecting the project from the On-Line Plan Well at http://www.signaturerepro.com/PlanroomLinks.htm. Prime contractors shall be required to order full bid document sets (plans & specifications) only; subcontractors may order

partial sets. Bid documents may be purchased either in hard copy or electronic media format.

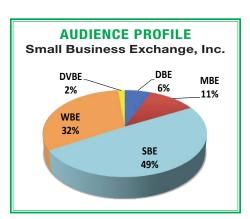
Drawings & specifications may also be viewed at local builder's exchanges.

THE STATE'S DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) 3% MINIMUM PARTICIPATION GOAL IS A REQUIREMENT OF THIS PROJECT.

In accordance with M&VC $\S999.5(a)$ and PCC $\S10115$, an incentive will be given to bidders who provide DVBE participation.

An award of a contract is dependent upon the availability of interim financing or bond proceeds to fund construction of the project. The State's Estimate for the project is approximately Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,700,000.00.).

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SBE Toolbox

SBA Participating Surety Companies & Agents

This page lists surety companies and agents who participate in the SBA's Surety Guarantee program.

American Contractors Indemnity CO 601 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1600 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Contact: Frank Mester, Senior Vice President Office: (310) 649-0990 Fax: (310) 242-4421 Email: fmester@hccsurety.com

Aegis Security Insurance Company

2407 Park Drive Harrisburg, PA 17105-3153 Contact: Bryan Morse, Contract Surety Manager Office: (717) 409-3070 Fax: (717) 657-5837 Email: bmorse@aegisfirst.com

Berkley Insurance CO

412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite 310N Morristown, NJ 07960 Contact: Debra Paziora, Vice President Office: (973) 775-5046 Fax: (973) 775-5204 dpaziora@berkleysurety.com

Bankers Insurance Company 11101 Roosevelt Boulevard North

St. Petersburg, FL 33716 Contact: Matthew Klimczak, Vice President Office: (800) 627-0000 x 4345 Fax: (770) 935-8339 mattk@bicsurety.com

Contractors Bonding & Insurance Company

3101 Western Avenue Seattle, Washington 98121 Contact: Brian Schick, AVP, Underwriting Office: (206) 628-6827 Fax: (800) 950-1558 BrianS@rlicorp.com

<u>Developers Surety and Indemnity Company</u> 17771 Cowan, Suite 100 (92614) Irvine, CA 92623 Contact: Noe Guerrero, Senior Underwriting Office: (949) 263-3413 Fax: (949) 252-1959 nguerrero@inscodico.com

FCCI Insurance Company

6300 University Parkway Sarasota, FL 34240 Contact: Scott Paice Office: (941) 907-2726 Fax: (941) 907-8503 spaice@fcci-group.com

First Net Insurance Company

c/o Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. 102 Julale Center, 424 West O'Brien Drive Hagätña, Guam 96910 Contact: Cesar L. Garcia, VP and CEO Office: (671) 477-7500 Fax: (671) 477-1837 cgarcia@moylans.net

Hudson Insurance Company

Hudson Insurance Company 23901 Calabasas Road, Suite 1085 Calabasas, CA 91302 Contact: Juli Dahlgren, V.P. Contract Surety Office: (818) 449-3111 Fax: (818) 206-1559 Email: jdahlgren@hudsoninsgroup.com

Indemnity Company of California

17780 Fitch, Suite 200 (92614) Irvine, CA 92623 Contact: Noe Guerrero, Senior Underwriting Office: (949) 263-3413 Fax: (949) 252-1959 nguerrero@inscodico.com

National American Insurance Company 1300 South Meridian Avenue, Suite 250 Oklahoma City, OK 73108

Contact: Tina Switzer, Vice President of Surety Office: (405) 601-8199 Fax: (405) 601-8259 TSwitzer@naico.com

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company

One Bala Plaza, Suite 100 Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004 Contact: Joseph Desantis, Sr. Surety Underwriter Office: (609) 512-3892 Fax: (609) 228-5653 joseph.desantis@phly.com

The Cincinnati Insurance Company

6200 South Gilmore Road Fairfield, OH 45014 Contact: Scott R. Boden, Sr Underwriting Manager - Surety Office: (513) 870-2416 Fax: (513) 881-8060 scott_boden@cinfin.com

The Guarantee Company of NA USA

One Towne Square, Suite 1470 Southfield, Michigan 48076 Contact: Ed Woods - VP National Underwriting Office: (248) 281-0281 Ext 6011 Fax: (248) 750-0431 EWoods@gcna.com

The Hartford

1 Tower Square 252B Hartford, CT 06183 Contact: Larry Christianson, Sr. Underwriter Office: (206) 346-0120 Fax: (206) 621-8409 larry.christianson@thehartford.com

The Service Insurance Company

80 Main Street, Suite 330 West Orange, New Jersey 07052 Contact: James Burger - President Office: (973) 731-7650 Fax: (973) 731-7889 james@servicebonding.com

United States Surety Company

20 W. Aylesbury Road Timonium, MD 21093 Contact: Carol Nevin, SVP, Underwriting Office: (410) 453-9522 Ext 108 cnevin@hccsurety.com

West Bend Mutual Insurance Company

1900 South 18th Avenue West Bend, WI 53095 Contact: Tony McFall Office: (608) 410-3424 Fax: (877) 624-2663 amcfall@wbmi.com

Westchester Fire Insurance Company

436 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Contact: Barbara Duggan Office: (215) 640-5853 Fax: (215) 640-1134 Barbara.Duggan@acegroup.com

Western National Mutual Insurance Company

10851 N. Black Canyon Highway, Suite 125 Phoenix, AZ 85029 Office: (855) 283-8106 Fax: (800) 999-3464 mark.hewitt@wnins.com

Preferred Surety Bond Companies

CNA: Western Surety Company 333 South Wabash, 41st Floor Chicago, IL 60604 Contact: Susan White, Specialty Service Asst. Phone: (713) 513-6309 Fax: (713) 513-6296 susan.white@cnasurety.com

SURETEC Insurance Company

1330 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77056 Contact: Kim Robinson, Administrative Manager Phone: (512) 732-0099 Fax: (512) 732-2663 krobinson@suretec.com

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of

One Tower Square, PLPBA Hartford, CT 06183 Contact: Kimberly Forrest, Underwriting Manager. Phone: (610) 458-2221 Fax: (610) 458-2250 kforrest@travelers.com

US Specialty Insurance Company 601 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1600 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Contact: Adam Pessin, Vice President Phone: (310) 649-0990 or (800) 486-6695 Fax: (310) 645-9274 apessin@hccsurety.com

ALMMS Bond & Insurance Services

3510 Main Street, Suite A, Oakley CA 94561 Phone: 925-642-1251 Aimme Colson [almmsbonds@gmail.com]

Advantage Bonding Insurance Services

7177 Brockton Avenue, Riverside CA 92506 Phone: 951-289-7227 Janelle L.. Tuominen [janelle@advantagebondingins.com] Susan C. Monteon [sue@advantagebondingins.com]

Alliant Insurance Services

735 Carnegie Drive, Suite 200, San Bernardino CA 92408 Phone: 909-474-8803 Cynthia J. Young [cyoung@alliant.com]

American Contracting Services, Inc. [Licensed in California] 5933 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati OH 45238 Phone : 513-793-5333 Anthony Balzano

<u>American Contractors Indemnity Company</u> 601 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles CA 90017

Phone: 972-930-0880 Cam Fletcher
[cfletcher@hccsurety.com] Jed Williams. Loftis [jloftis@hccsurety.com]

American Contractors Indemnity Company

1600 Sacramento Inn Way, Sacramento CA 95815 Phone: 916-568-7818 Matthew J.. Beernaert [mbeernaert@hccsurety.com]

American Contractors Indemnity Company

9841 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles ČA 90045 Phone : 310-649-0990 Adam Feinberg [afeinberg@hccsurety.com]

American Surety Bonds Agency, LLC [Licensed in California] 1587 N.E. Expressway, Atlanta GA 30329 Phone: 404-486-2355 Brooke Knowles [bknowles@suretybondsagency.com]

Associated Insurance Company

600 Hampshire Raod, Suite 150, Westlake Village CA 91361 Phone: 805-495-4634 Megan B.. Gaines [megan@insureservice.com]

Access to Capital

SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESS

What will it take for homeowners to crack open the 'credit box'?

By Barbara Weltman

Federal housing policymakers and mortgage lending groups have been talking about expanding access to home loans for greater numbers of creditworthy buyers for more than a year. They call it "opening up the credit box" and insist that it's an important goal.

So how's it going? Not so great. Although there are a few, scattered hints of easing credit requirements, the numbers aren't impressive. Take credit scores. If the lid on the box had opened even a crack, you'd expect to see the change reflected in the average credit scores on closed mortgages extended to home purchasers. Yet according to the latest data compiled by Ellie Mae, a technology company that examines a massive sample of mortgage transactions every month, there's been little change in the average FICO credit scores of buyers getting funded. Lenders may say they're willing to approve loans to applicants with lower than average scores, but they're not necessarily following through.

The average score for conventional loans closed in December was 754, just one point lower than in December 2014. Conventional mortgages are those eligible for sale to the two giant mortgage investors, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. FICO scores run from 300 (abysmal) to 850 (pristine.) The average score at the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the government's main mortgage source for young and minority first-time buyers, actually rose to 688 in December, 7 points higher than in the same month a year earlier. That looks like a tightening of the lid, not an opening.

To put this into context: The average FICO score for Americans is just 695. Young, prospective first-time buyers — millennials in their 20s and



It was expected that more buyers would get approved for mortgages, but that hasn't been the case. (ISTOCKPHOTO)

early 30's — tend to have lower scores on average than other age groups. According to a report from FICO last year, nearly 53 percent of millennials have scores lower than 670, and just 25 percent of them score between 670 and 739. No wonder first-time buyers are missing in action, accounting for just 30 percent of all home purchases instead of the historical norm of around 40 percent.

It's the same picture when you look at two other key criteria: debt-to-income ratios and down payments. Debt-to-income ratios (DTIs) weigh your monthly income against your total monthly recur-

ring payments for credit cards, auto loans, student loans, etc., plus the mortgage you're seeking. If your total monthly debt ratio is too high, lenders figure you're more likely to default on your loan. Federal rules specify a 43 percent maximum debt ratio as acceptable for qualified mortgages. Yet the average ratio for conventional loans in December was 35 percent, just 1 percent more generous than the average for all of 2014. FHA's average in December was 41 percent, the same as it was a year earlier, but a point higher than it was in November.

Down payments haven't budged much either. The average conventional home purchase borrower made a down payment of 20 percent in December — slightly more than it was last spring. At FHA, where low down-payment requirements have always been the marquee attraction, the average was 5 percent, slightly higher than earlier in the year when it was just 4 percent.

On the plus side, both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac introduced new 3 percent down-payment programs last year, and they are beginning to pull in some buyers. Freddie Mac chief executive Donald H. Layton said the new Home Possible Advantage program is "exceeding our targeted expectations" but provided no actual numbers of loans closed to date.

So what's going on here? Brad German, a spokesman for Freddie Mac, noted in an email that during the past year the company had offered "a steady expansion of credit terms for mortgages we are willing to buy from lenders," including the 3-percent-down plan. But, he added, "we cannot force lenders to make or sell loans to us," even when they'd have the effect of expanding access to more borrowers.

David Stevens, chief executive of the Mortgage Bankers Association, had a different take: He argues that Fannie's and Freddie's automated underwriting systems continue to impose high fees on borrowers with low FICO scores and down payments. Stevens also criticized the Justice Department for effectively discouraging participation in FHA's low down-payment loans by demanding huge financial settlements and filing lawsuits against lenders who make even the most minor errors in underwriting or documentation.

Source: www.washingtonpost.com

HomeStreet Bank Pays SBA Loan Fees for Veteran-Owned Businesses



HomeStreet Bank today announced that it will pay the SBA loan fees for businesses owned by veterans and/or their spouses. The Small Business Administration currently waives half of the loan fees for SBA Veterans Advantage program borrowers, and HomeStreet will pay the other half. This saves veteran-owned businesses up to as much as \$166,000 total for these types of loans.

"Helping veterans and their families is a meaningful way for us—as a bank—to give back

to those who have served," said Mark Mason, HomeStreet's president and CEO. "As a community bank, one of the principal philosophies of our business is taking care of our communities, and this SBA fee assistance program underscores that commitment. It's simply the right thing to do."

In order to qualify for SBA Veterans Advantage loans, a business must be 51 percent owned by a veteran, active-duty military service member participating in the military's Transition Assistance Program (TAP), reservists and National Guard members, the current spouse of the above, or the spouse of a service member who has died while in service.

For complete details about the loans or to work with a loan officer, contact Ruth Ann Halford at 206-753-0069 in Washington and Oregon, or Joan Earhart in California at 949-383-2022.

About HomeStreet, Inc.

Now in its 95th year, HomeStreet, Inc. (NASDAQ:HMST) is a diversified financial ser-

vices company headquartered in Seattle, Washington, and is the holding company for Home-Street Bank, a state-chartered, FDIC-insured savings bank. HomeStreet offers consumer, commercial and private banking services and investment and insurance products in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii, and originates residential and commercial mortgages and construction loans for borrowers located in the Western United States. The bank has consistently received an "outstanding" rating under the federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Additional information on HomeStreet Bank can be found at www.homestreet.com.

Founded in 1921, HomeStreet Bank offers consumer and commercial banking, mortgage lending and loans for residential construction, commercial real estate financing, investment and insurance products and services in the Pacific Northwest, California and Hawaii. We maintain a shared goal across teams and regions to be the preferred and trusted provider of financial services. HomeStreet Bank is proud to have consistently received an "outstanding" rating under the federal Community Reinvestment Act.

HomeStreet At A Glance

Based in Seattle, HomeStreet Bank is one of the largest community banks headquartered in Washington. HomeStreet began in 1921 as Continental Mortgage and Loan Company, initially offering financing for commercial real estate and home mortgages. HomeStreet evolved into a full service bank in 1986, further expanding its products and services in 2000 to include business banking and lending. HomeStreet Bank is consistently recognized by the federal government as "Outstanding" under the Community Reinvestment Act.

Key facts and statistics

- 4.98 billion in assets (as of 9/30/15)
- 2095 full-time equivalent employees (as of 9/30/15)
- 113 deposit branches and lending centers in the Western United States and Hawaii

Source: http://www.businesswire.com

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. A-0368781-00

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Cafe Colombini Grill Restaurant
Address
335 Hyde Street,
San Francisco, CA 94109
Full Name of Registrant #1
Reza Askarnia
Address of Registrant #1
301 Taylor Avenue,
San Bruno, CA 94066

This business is conducted by $An\ Individual.$ The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on $June\ 1,2006$

Signed: Reza Askarnia

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on $N\!/A_{\star}$

Notice: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to this date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the right of another under Federal, State or Common Law

Filed: Jennifer Wong
Deputy County Clerk
1/12/2016

1/14/16 + 1/21/16 + 1/28/16 + 2/4/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. A-0368841-00

Fictitious Business Name(s): Cornerstone Janitorial Services Address 745 Brazil Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112 Full Name of Registrant #1 Allan Steve Castro Address of Registrant #1 745 Brazil Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112

This business is conducted by **An Individual.** The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/14/16

Signed: Allan S. Castro

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on 1/14/16.

Notice: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to this date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the right of another under Federal, State or Common

Filed: Jennifer Wong
Deputy County Clerk
1/14/2016

2/4/16 + 2/11/16 + 2/18/16 + 2/25/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. A-0368938-00

Fictitious Business Name(s): Pink Lotus Nails
Address
1085 Fillmore Street T-1.

1085 Fillmore Street T-1, San Francisco, CA 94115 Full Name of Registrant #1 Tran Cam Dam

This business is conducted by $An\ Individual.$ The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/20/16

Signed: Tran Cam Dam

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on 1/20/16.

Notice: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to this date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the right of another under Federal, State or Common Levy.

Filed: Jennifer Wong
Deputy County Clerk
1/20/2016

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CHANGE OF NAME

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. CNC 16-551779

PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
Mia Lena Buettner
165 Seal Rock Dr., San Francisco, CA 94121

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner **Mia Lena Buettner**for a decree changing names as follows:

Mia Lena Buettner changed to Yves Lucija Sylvester Kertész

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: March 17, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM
Dept: 514 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 400 MCALLISTER STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

CAROLYN BALISTRERI, Clerk DATED - December 22, 2015

1/14/16 + 1/21/16 + 1/28/16 + 2/4/16

Flint Crisis



Washington, D.C., replaced some of its lead pipes in the 2000s. (FlickrCC/IntangibleArts)

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Similarly, Lansing, Mich., which is advising Flint in its lead removal efforts, is nearly finished replacing all of its lead service lines. Michigan's capital city spent more than \$42 million since 2004 replacing 13,500 lines. It only has 650 to go, and the Board of Water and Light expects to complete those replacements by June 2017. Lansing crews can replace the pipes without digging long trenches. They attach the new pipe to the back of the old pipe, and then pull the old pipe out to the street, leaving the new pipe in place. Weaver, the Flint mayor, praised the approach for being quicker and cheaper than digging up yards.

Lansing, though, has one advantage many water utilities do not: It owns the service lines from the mains all the way up to the water meter. That means it doesn't have to compel private landowners to replace their pipes, and there's no questions about subsidizing private property.

Source: http://www.governing.com

SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



Solar Hot Water
Location: San Francisco, California
Bid Date: March 1, 2016 @2:00 PM

Pre-Bid Conference: February 17, 2016 @ 10:30am
Location: 1000 Brannan Street, Suite 102,
San Francisco, CA

Nibbi Brothers has been selected as the General Contractor for the 1300 Fourth Street housing project in San Francisco's Mission Bay District. We are in receipt of the 40% CD Set and are currently requesting bids from qualified subcontractors including those certified with the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) for Solar Hot Water. OCII has established a subcontracting participation goal for this project at 50% SBE/LBE goal with first consideration for San Francisco-based MBEs, WBEs and SBEs. The project is located in San Francisco's Mission Bay District and is approximately 63,250sf of mixed-use residential/retail with 143 units of affordable housing. Construction will be five levels of Type III over one level of Type I concrete podium consisting of a parking garage, retail space and common areas

To obtain bid and contract documents through
Building Connected, please email
John Boyden, johnb@nibbi.com or
Kristin Medwick, kristinm@nibbi.com
in the Precon & Estimating Department.
For specific questions regarding this project
please contact

Elizabeth Crockett, Preconstruction Manager, via email, elizabethc@nibbi.com.



Proven Management, Inc. 2000 5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710 Phone: 510-671-0000 • Fax: 510-671-1000

PMI is requesting proposals/quotes from all qualified & certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE) subcontractors, material suppliers, and truckers for the following project:

TWIN PEAKS TUNNEL TRACKWAY IMPROVEMENT SFMTA Contract No. 1282R Bids: 02/12/2016 @ 3 pm 26% SBE Participation Goal

Demo; Hazmat Abatement; Earthwork; HDPE Pipe and Fittings; Ballast; Concrete Formwork; Rebar; CIP Concrete; Shotcrete; Concrete Repair Mortar; Epoxy-Injected Crack Repair; Structural Steel; Metal Fab; Misc. Metals; Special Trackwork; Rail Welding; Wood Block; Composite Ties; Applied & Penetration Fireproofing; Joint Firestopping; Signage; Wayside Rail Lubrication System; Basic Mechanical Matl's & Methods; Supports, Anchors & Seals; Basic Electrical; Raceways; Wire & Cable; Pullboxes; Traction Power Cables; Fire Alarm & Detection System; Tunnel Lighting; Overhead Contact System (OCS); Eyebolts; Track Switch Control & Signal System; Traffic Control Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans & specifications & requirements for the work will be made available to interested SBE certified suppliers, subcontractors, and truckers. Assistance with obtaining necessary

100% Payment & Performance bonds will be required from a single, Treasury-listed surety company subject to PMI's approval. PMI will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors awarded on any project will be on PMI's standard form for subcontract without any modifications. For questions or assistance required on the above, please call.

equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or

services for this project will also be offered to interested

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SBE firms.

RFP FOR GOODWILL SITE:

Elevators, Exterior Building Maintenance Equipment, Trash Chutes, Pool/Spas and Wind Canopy

RFP DUE DATE: Monday, February 15, 2016

Related California ("Developer") is seeking firms interested in providing Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Precast/GFRC.

The Project is to demolish most of the two existing buildings on the project site and construct a mixed-use development with two components, a residential and retail development and an office development and permit center to be occupied by several City and County of San Francisco departments.

We encourage interested firms to review documents available at:

http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=10464

Local Business Enterprises (LBEs)—including MBEs and WBEs—are encouraged to respond.

Contact: Harold Hill at hhill@related.com

Shimmick Construction Company Inc. 8201 Edgewater Drive, Suite 202 • Oakland, CA 94621 Phone (510) 777-5000 • Fax (510) 777-5099

 $DBE\ Subcontractor/Supplier\ Bids\ Requested\ For:$

Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade City of San Jose Contract No. 7382 Bid Date: March 17th, 2016 until 3:00PM Fax all quotes to 510-777-5099

Requesting certified DBE Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes on: Misc. Supplies, Safety, Sand & Gravel, Asphalt, Concrete & Cement, Reinforcing Bar Section, Pipe, Guard Railing & Barriers, Pavement Markers, Electrical & Signals, Staking, Earthwork, Excavation, Paving Asphalt, Concrete Structure, Reinforcing Steel, Clean & Paint Steel, Plastic Pipe, Misc. Metals, Pumping Plant Electrical Equipment, Structural Engineer, Surveyor, Trucking, Masonry, Demolition

Plans and specifications are available for download at no charge by visiting https://www.bidsync.com/. Plans and specifications are also available for viewing by appointment only at Shimmick Construction's Office: 8201 Edgewater Drive, Suite 202, Oakland, CA 94621.

Subcontractors and Suppliers interested in this project may contact Cu Mai by phone at (510) 777-5005.

100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company subject to approval of Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. are required of subcontractors for this project. Shimmick Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest SCCI Long Form Standard Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. Shimmick Construction's listing of a Subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote. Shimmick Construction requires that Subcontractors and Suppliers price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable a complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Scott Fairgrieve at (510) 777-5000.