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So Far, So Good For The Economy. But What About The Second Half?

By Marilyn Geewax

Maybe it seems like just yesterday that you were storing away your holiday decorations.

Maybe it actually was yesterday because life gets busy and tasks get put off, and before you know it, half the year is over and you're scrambling to catch up.

So in case you have been too busy to pay close attention, here's what we now know about the just-ended half of this year's economy:

On Friday, the Labor Department provided another reasonably upbeat monthly jobs report — good enough to make 2015 a winner so far for workers.

In June, employers added 223,000 jobs, and it was the 64th straight month of private-sector job growth — the longest streak on record.



Photo credit: Keith Srakocic/AP

A worker welds parts in fans for industrial ventilation systems at the Robinson Fans Inc. plant in Harmony, Pa., in February. Hourly wages in the U.S. remained unchanged last month.

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A Reopened Embassy In Havana Could Be A Boon For U.S. Businesses

By Michele Kelemen

When Secretary of State John Kerry goes to Havana to raise a flag over the soon to be reopened embassy this summer, it won't be just an important symbolic moment.

The administration says the U.S. will be able to station more American personnel in Cuba, and that should be a big help in practical terms as more

Americans travel to and trade with the Cold War-era foe.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar says U.S. embassies around the world are promoting American businesses, and she's hoping that once the U.S. embassy is reopened in Havana this month, American companies interested in doing business there will find a place to get advice.

"If they're not some big Fortune 500 company, they don't actually have personnel on staff to help them vet customers," Klobuchar says. "In fact, many of our small- and medium-sized businesses in Minnesota and across the country use the foreign commercial service. They have people in the embassy, so that they can actually call."

There's no foreign commercial service staff based at the U.S. diplomatic post in Havana yet to answer such a call, and a U.S. embargo is still on the books. Nevertheless, Klobuchar, a Democrat, is looking ahead.

"In order to really make this work, once you lift the trade embargo, you are going to have to have people that are working to help American busi-

nesses," she says. "Otherwise, just the big guys get all the business."

Minnesota already exports about \$20 million a year in agricultural products to Cuba under a humanitarian exemption to the embargo. Cuban-American attorney Pedro Freyre teaches a course at Columbia University's law school about the embargo, which he says has more holes than Swiss cheese.

"There's huge, huge loopholes in the embargo," Freyre says. "One of them has to do with the sale of agricultural products. The United States is one of the biggest trade partners that Cuba has. If you have a chicken cutlet in Havana, its likely to be a U.S. chicken."

Freyre, a partner with the law firm Akerman LLP, sees big potential for trade in pharmaceuticals and in telecommunications. He says the U.S. can also export certain construction materials and paint for private property owners and charitable institutions in Cuba.

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Community Outreach

Prudential Named a Best Place to Work by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE: PRU) earned the highest score of 100 percent on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index for its programs and practices that support the inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) employees, consumers and investors.

"Through EAGLES, employees have an opportunity to grow professionally and learn more about the GLBT community"

"Our inclusive culture is a competitive advantage that helps us to effectively attract and retain talented employees from all backgrounds," said Emilio Egea, chief diversity officer. "We strive to create a workplace that values all employees and as a result we develop innovative products that are relevant to diverse markets."

The Human Rights Campaign evaluated 615 businesses on their GLBT practices including non-discrimination policies, transgender health benefits and domestic partner benefits. The average rating of Fortune 500 companies was 87 percent.

"I'm extremely proud that Prudential has once again received this recognition for its equality practices and its commitment to GLBT employees," said Peter Trost, a vice president in the Enterprise Risk Management department and president of Prudential's Employee Association of Gay Men Lesbians and Transgenders (EAGLES). "Through EAGLES, employees have an opportunity to grow professionally and learn more about the GLBT community," said Trost. EAGLES members also share insights on how Prudential can effectively market its products to the GLBT community.

This past June in recognition of Gay Pride Month, EAGLES hosted several events including a workshop on marriage equality and a sports equipment drive for a local nonprofit organization. EAGLES members also took kids



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New NNPA Chair: 'We're Going to Flex Our Muscles'

By F. Taylor

When America's first black newspaper was published on March 16, 1827, black people were still enslaved. Nearly two centuries later, the issues of Black America — though not as severe as human bondage — are still urgent and continue to belie America's promise of freedom and justice for all.

This is the reason that 21st century black newspapers remain focused on "pleading our own cause" as was expressed in the first editorial by abolitionists Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwurm in Freedom's Journal. The editorial concluded, "Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentation, in things which concern us dearly."

In this regard, Denise Rolark Barnes, the new chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, says the federation of more than 200 black-owned newspapers will continue to not only

thrive but grow as it begins its 75th year. With most newspapers in an economic struggle industry wide and black newspapers enthralled in a historic battle against advertising discrimination, Barnes says NNPA's new leadership team will encourage a keen focus on issues that continually plague black communities, while initiating strategies to expand.

"Housing, the large foreclosure rate, the issue of the lack of police-community relations, the unwarranted deaths of young black men at the hands of police, the big issue of black-on-black crime — We need to take responsible positions on all of these issues because this is what our community looks for, but this is also what I think our advertisers will be looking for. They want us to take a stand on these issues," says Barnes in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "I'd just say look out because we're going to flex our muscles. And we're looking forward to doing our jobs on a broader scale and speaking stronger. And I know the publishers are prime for it."

The flexed muscle of the Black Press recalls the powerful logo made famous by the historic Richmond Planet. The newspaper's banner carried a drawing of "a flexed, muscular black arm with lightning bolts radiating out of its clenched fist", as described by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Barnes, publisher of the Washington Informer Newspaper for more than 20 years, was given the leadership charge by her fellow publishers in a June 19 election held during the NNPA Annual Convention in Detroit. As publisher, she follows in the footsteps of her father, the late Calvin Rolark, who was widely known as a business and community leader as well as publisher of the Informer, which was founded more than 50 years ago.

The executive committee elected alongside her also includes publishers who are well-entrenched leaders in various communities: First Vice Chair Karen Carter Richards, Houston Forward Times; Second Vice Chair Francis Page, Jr., Houston Style

Magazine; Treasurer Janis Ware, Atlanta Voice and Secretary Shannon Williams, Indianapolis Recorder. "Many of us are second generation publishers. We're fairly young and are committed to the legacy that was left by those who started in this industry. We understand what our responsibilities are and we're looking forward to continuing to make a difference through the stories, the photographs, and the editorials that you'll find in black-owned newspapers," said Barnes.

She ticked off several initiatives foremost on her mind that the association must explore in coming months and years in order to expand and strengthen its membership. Among them are:

*Since NNPA operates off of sponsorships and advertising, there must be new ways to help corporations understand the value of black newspapers. That will be a major effort now carried out by a national advertising sales team currently being es-

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Description of Work and Material Supply (but not limited to):

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'We're Going to Flex Our Muscles'

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ublished. *Increase, solidify and grow online presence in order to engage readers who may not readily pick up newspapers. Currently, the two NNPA websites are NNPA.org and BlackPressUSA.com. Most NNPA member newspapers also have their own individual websites. The NNPA Foundation, which includes the D.C.-based NNPA News Service and Blackpressusa.com, run by Editor-in-chief George Curry, has a separate board chair.

*Create genres through which readers can exchange opinions and thoughts surrounding the issues and articles in black newspapers.

*Consider broadening the NNPA membership base to fully include those newspapers that only publish online as well as helping to bring back members that may have become defunct due to economic difficulties.

*Provide greater support and service to newspapers that are evolving into multi-media companies.

*Supporting the staff of the national office, also based in Washington, D.C., in order to maximize the success of the policies set by the board.

Barnes' term as chair is two years, after which she could run for a second two-year term. The executive committee heads a 22-member board of directors, including representatives of five regions. The board establishes policy and directives for the Washington, D.C. headquarters, which is led by NNPA President/CEO Benjamin Chavis.

Chavis' stature as a former member of the recently pardoned historic Wilmington 10 as well as his civil rights leadership as former NAACP executive director, has raised the visibility of the organization to a new level over the past several years. Barnes, who replaces former chair Cloves

Campbell of the Arizona Informant, says she will build on the new growth that he established over the past four years.

"NNPA for so long didn't have a president and didn't have a staff; therefore, the publishers were actually involved in the day to day management of the association. Now, we have the benefit of both of those, the president, the staff and the National Office. And so, the board now can get back into the business of creating policy," she said.

The fact that the NNPA national office and chair are now both located in the nation's capital is an additional advantage from a standpoint of infrastructure, she said. Amidst the home of the federal government, the U. S. Congress, she says she will work the relationships garnered by her and her father over 50 years for the maximum benefits for NNPA.

"We serve as the voice for the black community; we speak truth to power, we influence legislation and I think when folks see that we're still an integral part of our community because of the positions that we take on behalf of our community, it will show that we have the kind of value that's worth investing in," Barnes says. "Some may not always appreciate the positions that we may take. But, it's not about liking what we do. It's being respected for what we do."

She concluded, "We give you stories about communities that are working hard to support their families, to build communities, to contribute to this nation and to the world and I don't ever see a day, to be honest with you, when the black press will not play that critical role in this country and across the world."

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City of Yucaipa

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**Low Water Crossing Replacement
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City of Yucaipa

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Santa Rosa
Sonoma County Project No.: APC008
BID DATE: July 22, 2015 @ 3:00 PM**

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Airfield Safety and Traffic Control, SWPPP, Lime Treated Subgrade, Portland Cement Concrete Paving, Bituminous Prime Coat, Microsurfacing, Pavement Marking, Fencing, Storm Drain Pipe, Electrical and Construction Materials

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Contact: Donat Galicz

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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.

**REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE
SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:**

**Montague Expressway and South Milpitas Boulevard Improvements
Contract No.: C640 (15014)
Owner: Santa Clara VTA
Engineers' Estimate: \$25,000,000.
BID DATE: July 22, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: Survey, SWPPP, QC / QA, Trucking, Sweeping, Water Truck, Fence, Clear & Grub, Demo, Landscape, Minor Concrete, Sign Structure, Construction Area Signs, Stripe, Electrical, Adjust Utilities, Slurry Seal, Bridge, Joint Seal, Rebar, Piling and Underground.

Granite Rock Company 'Graniterock' is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Carpenters and Cement Masons unions. 100% performance and payment bonds will be required from a qualified surety company for the full amount of the subcontract price. Bonding assistance is available. Graniterock will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. In addition to bonding assistance, subcontractors are encouraged to contact Graniterock Estimating with questions regarding obtaining lines of credit, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies, or with any questions you may have. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract. Graniterock intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project.

Granite Rock Company

120 Granite Rock Way, San Jose, CA 95136

Phone (408) 574-1400 Fax (408) 365-9548

Contact: Paul Brizzolara

Email: estimating@graniterock.com

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What is a GSA 5 Year Contract

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- Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB)
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- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

Effective February 4, 2015 any company representing itself as a certified business in order to receive federal contract awards will not be in compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council and Federal Acquisition Regulations. In addition, companies representing themselves as a certified company through Systems for Award Management (SAM) Registration and Integrated Acquisition Environment need to make changes and update the various Federal procurement data systems, which will be affected by this rule.

Source: www.phicerts.com/business-certifications.html

SUB-BID REQUESTS CALIFORNIA

RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) for the following project:

**Water Recycling Pipeline Phase 1A
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Contract No.4289
Engineer Estimate: \$3,300,000
Bids: August 6th 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Construction Area Signs, , Clear & Grub, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Water Truck, Horizontal Directional Drill HDD and Water Pipe Supplier.

Scope of Work: 231 Ft. of HDPE pipe and 1,169 ft. of DIP pipe to be installed via open cut construction & 3210 ft. of HDPE to be installed via Horizontal Directional Drill

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the County of Sacramento 827 7th St. Rm 102, Sacramento, CA 95814 or Contact Andy Eldridge 925-606-2400 andrew.eldridge@rgwconstruction.com for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for DBE for the following project:

**CALTRANS ROUTE 99 – CONSTRUCTION ON
STATE HIGHWAY IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY IN
STOCKTON FROM 0.1 MILE SOUTH OF MARSH
STREET PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING TO 0.1 MILE
NORTH OF HAMMER LANE OVERCROSSING,
Contract No. 10-0Y90U4,
Federal Aid Project ACNHP-P099(588)E**

OWNER:
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,
Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: JULY 22, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, IRRIGATION, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, PCC PAVING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP AND LEAD PLANS, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates Construction. DeSilva Gates Construction will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction's requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

DeSilva Gates Construction

11555 Dublin Boulevard
P.O. Box 2909
Dublin, CA 94568-2909
(925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263
Estimator: STEVE LIPPIS
Website: www.desilvagates.com
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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for Disadvantage/Minority/Women – Owned Business Enterprises for the following project:

**RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF
VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN THE FAIRVIEW AND
ASHLAND AREAS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY,
Specification No. 2279**

OWNER:
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
951 Turner Court, Room 230A, Hayward, CA 94545
BID DATE: JULY 7TH, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantage/Minority/Woman-Owned Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

ADJUST IRON, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT, CRACK SEALING, ELECTRICAL, PAVING FABRIC, STRIPING, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P.'s requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

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Estimator: Alan McKean
Website: www.desilvagates.com
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SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

**Project Name: Transbay Block 8
Project Location: San Francisco, CA
Bid Due Date: July 22, 2015
For Concrete Structures
and Testing & Inspection**

Related California and Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation are currently requesting bid proposals from qualified subcontractors and material suppliers based in San Francisco. This project is administered by the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) for the construction of the Transbay Block 8 Project. The OCII has established a subcontractor goal for this project at 50% SBE participation. With first consideration will be given to SF-based SBEs/LBEs/WBEs and MBEs; Non-SF-based SBEs shall be used to satisfy the goal only if SF-based SBEs are not available, qualified, or if their bids or fees are significantly higher. To count towards the SBE goal, a business must be certified as a LBE with the City and County of San Francisco. There is also a 50% SBE goal for suppliers. For more information on the LBE certification process, please visit the following site: <http://sfgsa.org/index.aspx?page=5364>

The Project is comprised of approximately 546 residential units and 18,000 square feet of neighborhood retail over a 3-level subterranean parking structure. The design features a 55-story tower, 65' and 85' podium buildings, townhomes and a publicly accessible mid-block paseo. The Project's residential program includes 116 for-sale condominiums, 280 market rate rental units and 150 below market rate rental units.

For more information please email TB8@related.com. A member of the team will be able to provide clarifications and answers to any questions. Please do not send your bids via email to this email address. Electronic bid submittals will not be reviewed.

Bid proposals shall be submitted no later than 3pm on July 22, 2015 via hardcopy delivery to:

Transbay 8 Urban Housing, LLC
44 Montgomery, Suite 1050
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: 415-677-4406 • Fax: 888-371-8739
Contact: Jeff Lucas
Email: TB8@related.com

Gallagher and Burk, Inc. is soliciting for DBEs for the following project:

**VARIOUS STREETS REHABILITATION
City Project No. C476510
Federal Project No. STPL-5012(125)**

OWNER:
CITY OF OAKLAND
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Room #101,
Oakland, CA 94612

BID DATE: JULY 16, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

ADJUST IRON, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT, ELECTRICAL, MINOR CONCRETE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, STRIPING, SURVEY/STAKING, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by Gallagher and Burk, Inc. Gallagher and Burk, Inc. will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting Gallagher and Burk, Inc.'s requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

Gallagher & Burk, Inc.

344 High Street • Oakland, CA 94601
Phone: (510) 261-0466 • FAX (510) 261-0478
Estimator: Alan McKean
Website: www.gallagherandburk.com
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SWINERTON Management & Consulting

Requesting sub bids from all qualified subcontractors, material suppliers and trucking firms including: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Small Business Enterprise, Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Woman Owned Business Enterprise, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

PROJECT INFO:

The project consists of office tenant improvement (TI) renovations covering approximately 123,000 sq. ft. across (3) levels of a new core & shell building. The TI shall comply with ADA code, 2013 NFPA and California Building Codes, Cal Green, TK1SC Collaborative's Commissioning Plan plus SCE Corporate Design Standards for the building of executive/manager offices, copy/equipment rooms, conference rooms, café centrals, office store rooms, men's and women's restrooms, egress corridors and lobbies.

BID DATE

July 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM

TRADES:

The Office TI includes stair railing / guard railing, metal stud framing, drywall, painting, flooring, tiling, interior glass & glazing, mechoshade window treatments, doors & hardware, cabinets & counter tops, signage, toilet accessories, suspended ceiling systems, energy and lighting management system controls, HVAC, electrical, fire alarm, fire sprinkler system, telecom/data system, security, audio/visual, and plumbing systems.

BID DOCS:

Plans and specifications are available for review and take off at Swinerton's LA Office located at 865 S Figueroa St Ste 3000 Los Angeles, CA 90017 or online via www.smartbidnet.com. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Figueroa at nfigueroa@swinerton.com or 213.869.3400.

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and Veteran Employer**

Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified
MBE, DBE, WBE, SF LBE
Subcontractors and Suppliers

**Agreement No. CS-249 Planning and Design
Services Mountain Tunnel Improvements
Location: Moccasin, CA
Bid Date: 8/4/15**

AE003 – Civil Engineering; AE015 – Surveying (Land & Aerial); AE020 – Water Resources Engineering; PS045 – Hazardous Waste and Remediation Services; PS047 – Laboratory Services (Materials Testing)

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Contact: Kris Benson • 510-761-6581
Email: sfpuc.mtunnel@jacobs.com
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SUB-BID REQUESTS CALIFORNIA

PROJECT: I-15 CAJON PASS REHABILITATION PROJECT
CALTRANS DISTRICT 8
NORTH OF SAN BERNARDINO, CA

****THIS PROJECT HAS A 14.65% DBE Goal ****

Coffman/Parsons, A Joint Venture (CPJV) is currently seeking DBE subcontractors/subconsultants, and material and/or equipment suppliers in the following scopes of work:

- Asphalt Milling
 - Individual Slab Replacement
 - Excavation and Grading
 - Grind Rumble Strip
- Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Paving
 - Concrete Pavement Demolition
 - Roller Compacted Concrete
 - Concrete Grinding



9685 Via Excelencia, Ste 200 • San Diego, CA 92126
Phone: (858) 536-3100 • Fax: (858) 586-0164
E-mail inquiries to: cpjvdoc@coffmanspecialties.com

Every Subcontractor is required to be registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Public Contract Code. No Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal pursuant to Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. No bid shall be accepted nor any subcontract entered into without proof of the Subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5.

Coffman Specialties, Inc. is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Cement Masons and Carpenters unions. Insurance and 100% Payment & Performance Bonds will be required. CPJV will provide assistance/advice with obtaining Bonds/Insurance/Credit. Waiver of Subrogation will be required. Plans, specifications and schedule information is available through CPJV's project office and Coffman Specialties, Inc.'s San Diego Office. We are an EOE & seriously intend to negotiate with qualified firms.

RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified SBE (Small Business Enterprises) for the following project:

Montague Expressway and South Milpitas Blvd. Improvements - VTA
Contract no. C640 (15014)
SBE Goal: 13.66%

Engineer Estimate: \$22,500,000 – Working days 630
Bids: July 22, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to: Electrical Material, Construction Area Signs, Cold Plane, Building Demolition/Bridge Removal, Clear and Grub, Landscaping/Irrigation, Erosion Control ,Slurry Seal , Prestressing Concrete Cast-in-Place, Joint Seal, Sign Structure, Signs Road-side, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk Misc., Fencing, Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe & Marking, Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Lighting & Signal, Surveyor, Sweeper, Water (underground), Furnish & Install Sheet pile.

Scope of Work: Demolition of building & structures, clearing and grubbing, earthwork & grading
RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage SBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the VTA website www.vta.org/bart/financial/contractingopportunities or Contact John Pitsch 925-606-2400 johnp@rgwconstruction.com for questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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TAFT ELECTRIC COMPANY

1694 EASTMAN AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93003
Contact: Tim Herrera

Phone: (805) 642-0121 • Fax: (805) 650-9015

Invites sub-bids from qualified union DBE businesses for the following project:

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) Traffic Signal Upgrades Project,
Project No. 3682
Location: City of Santa Barbara
BID DATE/TIME: 7/23/2015 @ 3:00PM

SEEKING: Cleans up, dust control, traffic control, remove & recycle hardscape, new meter pedestal, underground conduits, street lighting, traffic signals, traffic signal controller cabinets, pole foundations, loop detectors, concrete sidewalks, demo existing signs & foundations, retrofit access ramps with turn-cated domes.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and intend to seriously negotiate with qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise subcontractors and suppliers for project participation.

Payment and performance bonds may be required. Please contact us at the above listed number for further information regarding bidding on this project. To the best of our abilities we will help with bonds/insurance/credit. Plans are available for viewing at our office.

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Kiewit

Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractors and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the Caltrans State Highway in Humboldt County near Hoopa from Tish Tang Sidehill Viaduct #2 to 0.3 Mile West of Shoemaker Road Project in District 01 on Route 96.

www.californiaucp.org, www.dgs.ca.gov

PROJECT
Humboldt County Near Hoopa from Tish Tang
Sidehill Viaduct #2 to 0.3 Mile West of
Shoemaker Road Project
Contract No. 3410
Owner: Caltrans

Bid Date: August 12, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

AC Paving, Striping, Aggregates, Concrete, Precast Concrete, Clearing & Grubbing, Geosynthetics, Metals, Earthwork, Traffic Control, Painting, Shoring, Strom Water Pollution Prevention (SWPPP) and Fugitive Dust Control Plan (FDCP), Signs, Drainage, Slope Protection, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk, Railing and Barrier, Grading, Landscaping, Piling, Pollution Control Equipment, Pavement Markings, Water & Sweeper Truck.

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 DGS/CUCP DVBE, SBE, Certified DBE business suppliers, subcontractors & service providers. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers, subcontractors & service providers.

Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes are due
NO LATER THAN August 10, 2015 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.

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534
Attn: Victor Molina victor.molina@kiewit.com

You can view the plans in our office during regular business hours by appointment.

You must be registered and provide your

Department of Industrial Relations number.

100% Performance Bond and Payment Bonds are required for this project. Cost of bond will be reimbursable up to 2%

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Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractors and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the City of Fresno Recycled Water Transmission Main, Southwest Quadrant, SW1A Project in Fresno, CA.

<http://www.epa.gov/>

<http://www.sba.gov/> www.californiaucp.org

Subcontractors and Suppliers
for the following project:

Recycled Water Transmission Main,
Southwest Quadrant, Project SW1A–
Bid File No. 3410
Owner: City of Fresno

Bid Date: August 7, 2015 @ 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 Business Concern or a concern under a successor program wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

AC Paving, Striping, Aggregates, Jack & Bore, Conduits & Vaults Supply, Concrete, Precast Concrete, Clearing & Grubbing, Metals, Cathodic Protection, Earthwork, Traffic Control, Thermal and Moisture Protection, Piping & Valves Supply, Shoring, Strom Water Pollution Prevention (SWPPP) and Fugitive Dust Control Plan (FDCP), Sweeping, Grading, Landscaping, Pollution Control Equipment, Striping, Water Equipment & Water Truck.

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 business 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 Quotes are due NO LATER THAN August 5, 2015 at 5 PM.

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

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Cost of bond will be reimbursable.

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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified
MBE, WBE, DBE, DVBE
Subcontractors and Suppliers

Jefferson Middle School Modernization
Project No. 02-07-23-15

Location: Torrance, CA 90501

Bid Date: 7/23/2015 @ 2:00PM

Respond By: 7/16/2015

Proposals Requested For The Following Trades:
Gates & Handrail Railing, Temporary Fence.

Raffi's Metal Design

534 E Fig Ave Monrovia CA 91016
Phone: 818-612-0769 • Fax: 626-932-1850

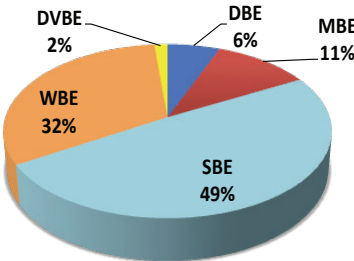
Name: Raffi Hanneyan

Email: raffismetal@aol.com

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AUDIENCE PROFILE
Small Business Exchange, Inc.





MESSAGE FROM THE Interim General Manager Kathleen Kelly



I'm excited to let you know next year's budget provides the resources for us to build on our current momentum, allowing for a significant service expansion and upgrades to existing service. With the passage of Measure BB in November, the voters in Alameda County elected to provide roughly \$30 million in additional annual funding for AC Transit to expand and improve service, and we have been working hard to ensure that their support for transit is rewarded with new and better bus service.

Highlights of the FY 2016 budget include approximately \$9 million of new service, increasing our annual revenue service hours to 1.9 million, and an investment of about \$1 million to improve performance and reliability on Lines 1 and 1R. Additionally, our capital budget funds 65 replacement buses and 15 expansion buses, and upgrades

to our aging information technology infrastructure.

Thanks to the continued support of our board, transit riders and community partners, AC Transit is well positioned to continue our commitment to high quality, reliable service.

Source: AC Transit eNews

About AC Transit

As one of the largest bus-only agencies in the country, AC Transit employs a staff of approximately 1,900 dedicated individuals and operates a fleet of 575 buses. AC Transit provides more than 55 million rides annually, offering convenient travel options to residents and visitors in the Bay Area. AC Transit is truly committed to ongoing service and quality improvements, offering transit customers "A Better Ride".

AC Transit is an innovative, modern bus system, owned by the public of the East Bay. Its family tree dates back to 1869...the year Americas two coasts were joined by the transcontinental railroad with the driving of the golden spike. In the same year, 1869, the Suez Canal opened, linking the Mediterranean with the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. That's the year when AC Transit's first predecessor began carrying passengers from the Jack London Waterfront into burgeoning Oakland in a horse-drawn rail car.

Our Mission

Connecting our communities with safe, reliable, sustainable service...we'll get you there.

Source: <http://www.actransit.org>

So Far, So Good For The Economy. But What About The Second Half?

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And the unemployment rate fell by two-tenths of a point to 5.3 percent, the lowest level since April 2008. In January, unemployment was 5.7 percent, so the trend is encouraging. And the average monthly gain in payrolls for the year's first half was 208,000 — not a bad pace for a 6-year-old recovery.

But the June report also underscored problems that have plagued workers in 2015. For one thing, the pace of job creation cooled compared with the second half of 2014. In the back half of last year, monthly job growth averaged 281,000.

Here's another disappointment: In June, average hourly wages did not go up — not by even one penny.

Betsey Stevenson, a member of the White House Council of Council of Economic Advisers, shared her reaction with NPR's Scott Horsley: "Obviously, zero is a disappointing number."

To be fair, wages are up 2 percent from this time last year, but still, June's flat line suggests raises are losing momentum.

And there's this, too: The labor-force participation rate slipped to 62.6 percent, down from 62.9 percent. That marked the lowest level since 1977 — and may mean discouraged Americans aren't even trying to find jobs.

So, on balance, the labor market is doing OK, but it could be a lot better.

As for the second half of 2015, economists are somewhat optimistic, expecting moderate economic growth of 2.5 percent. Among the positive factors: higher consumer spending and confidence, tied to cheaper energy.

"The national average gasoline price likely peaked for this year in mid-June at \$2.91 per gallon and the price is \$2.88 per gallon heading into the July 4 holiday weekend — much lower than \$3.73 per gallon at last year's July 4 weekend," PNC chief economist Stu Hoffman said in his written outlook. By Christmas, he expects gas to be down to \$2.40 a gallon — helping give consumers a spending boost even without raises.

Even though the outlook is generally upbeat, there are risks looming in the second half of the year. For example, the debt crisis in Greece could worsen and deeply rattle financial markets. The Federal Reserve could start raising interest rates in September and touch off a bad market reaction among investors. Congress could allow a debt-ceiling problem to spiral into a crisis this fall.

But there are always dangers. On balance, the last line of Hoffman's assessment probably best summed up the big picture.

Source: <http://www.npr.org>

A Reopened Embassy In Havana

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"Havana is a city that is in dire need of a paint job, so I suspect you're going to see some opportunities there to get that type of material over to Cuba," he says.

Freyre's looking forward to the newly re-established embassy, though he's found that its becoming just as easy to work directly with Cuban officials as he takes his clients around Havana.

"Having the embassy, I think, is always helpful," he says. "It provides comfort, it provides support. Your government is there for you. But right now, I have to say that the direct communications with the Cuban officials have been opening up."

Freyre's own views about his homeland have changed too. He was always a staunch opponent of the Castro regime, but welcomes this new U.S. approach of engagement.

"The U.S. tried direct invasion, confrontation, blockade, guerrilla warfare, exploding cigars, an embargo, and none of it worked," he says.

Though he and other experts don't think Congress has the votes yet to formally lift the embargo, the push to open tourism is gaining momentum. Klobuchar says Congress shouldn't stop there.

"Well, if you just do that and you have Americans flocking to Cuba on vacation, they're going to be staying in Spanish hotels and eating food from Germany and China," she says. "At some point, if we wait too long to get American businesses in there, we're actually going to be losing enormous opportunities." Klobuchar has 17 co-sponsors on a bill to end the embargo, but faces opposition from some key Republicans, who accuse the White House of looking for legacy and overlooking human rights abuses in Cuba.

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Contract No. 9662A-1
(ID No. FCA15127)
E.S.E.R. BOND NO. 2014, ROOF, HVAC AND
EMERGENCY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT
AT FIRE STATION 3**

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until 2:30 p.m. on 07/22/2015, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs, or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103, telephone 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable \$15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work to be done under this contract is located at 1067 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. The work includes but is not limited to removing and replacing roofing, HVAC, emergency generator, and skylights of Fire Station 3. The time allowed for completion is 180 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$760,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Michelle Lee at 415-557-4718.

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 (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Lump Sum Bid Items 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 SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **22% LBE**. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-558-4059 for details. In accordance with SFAC Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders, except those who meet the exception noted below, shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids and must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference. Refer to CMD Form 2B for more details. Exception: Bidders who demonstrate that their total LBE participation exceeds the above subcontracting goal by 35% will not be required to meet the good faith efforts requirements.

A pre-bid conference will be held on July 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m at the Main Conference Room, 30 Van Ness Avenue, suite 4100, San Francisco. The site walk will follow immediately after administrative meeting.

For information on the City's Surety Bond Program, call Jennifer Elmore at (415) 217-6578.

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

Class "B" license required to bid.

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

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

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction ("Policy") as set forth in Section 6.22(G) of the SFAC. 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 Human Rights Commission as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the City's 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, Department of 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
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Contract No. 2238J
(ID No. FCE14076)
SLOAT BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENTS II
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5934(167)**

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on August 12, 2015**, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs, or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103, telephone 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable \$15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work is located at the intersections of Sloat Blvd / Everglade Dr and Sloat Blvd / 23rd Ave and includes pedestrian hybrid beacons and countdown signals, pavement renovation, curb ramp and bulb-out construction, sewer replacement, traffic routing, and all associated work. The time allowed for completion is 120 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$450,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, John Thomas at 415-557-4668.

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 (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

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

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 25%. Only Caltrans certifications can be used to calculate the DBE participation. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-558-4059 for details.

There is no pre-bid conference for this rebid project.

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. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction greater than \$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "A" license required at time of award.

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

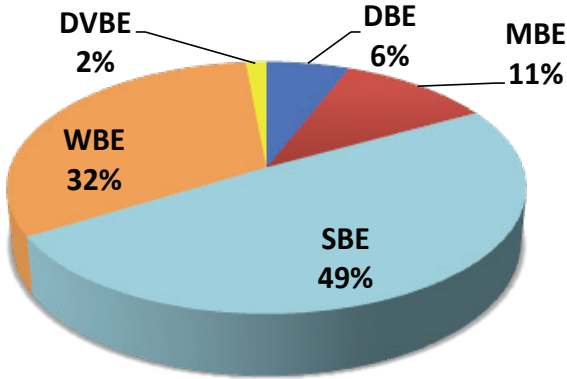
Minimum wage rates for this project must comply with the current General Prevailing Wage as determined by the State Department of Industrial Relations and the Federal General Prevailing Wage Determinations of the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General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

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Human Rights Commission as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the City's 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, Department of 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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CONCESSION OPPORTUNITY AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

San Francisco International Airport is preparing to conduct a Request for Bids process for the Garage Taxi Staging Area Mobile Catering Truck Lease. The Lease is comprised of one mobile food truck in the Taxi Staging Area of the Domestic Parking Garage. The concession will specialize in the sale of hot and cold food as customarily sold from mobile catering trucks for a term of three years, plus one two-year option exercisable at the sole discretion of the Airport Commission.

The proposed minimum acceptable bid amount is \$55,000.00. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. PST on Friday, August 7, 2015.

The RFB and related documents will be posted online after Monday, July 6, 2015 at <http://www.flysfo.com/business-at-sfo/current-opportunities>.

For additional information, please contact Sharon Perez, Principal Property Manager, Revenue Development and Management, at 650.821.4500.

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Access to Capital

SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESS

The country's last black-owned banks are in a fight for their survival

By Michael A. Fletcher

Capital Savings Bank opened shop in Washington in 1888, making it the nation's first black-owned bank at a time when the mere notion of offering financial services to the African American community was a novel idea. Now black-run banks are in a fight for survival, even though many advocates argue that many African Americans remain starved for banking services.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. counted 25 black-owned banks remaining in the country last year, down from 48 in 2001. That decrease came even as the overall number of minority-owned banks increased slightly, going from 164 to 174. In addition, the majority of black-owned banks that remain open are on shaky ground and struggling to hold on in the face of the economic devastation that has ravaged many of their customers. Analysts say 60 percent of black-run banks lost money in 2013.

"I would venture to say that [the vast majority of black banks] are in varying degrees of trouble," said Darrell Jackson, chief executive and president of Chicago's Seaway Bank, a black-owned bank celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Black-run banks have been struggling for years, as mainstream institutions increasingly picked off their best-heeled customers. The increased competition came amid what some call a string of strategic blunders. The banks, historically headquartered in the heart of traditional black communities such as Chicago's South Side, New York's Harlem and Washington, D.C.'s Shaw, failed to modernize their services. Few offered the branch networks, computerized banking and other automated services that have come to dominate the business. And many of the banks failed to follow the African American middle class to the suburbs.

Taken together, black banks control just \$5 billion in assets, a tiny fraction of the size of the nation's banking behemoths, such as Wells Fargo, which by itself has some \$1.7 trillion in assets. Black banks tend to be small even by the standard of minority owned banks, which as a group had some \$181 billion in assets at

the end of 2013, according to a FDIC report.

The trouble faced by black banks only deepened during the recession, and they have continued during the recovery. Just a handful of them were eligible for the federal bailout funds that sustained many large financial institutions through the crisis. Now they are challenged by the bleak economic prospects of their core customers. Not only were many black neighborhoods crippled by the mortgage crisis, but the recovery has been slower in black communities than elsewhere. African Americans continue to lose wealth as their property values have lagged those elsewhere in the years since the financial downturn. Despite an extended period of job growth nationally, the black jobless rate remains above 10 percent.

The economic shock continues to ripple through the black community, upending black business and even churches, which historically have been the best customers for black banks. Meanwhile, many black-owned banks are left with a lot of toxic loans in their portfolios.

"This is such an extremely important sector of the banking community," said Michael A. Grant, president of the National Bankers Association, the lobbying group for black banks. "We were hit so hard during this sub-prime crisis, and they are having a hard time working their way back from that."

Others argue that many black-run banks planted the seeds for their own demise by failing to evolve with the times. William Michael Cunningham, an economist and entrepreneur, said many black banks do not do enough to modernize their businesses, and instead rely too heavily on political connections and old business alliances for deposits and customers.

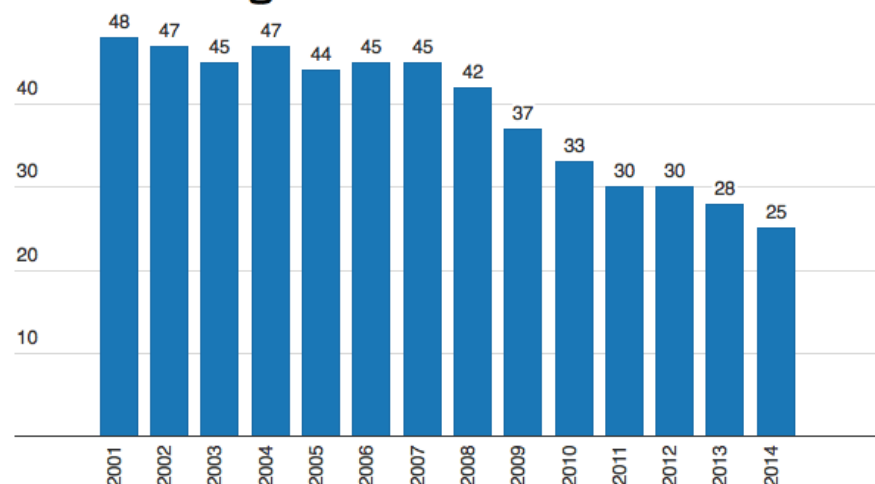
"Being a black banker in a top-30 city in the U.S. is a very good job, mainly because you don't have to do much," Cunningham said. "Too often, if you are a black banker, your incentive is not to make loans."

Paul O'Connor, founder of Angkor Strategic Advisors, a Chicago-based banking consultancy, called black-run banks a victim of the larger progress of African Americans. Like



Capital Savings Bank, the first bank organized and operated by African Americans, was founded in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 17, 1888. (Library of Congress)

The dwindling number of black banks



Source: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The Washington Post

other institutions that thrived in the face of rampant discrimination, black banks now confront more and better financed competition for relatively affluent customers. Meanwhile, few banks see profits in banking the poor. At the same time, he noted, many black communities — particularly impoverished neighborhoods in which black-owned banks tend to be headquartered — remain in dire need of better banking options.

"The positive side of this is that the African American community has developed in a way that they don't need African American banks like they did 50 or 70 years ago," he said. "Also, they have a margin for error that is much smaller than most banks. At the end of the day, you are banking human beings and they are as good a credit risk as the last job they had. A lot of people these institutions banked are hurt economically."

Whatever the root cause of the problems of the problems of black banks, many analysts agree their demise is a net loss, since they disproportionately serve poor communities where banks are few, according to the FDIC. "Often, black banks are the only bank, or one of two, in the entire zip code," said Russell Kashian, an economist at the University of Wisconsin,

Whitewater. "If they weren't there, there would be nothing."

Given that reality, many advocates say their survival should be a priority of both the government and the black community. Black bankers have been lobbying federal officials to relax regulations in a way that would make it less costly to do business. Others say there need to be better incentives and training and mentoring to help sustain the banks. "If we want these underserved neighborhoods served, either we have to make these communities wealthier, or provide some better incentives for these banks to exist," Kashian said.

The National Bankers Association's Grant added that more black consumers should make a priority of banking with institutions that served their communities when others would not. "The African American community itself is going to have to do more to support its businesses, which includes the banks," Grant said. "Why are we boycotting our own businesses? These are the banks that were there for us before integration. We should be there for them now."

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com>

Access to Capital

SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESS

The Freedman's Savings Bank: Good Intentions Were Not Enough; A Noble Experiment Goes Awry

By Jesse Stiller, OCC Historian

Like much else that came out of the Civil War, the Freedman's Savings Bank (officially the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company) began with a sense of high moral purpose. Its founders understood that the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery, was only the start down the long road toward full participation in American society for former slaves. Simply to survive the transition to a system based on free labor, they would need food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. But in the longer term, if they were to have a meaningful chance to succeed in American society, they would also need education, legal services, financial services, and capital.

With these needs in mind, Congress on March 3, 1865, enacted legislation to establish the first-of-its-kind social services agency that became known as the Freedmen's Bureau, to administer a broad program of help and self-help. On the same day, it chartered the Freedman's Savings Bank, with the goal, as the African-American statesman Frederick Douglass put it, of instilling into the minds of the former slaves "lessons of sobriety, wisdom, and economy, and to show them how to rise in the world."

The need for the Bank's services was acute. Large numbers of slaves liberated by the Union Army had gone on its payroll. As this was the first bit of cash many of them had ever received, they needed a safe depository and basic financial education. The plan also called for the Bank to employ numbers of freedmen, giving them hands-on training and experience in the banker's skills.

At first, all went well. With the Freedman's Bureau helping to publicize it, the Bank attracted millions of dollars from tens of thousands of depositors. The accounts they established were poignantly small. The vast majority of them ranged between \$5 and \$50, but these small deposits were emblematic of the historic rise of a class of black property owners.

The Bank was quick—perhaps too quick—to acquire the tangible symbols of success. It established dozens of branches throughout the country, which attracted new deposits but also depleted its resources. It built a splendid headquarters in Washington, D.C., at the southeast corner of Lafayette Square where the Treasury Annex now stands. Its appearance filled Douglass's heart with pride. With its "magnificent brown stone front, its towering height, its perfect appointments, and the fine display it made in the transaction of its business," he wrote, "it was a sight I had never expected to see." But it had cost more than \$200,000 to construct and furnish—a dubious expenditure for an institution that, within a few years of its founding, was already experiencing problems.

Some of those problems stemmed from the volatile post-war economy, which saw decline, expansion, and then contraction again, culminating in the Panic of 1873. The contraction pushed down the yield on government securities, which formed a primary component of the Bank's investment portfolio and which reduced the return to depositors. It was ostensibly for their benefit that a new management team at the Bank urged Congress to liberalize the terms of its charter, permitting it to make loans backed by real estate.

Congress went along. After all, access to finance for housing and related purposes, then as now, was a matter of compelling public policy. Unfortunately, history has repeatedly shown the error of expanding bank powers without providing a commensurate increase in official oversight and risk management.

Enter the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). Created in 1863, just two years before the Freedman's Savings Bank, the Comptroller and his examiners were responsible for supervising the national banks it chartered, including several in the nation's capital. Under the national banking laws carried out by the OCC, real estate lending was explicitly forbidden—a prohibition enforced by the office's professional bank examiners.

The Freedman's Savings Bank's depositors had no such safeguards. Indeed, the Bank's charter explicitly subjected it not to the authority of the OCC, but to Congress itself. This oversight proved episodic, and what there was of it was often tainted by political considerations. That is why the Congress had seen fit to create the OCC as an independent agency funded not by appropriations, but by fees paid by the banks it supervised.

By 1873, as the national economy spiraled downward, the Bank's condition turned critical. Too late, Congress asked the OCC to assess its prospects, providing a special appropriation to conduct emergency examinations. In February 1873 and February 1874, OCC examiner Charles Meigs reported on the growing precariousness of Bank's position. In part because no one had been watching carefully over the Bank's affairs, its officers had fallen victim to their own inexperience and to the machinations of the likes of Henry Cooke, who served on the Bank's board while also serving his family banking business, using the assets of the former to benefit the latter. In March 1874, Frederick Douglass was induced to take the reins of the Bank, a move that many hoped would steady the Bank in the eyes of its depositors, lest they withdraw their savings in a panic. But it was too late. On June 29, the Bank's trustees voted to shut it down.

The Bank's closing did more than shatter the dreams of Douglass and others with high hopes in its future. It left 61,144 depositors with losses of nearly \$3 million. After years of waiting, depositors only recouped a share of what was owed them. It was a bitter conclusion to a venture launched with great promise.

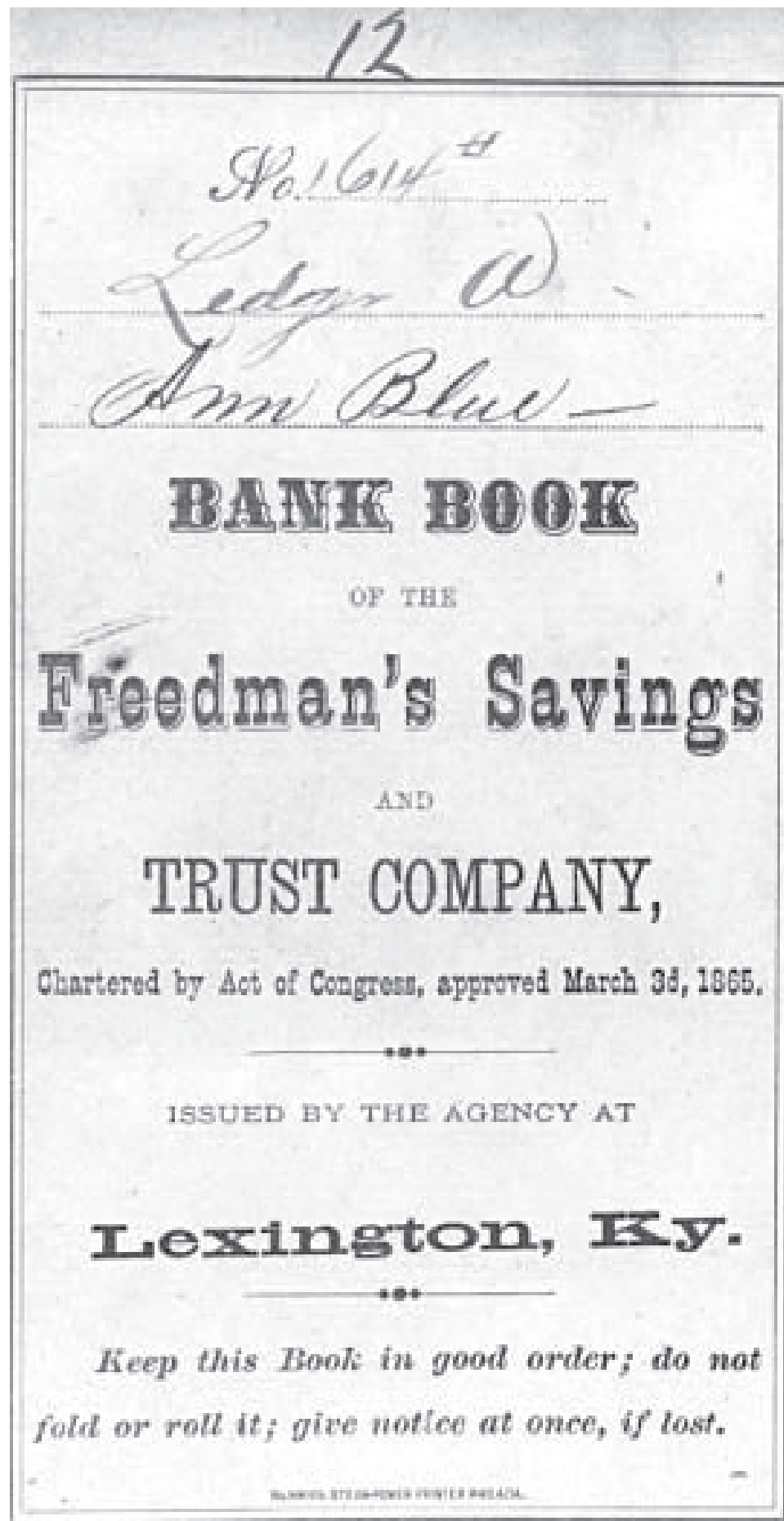
To learn more about the rise and fall of the Freedman's Savings Bank, consult these sources:

Carl R. Osthaus, *Freedmen, Philanthropy, and Fraud: A History of the Freedman's Savings Bank* (Urbana, IL, 1976).

Abby L. Gilbert, "The Comptroller of the Currency and the Freedman's Savings Bank," *The Journal of Negro History*, LVII: 2 (April 1972).

Reginald Washington, "The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company and African American Genealogical Research," *Prologue*, 29: 2 (Summer 1997), at <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1997/summer/freedmans-savings-and-trust.html>.

Source: <http://www.occ.gov>



Fictitious Business Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. A-0365143-00

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Pulse
Address
**2299 Ocean Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94127**
Full Name of Registrant #1
Vanessa Harlin
Address of Registrant #1
**2299 Ocean Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94127**

This business is conducted by **An Individual**. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on **6/2/2015**
Signed: **Vanessa Harlin**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on **6/2/2015**.

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

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Deputy County Clerk
6/2/2015

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CHANGE OF NAME

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. CNC 15-551289

PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY
Andrew Schwartz, State Bar No. 100210
Sommers & Schwartz, LLP
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94111

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner **Kamal El-Wattar** for a decree changing names as follows:

Female El-Wattar changed to
Day Hsiung Kamal El-Wattar

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: **Sep. 01/2015** 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**

VICTORIA GONZALEZ, Clerk
DATED - June 25, 2015

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. A-0365486-00

Fictitious Business Name(s):
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San Francisco, CA 94114**
Full Name of Registrant #1
Espresso Bar LLC (CA)
Address of Registrant #1
**2443 Fillmore Street, No 544
San Francisco, CA 94115**

This business is conducted by **A Limited Liability Corporation**. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on **N/A**
Signed: **Theresa Beaumont**
THBeaumont

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Deputy County Clerk
6/26/2015

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File No. A-0365115-00

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Tin Tin Acupuncture
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**7 Navajo Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94112**
Full Name of Registrant #1
Tian K. Young
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**7 Navajo Avenue,
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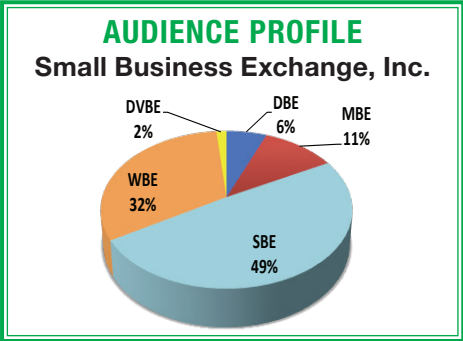
This business is conducted by **An Individual**. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on **6/1/2015**
Signed: **Tian K. Young**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on **6/1/2015**

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Filed: **Maribel Jaldon**
Deputy County Clerk
6/1/2015

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SUB-BID REQUEST ADS

Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc. (PSEC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

**Point Pinole Regional Shoreline:
Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Improvement
Project-Phase 2: Public Access Facilities
Contract No. 08-15-496**

**Owner:
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
2950 PERALTA OAKS CT. OAKLAND, CA
BID DATE: July 28, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.**

We hereby encourage responsible participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers and trucking quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

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PSEC is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers and trucking quotation. If you require any assistance, please contact the Estimator, Keith Donahue email him at kdonahue@pacificstates.net or call (925) 803-4333 and bids may be faxed to us at (925) 803-4334. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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