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Project Name

Keystone Mentone Apartment Units Renovation Step 2

Project Number

946273.01

Project Description

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Los Angeles, sealed bids for a lump sum contract are invited for the following work: Keystone-Mentone is a residential complex of 244 apartments distributed in four buildings and is located on Venice Boulevard between Keystone Avenue and Mentone Avenue. This Project performs the second of four steps in renovating the building located at 3780 Keystone Avenue. The building at 3780 Keystone has 60 apartments on four levels (type V-A construction) over two levels of subterranean parking for 106 assigned parking stalls (type I construction). The 60 apartments consist of (28) 1-bedroom units and (32) 2-bedroom units. Work in the building includes converting four units, two of each type, into mobility adaptable and communication compliant apartments. New audio/visual life safety features will be added. In all kitchens the scope of work includes the removal and replacement of cabinets, countertops, appliances, plumbing fixtures, lighting, electrical fixtures and finishes. In bathrooms the scope of work includes removal and replacement of cabinets, countertops, plumbing fixtures, accessories, lighting and electrical fixtures and finishes. The work at living rooms and bedrooms is as follows: removal of textured finish at ceilings; new paint at walls and ceilings; vinyl planks flooring throughout the units; wood base; new wall heaters at bedrooms and heat pumps at living rooms. Wheel chair access from the street to the building will be provided by ways of sidewalks and an accessible ramp. Work in the building also includes upgrading of the fire alarm system.

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Inmate With Stock Tips Wants To Be San Quentin's Warren Buffett

By The Kitchen Sisters

Curtis Carroll discovered the stock market in prison. Through friends and family on the outside, he invests from San Quentin State Prison in Northern California, and he's also an informal financial adviser to fellow inmates and correctional officers. Everyone in prison calls him Wall Street.

"I couldn't believe that this kind of access to this type of money could be accessible to anybody. Everybody should do it. And it's legal!" he says.

He pores over financial news: the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Forbes. Business is like a soap opera, he says, and he's always trying to anticipate what will happen next. "I like to know what the CEO's doing," he says. "I like to know who's in trouble."

Carroll, 37, taught himself to read in prison. Raised in Oakland, Calif., he spent most of his youth homeless. His mother and grandmother were addicted to crack. He and his brother spent most of their time roaming the streets. Carroll

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Curtis Carroll — also known as "Wall Street" — teaches prisoners at San Quentin State Prison about stocks. The Kitchen Sisters

AC Transit Appoints New General Manager

Michael A. Hursh Takes Helm September 21

After an extensive search, Michael Hursh has been appointed as the new General Manager for AC Transit by the agency's Board of Directors. Hursh, a Bay Area transit executive with over 20 years of public service experience, will succeed Kathleen Kelly who retired from the agency in December of 2011 and has been serving as Interim General Manager since April.

Hursh will begin his tenure as General Manager on September 21, 2015.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Hursh's experience and personality to lead AC Transit to a bright future," said AC Transit Board President Chris Peebles. "We had many excellent candidates, but Mr. Hursh really stood out."

The Board of Directors engaged the services of Maryland-based Krathamer & Associates to lead a nationwide search for the agency's top position. Input was sought from employees and riders prior to launching the search on what the Board should consider in hiring someone for the position. After considering several strong candidates, the Board selected Michael Hursh to lead the agency.

Hursh, a nine-year veteran of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), has served as that agency's Chief Operating Officer since 2012 and prior to that as Deputy Director, Operations for Maintenance and Security. In his present role, Hursh is responsible for directing and leading all VTA transit operations, including bus and light rail operations and maintenance, operator training, accessible services, as well as planning,

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Michael A. Hursh

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Julian Bond: The Roots Run Deep

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Julian Bond

On August 15, 2015, we in America witnessed the passing of Julian Bond who was a beacon of light, a messenger and worker for justice. The Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (Federation) acknowledges in appreciation the breadth and profound work, as well as advocacy, of Julian Bond throughout the South in both urban and rural communities. In fact, throughout the country it is acknowledged that Julian Bond articulated the vision and need for change in America and then worked diligently to accomplish precisely that - change.

But Bond stressed that he was part of a "peoples" movement that worked together to alter forever the American landscape. In 2005, in his address to the 96th Annual Meeting of the NAACP, Bond quoted Martin Luther King:

"When the history books are written in the future, somebody will have to say, 'there lived a race of people, a black people' who had the moral courage to stand up for their rights. And thereby they injected a new meaning into the veins of history and civilization" (NAACP).

Bond said further that, *"King was the most famous and well known of the modern movement's personalities, but it was a people's movement. It produced leaders of its own; but it relied not on the noted but the nameless, not on the famous but the faceless. It didn't wait for commands from afar to begin a campaign against injustice. It saw wrong and acted against it; it saw evil and brought it down" (NAACP).*

Much of the focus of Bond's renowned contributions is largely, and importantly, centered on

his role in the founding of and leadership with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); and his leadership in the NAACP, as well as the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We at the Federation will add another important aspect to his long list of achievements, however, and that was his advocacy and support of the creation of economic independence of and by the Black community. Bond's statement perfectly emulates that of the Black community in the rural South, "It saw wrong and acted against it" and Bond was there to support these efforts.

By 1965, *"SNCC had built two independent political parties and organized labor unions and agricultural cooperatives....Unlike mainstream civil rights groups, which merely sought integration of blacks into the existing order, SNCC sought structural changes in American society itself"* (Monthly Review).

Not long after the creation of SNCC in the early 1960's, the Federation of Southern Cooperatives was created in 1967 and, in fact, grew out of the civil rights movement. As civil rights attorney J.L. Chestnut said, *"There were many organizations that were spawned by the blood that was spilled on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965, and the Federation was one of those."*

The Federation's mission is as follows:

We strive toward the development of self-supporting communities with programs that increase income and enhance other opportunities; and we strive to assist in land retention and development, especially for African Americans, but essentially for all family farmers.

We do this with an active and democratic involvement in poor areas across the South, through education and outreach strategies, which support low-income people in molding their communities to become more humane and livable.

We assist in the development of cooperatives and credit unions as a collective strategy to create economic self-sufficiency (Federation).

In 1971 Julian Bond spoke at Federation's 4th annual meeting at Mary Holmes College in West Point, Mississippi. Charles Prejean, the first Executive Director of the Federation, worked closely with Julian Bond, during the initial years of the development of the Federation, from a base in a

small office in Atlanta to a regional organization spread across the South. Prejean invited Bond, then a Georgia state legislator, with a national following, to speak at this important meeting.

The photo below is instructive regarding the Bond's mission and SNCC over all, which included organizing work, of course, in rural Mississippi.

The photo above of civil rights and rural development activists was taken in 1963; Julian Bond is the second one on the left. This was 4 years before the founding of the Federation and 8 years before Bond spoke at the 1971 Federation meeting in Mississippi. To the far left in the photo is Mississippi farmer and cooperative leader E.W. Steptoe who was the creator of the "Miss-Lou Cooperative" in the late 1960's and who was involved with the Federation after its founding. Mr. Steptoe's

family members are to this day supportive of and engaged with the organization.

In the Federation's 25th Anniversary Annual Report, in 1992, is the following quote from Mr. Steptoe: *"Our cooperative is like the railroad station in our community. It will be here, even if the trains don't come anymore and somebody far away decides to pull up the track, we will still have our cooperative in our community because we built it ourselves, no matter whatever else happens"*

Mr. Steptoe's message was echoed in much of Bond's organizing narrative. In 1971, for example, Bond spoke at both the Federation's annual meeting and at Tuskegee University emphasizing the *"pressing issue of (Black's) controlling their own-lives"*.

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1963, Mississippi Voter Registration Activists (l-r) Bob Moses, Julian Bond, Curtis Hays, unknown activist, Hollis Watkins, Amzie Moore, and E.W. Steptoe (Highlander photo)

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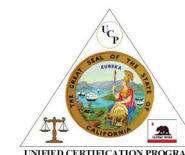
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Building Inspectors' Top Nine Construction Snafus

Are you guilty? From improperly installed ductwork to leaky windows, building science experts roll out their long list of pet peeves.

By Jennifer Goodman

Building inspectors and energy raters see a lot of construction blunders. From improperly installed ductwork to leaky windows and "lumpy" insulation application, these building science experts have a long list of pet peeves.

Here, BUILDER rounds up their top complaints along with expert advice on how to avoid these common construction sins. Click through to see if you're guilty.

Lack of Communication and Planning

Building-related blunders often start in the design process, before the framing is up or the foundation is poured. Many of residential construction's biggest slip-ups can be prevented by early planning and by effective communication between all parties involved in designing and building the home, says well known building expert Carl Seville of SK Collaborative. "So many of the problems that I see are design related, where architects or builders make stupid decisions early on that make it more difficult to complete the house down the road," he says.

For example, overly complicated designs that are difficult to insulate and air seal should be avoided. The layout of a home's ductwork should be designed in advance to check for any problems. Seville urges his clients to coordinate the home building process with their subs, HVAC consultants, design professionals, and engineers before ground is broken.

"Houses are pretty sophisticated machines that should be assembled with consideration to all the pieces and parts," he says.

In this article, Home Innovation Research Labs offers some ideas on "futureproofing" home designs that include using energy simulation software, performance testing such as blower door tests, and cost-benefit analysis of products and planning tools.

Ductwork in the Attic

Seville inspects homes in the hot, humid southern U.S. and is always flabbergasted when he sees HVAC pros installing ductwork in the attic. On a summer day, temperatures in some attics can reach as high as 150 degrees F. He can't explain why builders think it's OK to run cool, conditioned air through that part of the house.

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City of Watsonville, PajaroValley Water Mgmt. Agency

Engineer Estimate: \$4,300,000

Bids: September 2, 2015 @ 11:00 AM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Electrical Material, Traffic Control, Clear & Grub, Roadway Excavation, Structural Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Clean and Paint Steel, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker, Storm Drain(Underground), Pump Station Mechanical, Electrical.

Scope of Work: Partially buried concrete storage tank, pump station improvements and all associated work to complete and operable facilities.

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 Watsonville Blueprint 831-728-7717 or Contact Dan Schultz 925-606-2400 dan.schultz@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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Contract No. WD-2654R

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)

Engineer Estimate: \$11,000,000 – 720 Calendar Days

Goal: LBE 11%

Bids: September 3rd, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Traffic Control, Clear and Grub, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Irrigation, Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, Fencing, Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Surveyor, SWPPP, Water Truck, Hazardous substance removal, Asbestos Monitoring, Pest Control Advisor, Hygienist, Arborist, and Trucker.

Scope of Work: Remove non-native trees from approximately 48 acres within the SFPUC Watershed and rebuilding and repaving of access roads.

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Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or from the SFPUC, 525 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 415-551-4603. Contact Andy Eldridge at 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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Cold Plane Asphalt Concrete Pavement and Overlay

Hwy 13/580 Separation - Oakland

Caltrans #04-1J1904

BID DATE: August 26, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Noise Monitoring, Temporary Drainage Inlet Protection, AC Dike, Cold Plane AC, Clearing & Grubbing, Data Core, Tack Coat, Striping & Marking, Extinguishable Message Sign, 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 Caltrans Website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php.

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REQUEST FOR MBE/WBE/SBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for:

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Specification SD-357A

East Bay Municipal Utility District

BID DATE: September 16, 2015 @ 1:30 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Construction Staking, Waterline, Fencing, Striping, Signs, Minor Concrete Curb & Gutter, Street Lighting - Electrical and Construction Materials

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Transbay Block 7

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Bid Date: 9/14/15 @ 2 PM

Voluntary Pre-bid Meeting on

8/31/15 at 2:00 PM at Cahill Contractors,

425 California Street, Suite 2200, San Francisco, CA 94104.

There will not be a job walk.

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O'Farrell Towers

477 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Voluntary Pre-bid Meeting & Job Walk on **8/13/15 at 10:00 AM** at

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From All Qualified

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)

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Vendors registered as a DBE for:

La Palma Recharge Basin

Contract No. LPRB-2015-1

Owner: Orange County Water District

Reyes Construction is requesting bids for:

SUBCONTRACTORS: Traffic Control, SWPPP, Surveying, Shoring, Dewatering, Earthwork, Structural Excavation & Backfill, Trucking, Wet Utilities, Monitoring Well, Minor Concrete Structure, Structural Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Steel, Masonry, Roofing, Doors, HVAC, Mechanical, Fiber Optics, Cathodic Protection, Electrical, instrumentation & Controls, Guardrail, Fencing, Paint & Coating, Landscaping.

SUPPLIERS: Traffic Control Material & Equipment, BMP Materials, Steel Pipe, Waterworks Material, Ready Mix Concrete, PVC Pipe & Fittings, Misc. Metals, Precast Catch Basin, Sluice Gates, Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), Vertical Turbine Pump, Aggregate, Rip Rap, Misc. Concrete Materials & Supplies, Valves, Meters.

BID DATE: August 27, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Assistance will be available for obtaining Bonds, Lines of Credit, and/or Insurance, necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related assistance services.

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OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,

Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: August 26, 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:

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Owner: Orange County

Transportation Authority

Reyes Construction is requesting bids for:

SUBCONTRACTORS: Wet utilities, Fencing, Landscape and Irrigation, Minor Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Concrete, Earthwork, Signage, Plumbing and Mechanical, Doors, Drywall, Painting & Coating, Demolition, Electrical, Asphalt Paving, SWPPP, Quality Control Testing, Surveying, Railing & Handrails, Ceramic Tiling, Flooring.

SUPPLIERS: Miscellaneous Metals, Ready Mix Concrete, PVC Pipe & Fitting, Trench Drain, Concrete Supplies, Clay Pipe, Precast Manhole Shaft, Aggregate, Structural Steel, Site Furnishings, BMP Materials, Traffic Control material, Office Trailer.

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

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Recycled Water Storage & Distribution Pump Station Improvements

Location: Watsonville, CA • Project No. 30-36

Bid Date: September 22, 2015 @ 11:00 AM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: SWPPP; clearing & grubbing; dewatering; shoring; hydroseeding; reinforcing steel; misc. metals; painting & coating; joint sealant; electrical & instrumentation; trucking; and cathodic protection.

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First P3 Roadway in California Earns a Green Rating

By JT Long

California's first public-private partnership for road construction used a temporary bypass and creative scheduling to speed up replacement of a 70-year-old seismically vulnerable access to San Francisco's iconic Golden Gate Bridge. The \$1-billion project peaked last month when a tightly orchestrated, three-day closure made way for traffic to move onto a new permanent roadway after seven years of phased construction.

The 1.5-mile section of Highway 101, known as Doyle Drive, built in 1936, carries 100,000 cars a day and serves as the main route following the bay shore from the north coast through Presidio Park, a former military base, and into San Francisco. The new transition, also known as Presidio Parkway, includes an elevated interchange from the bridge toll plaza, two sets of tunnels and two sets of elevated viaducts.

The California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans), San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) and the Federal Highway Administration worked with the Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District, the National Park Service (which owns the land the roadway crosses), The Presidio Trust and neighborhood groups to create a safer, more environmentally friendly and aesthetically appealing corridor.

Work started in 2009 with a traditional design-bid-build first phase that added a new interchange, an 850-ft tunnel, 1,300-ft-long raised roadway and temporary detour to keep traffic moving.

The public-private partnership (P3) Phase 2 team, which began work in spring 2012, is completing the remaining three tunnels, three elevated viaducts and permanent roadway. Golden Link Concessionaire—the P3 made possible by 2009 legislation that allows Caltrans to create development lease agreements for transportation projects—consists of Hochtief AG, Meridian Infrastructure, Flatiron/Kiewit Joint Venture and Transfield Services. It has a 30-year design-build-operate-maintain (DBOM) contract with Caltrans and SFCTA, which maintain project oversight.

Essential Roadway

During Phase 1, C.C. Myers built a temporary bridge and then demolished and replaced the Ruckman Bridge at the Highway 101/1 interchange with a wider one with safety shoulders. C.C. Myers crews also built the 1,300-ft-long, 115-ft-high southbound viaduct connecting the Golden Gate Bridge to the Battery Tunnel. It includes 265 lateral steel fins positioned every 15 ft along the bridge deck to provide lateral support and mirror the look of the Golden Gate, including its international orange color. A northbound version using the same design criteria was included as part of Phase 2.

Allen Rejaie, structures lead designer with HNTB Corp., created a plan that aligned piers in the adjacent viaducts with variable skewers to keep the streamlined look. "We didn't want a

large number of misaligned columns for aesthetic and constructibility reasons," he says. "High-tide water flow continuity needed to be

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Crews labored 40 hours nonstop during a recent road closure to transfer traffic to new structures. The roadway was reopened eight hours ahead of schedule. Photo courtesy of Byron Lim

SUB-BID REQUESTS CALIFORNIA

Granite Rock Company

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

**Stevens Creek Evelyn Bridge
Fish Passage Project
Contract No.: C0606
Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District
Engineers' Estimate: \$1,000,000.
BID DATE: September 2, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: Rebar, Trucking, Demolition, Piling, Dewatering, Clear and Grub, Tree Removal, Erosion Control, Concrete Removal, and Survey.

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.

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Owner: City of Fresno
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Bids Thursday, August 27, 2015

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For more information, please visit:

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(Tentative Date)

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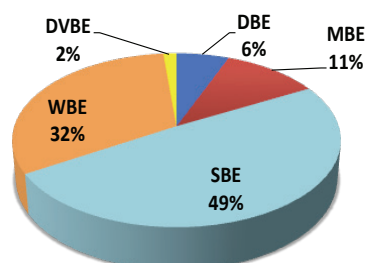
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Julian Bond: The Roots Run Deep

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Julian Bond's leadership and advocacy was felt throughout the South. His support of the work of the Federation was on-going all these many years. He also helped lay the ground work for it all in his messages and rallying for support for cooperative economic development and economic independence.

Another important connection to Julian Bond and his family was that the Federation's first at-

torney was Howard Moore who is married to Julian's sister, Jane Bond Moore. As we say, "the roots run deep."

Working together in all these various aspects and areas helped strengthen the movement for change and empowerment.

We are all eternally grateful for having had Julian Bond in our midst.

Source: Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

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Contract No. 05-1E0604**

**Federal Aid Project No. ACHSNHP-Q101(282)E
Engineer Estimate: \$3,970,000– 110 Working Days
Goal: DBE 12%**

Bids: September 2nd, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Oils, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Clear & Grub, Prune Plants, Erosion Control, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc (Vegetation Control), Survey Monument, MBGR, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, SWPPP, Water Truck, Sweeper, Storm Drain (Underground), Rumble Grind.

Scope of Work: Construction Median Barrier, Widen Shoulder and Rumble Strips.

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 Caltrans website www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/. Contact John Pitsch 925-606-2400 johnp@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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Contract No. 04-1SS414**

**Federal Aid Project No. ACNHP-P013(026)E
Engineer Estimate: \$1,780,000 – 210 Working Days
Goal: DBE 11%**

Bids: September 9th, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Fabric & Oils, Construction Area Signs, Cold Plane, Clear & Grub, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Irrigation, AC Dike, CIDH Piles, Reinforcing Steel, Air Blown Motar-Shotcrete, Clean & Paint Steel, Object Marker, MBGR, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Message Signs, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Ramp Metering System, SWPPP, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker, Soil Nail.

Scope of Work: Construction soldier pile retaining wall and reconstruct shoulder.

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 Caltrans website www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/. Contact Dan Schultz 925-606-2400 dan.schultz@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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CIP #12-05**

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First P3 Roadway in California Earns a Green Rating



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The seven-year project to rebuild 1.5 miles of roadway in a highly urbanized environment required two phases.

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maintained to minimize scour around the columns." Design criteria called for the structures to survive a tsunami.

Reducing shrinkage and temperature impact on end-span piers and columns for such long, skinny bridges required enhanced column flexibility. Rejaie included permanent 7-ft-dia steel casings in the design. Movable top lids accommodate bridge movements and prevent dirt from getting into the casings. A custom-built, 180,000-lb oscillator twisted the steel casings into the earth to minimize vibration and noise in the area.

Seismic joint hinges connecting the bridge pieces provide up to 8 in. of flexibility so the structure will remain intact in the event of an earthquake up to magnitude 8.0.

Because the ground is in danger of liquefaction in a seismic event, crews stabilized the soil using a deep-soil concrete mix. Drill rigs equipped with six jets injected 110,000 cu yd of cement and water in grid patterns up to 60 ft below grade to create a thick slurry.

A pet cemetery located directly below the southbound high viaduct bridge was protected by a 105-ft-long concrete platform made of prestressed concreted girders, according to David Pang, Caltrans construction manager for Phase 1.

Construction of the southbound, 850-ft, five-lane Battery Tunnel was included as part of Phase 1. Challenges locating and moving utilities pushed tunnel excavation into the wettest stretch of a rainy 2010 winter, according to Pang. Lead contractor R&L Brosamer, now part of the Walsh Group, used a shoring system of struts and tiebacks that reached 20 ft under the cemetery to support a 40-ft-deep cut. "We were working within inches on both sides," says Pang. The tiebacks cut the time required to remove 100,000 cu yd of material from one year to six months.

Brosamer crews used a traveler system to cast in place 65-ft-long sections of the walls and roof to build the cut-and-cover tunnels in an arched portal design. The first tunnel carried traffic in both directions until contractors built its northbound twin during Phase 2.

Brosamer crews also constructed a five-lane temporary bypass—using lightweight cellular concrete as fill material to reduce settling in the high water table area—during a road closure lasting just under 57 hours in April 2012. During this continuous work period, more than 40 demolition hammers dismantled the old 3,300-ft viaduct and "conflict points" where old and new roadways crossed. It was the largest roadway demolition completed over a single weekend in California history, says Molly Graham, Presidio Parkway communications officer.

Opening of the alternative route made way for the start of Phase 2 in 2012. For the next three years, Transfield Services managed traffic on the five lanes of the bypass road using a movable median barrier with a zipper truck while the southbound tunnel carried traffic in both directions. Use of the temporary bypass allowed the vital roadway to remain open and saved an estimated year of construction time, says Peter van der Waart van Gulik, CEO of Golden Link Concessionaire. Breaking the project into two phases also allowed Caltrans to qualify for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Under the P3, Flatiron/Kiewit built the northbound Presidio Viaduct and Battery Tunnel to mirror the Phase 1 work. Phase 2 also included construction of the Main Post Tunnels and the new Girard Road Interchange. At one point, 300 workers were on site in the space-restricted area with three shifts going seven days a week. "Staging was less of a problem because as soon as materials arrived they went up," says Adam Mathews, design-build manager for Flatiron/Kiewit.

The four tunnels, which vary in length from 750 to 1,030 ft, will include advanced monitoring equipment, including carbon monoxide and heat detectors, a deluge water system, emergency lighting and 150-horsepower "hurricane-force" jet fans that can move air at a speed of 22 mph. "This is not your ordinary roadway," says Mathews.

An operations and maintenance center constructed in a restored Presidio building includes voice evacuation and video incident detection systems. One hiccup occurred when the National Fire Protection Association updated its standards for digital rather than analog controls

after the first tunnel had already been built. The remaining tunnels had to meet the new standard, but all information had to feed into the same monitoring system. "We had to find a way to convert the analog feed to merge the two into a seamless display," says van der Waart van Gulik.

During last month's 71-hour closure to transfer traffic to the new structures, construction sequencing was planned in 15-minute increments with several stop points and backup plans in case of delays. Crews worked 40 hours nonstop at one point. None of the contingency plans were needed; the project went according to plan and the road opened eight hours early. To speed up work during the closure, crews preinstalled shafts with I-beams in the middle for future retaining walls during temporary night closures. Those posts were buried or covered so rush hour traffic could flow. Once the big road closure was underway, crews dug out those anchors and attached 2,000 preassembled rebar panel faces.

Crews used fast-curing continuously reinforced concrete pavement at four conflict points where traffic was being moved from the temporary to the permanent roadway. "It is more expensive, but cars can drive on it within hours of the pour," says Mathews.

Now that traffic is flowing on a permanent roadway with two wider, 11-ft lanes for cars on the northbound side and three on the southbound, a 12-ft bus lane in each direction and 10-ft safety shoulders, crews will demolish the temporary bypass. Landscaped medians vary from 16 ft to 41 ft in-between the north and southbound traffic. Workers will backfill ground over the tunnels and plant 45,000 native plants that have been nurtured during the project to connect Presidio Park to Crissy Marsh. Local landscape architect Michael Painter's design called for restoring wetlands by removing culverts and restoring and widening Dragonfly Creek.

When complete, the roadways will include screens to keep auto lights from impacting the wetlands environment. Phase 1 received a Greenroads bronze designation and Phase 2 is pursuing silver certification. The overall effort is "the largest Greenroads-certified project in the country," says van der Waart van Gulik.

Source: <http://california.construction.com>

PURCHASING

Projects Currently Bidding

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Estimated Construction Cost Range

Not Published

Project Name

Ostin AV Equipment Installation

Project Number

943973.01

Project Description

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

Procurement and installation of integrated audio visual systems and equipment at the Ostin Music Center located on the UCLA Campus. Work shall occur in two separate buildings and shall occur while all buildings are occupied and in use. Work shall include the procurement, installation, cabling, programing and commissioning of equipment; provision of outlets to point of use, audio, video, communications and data network cabling, including routing through existing infrastructure; equipment racks; structural supports; wall and ceiling mounted speakers; audio visual connector panels and recording lights.

Estimated Construction Cost Range

\$883,000.00

Project Name

Santa Clarita MOB 480V Power Upgrade

Project Number

15OH004-CP214

Project Description

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

Construction of the 480v power upgrade at the Santa Clarita medical office building (MOB) at 27235 Tournay Road. The scope of work shall include replacing the existing service with a new 480/277v, 3-phase, 4-wire service and reconfiguring the electrical system in its entirety. Work also includes furnishing and installing new back up emergency generator to support Medical Office Building emergency electrical system.

Estimated Construction Cost Range

\$455,182.00

Project Name

Sunset Village - Delta Terrace Renovation

Project Number

946491.01

Project Description

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

Renovate the Sunset Village-Delta Terrace undergraduate residential facility in the northwest campus. The approximately 60,453 ASF (131,118 GSF), four-story residence hall was constructed in 1991. Refurbish all 198 student rooms and student bathrooms, 8 student lounges, 4 faculty apartments, and common areas; replace building chillers, boilers, and roofing; paint the exterior of the building; upgrade data and communications systems; and provide accessibility upgrades to the facility. The scope of work includes replacement of interior finishes, casework, fixtures and appliances; replacement of water pressure balancing valves, building lighting and controls, thermostats, and the cold water feed piping to houses 5 and 6; provision of drinking fountains; and replacement of building signage.

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Inmate With Stock Tips Wants To Be San Quentin's Warren Buffett



San Quentin State Prison, the oldest prison in California, is home to a financial literacy group called Freeman Capital. Eric Risberg/AP

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didn't know how to read or write, so he paid other kids to do his homework. He hated school, and in his early teens, he fell into a gang and began committing crimes. At age 17, he entered the prison system. He's been in prison for 20 years, doing a sentence of 54 to life for his part in a robbery attempt that ended in a murder.

One day Carroll stumbled on the financial section of the newspaper thinking it was the sports section, which his cellmate used to read to him. Another inmate asked him if he played the stocks.

"I had never heard the word before," says Carroll. "He explained to me how it works and said, 'This is where white people keep their money.' When he said that I said, 'Whoa, I think I stumbled across something here.'

Carroll began with small investments known as penny stocks, which were high risk but successful enough to allow him to keep investing. He says he taught himself to read by looking at candy wrappers and clothing logos, and once he got the hang of it, he started to read financial stories. A former cellmate says he would study his stocks all night and into the early hours of the morning. And he often writes out stock predictions, taping them to the wall in an envelope, dating them and then checking back later to see how well he did.

Every Thursday night, Wall Street and a group of volunteers from outside the prison teach the men some of the principles of sound personal finance, stock investments, retirement and how to manage the money they do have — things most of the inmates have had no training in. Wall Street tells his theories to the assembled group.

"There's four steps," he says. "Every person on this planet that has made money has mastered these four simple steps: savings, cost control, borrowing prudently and diversification."

The group is called Freeman Capital, and he co-founded it with fellow inmate Troy Williams. Williams says about 70 people attend the class each week.

Many of the prisoners serve decades-long sentences, and when they are released, they are given \$200 and little to no knowledge of financial resources such as retirement funds.

"It's like, 'Good luck. We're gonna pray for you. Stay out of prison,' " says Williams, who is on parole from San Quentin State Prison after serving a life sentence. "Who do you want coming home? Do you want the animal that's been caged away for years that's the same badass gang-banger that he was when he went to prison? Or do you want somebody that's coming

home thinking differently?" Carroll doesn't have access to a computer or the Internet, so he calls his family members to check the closing prices for the day, and he tells them what to buy.

"I'm in prison, but I'm on just the same playing field as Warren Buffett," Carroll says. "I can pick the exact same companies. I can't buy as many shares, but technically we're just the same."

Word of Wall Street has leaked outside San Quentin. Small, community-based investment clubs have been reading about him online and are now seeking out his financial counsel, drawn to his strategies and his story. Wall Street, they say, has time they don't to study the market and get wise about money.

"Overall, the goal is to get the money to give it back to the community," Carroll says. "When I look at how Bill Gates and Warren Buffett give 90 percent of their wealth away, I thought, what

better way than to go back and help the things I've destroyed?"

At the end of his financial literacy lessons, he assigns his fellow inmates some homework: Call home and ask family members about their long-term financial plans.

"I try to reiterate to the men that I'm not teaching you some for-sure plan. I'm just teaching you to plan," Carroll says. "It's fine to take the loss. I mean, it happens. You just know that it doesn't have to lead back into whatever you was doing, drugs or alcohol or crime or gangs."

This piece was produced in collaboration with Life of the Law, a group of journalists, editors, producers and scholars working together to produce stories about the law.

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

AC Transit Appoints New General Manager

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scheduling and facilities maintenance. During his career he has led teams that successfully purchased more than \$300 million of new rolling stock, improved fleet reliability, and successfully planned and delivered transit service to the newly constructed Levi's and Avaya Stadiums as well as developing transit plans for Super Bowl 50.

He has also been a champion for the environment and has a thorough understanding of public transportation in the Bay Area, including its customers, key stakeholders and the employ-

ees that make transit systems work. From 1999 to 2006, Hursh held several positions including the Deputy General Manager for Maintenance, Safety and Training for San Francisco Municipal Railway.

"I am honored to be joining the AC Transit family", said Hursh. "To be part of such a dedicated team that has been providing public transit for nearly 55 years is extremely exciting."

A native of Reno, Nevada, Hursh is a longtime Bay Area resident and veteran of the United States Air Force, serving six years in active

duty and five years as a reservist in the California Air National Guard. He is a past chair of the California Transit Association Rail Operations & Regulatory Committee and graduate of Leadership Contra Costa. Hursh is the father of two sons in high school and enjoys grilling, attending concerts, photography, and amateur radio communications in his spare time.

Source: www.actransit.org

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USAA Launches New App to Help Millennials Save

By Mary Wisniewski

USAA is launching a standalone app designed to help millennials and other members begin a new habit: saving.

Several studies have shown that millennials are reluctant to put aside funds. Individuals aged 35 and younger had a negative savings rate of 2% in 2014, according to data from Moody's Analytics.

The new app is an effort to combat that trend.

"We are all sort of running on empty here," said Neff Hudson, assistant vice president for emerging channels at the San Antonio-based USAA. "In living paycheck to paycheck, there's no margin for error."

The app, Savings Coach, was built with voice recognition and text-to-speech technology provider Nuance Communications, with whom USAA partners for some of its other apps.

The app crunches financial transaction data to recommend daily amounts of money to put into savings but also layers in atypical features like text and voice command technology and gaming. It moves money into savings after a person completes a challenge like eating-in rather than ordering a pizza, for example.

The app is available to all USAA members that have checking and savings accounts, but is primarily targeted at millennials, a group other savings apps have pursued.

Capital and Digit are among the apps launched this year to motivate millennials to tuck away small amounts of money into savings accounts based on their day-to-day decisions. What sets Savings Coach apart is its publisher — an institution that offers a medley of products and services — and the way it incorporates voice recognition technology.

Its emergence underscores a trend bank financial services brands are gunning for: an identity that goes deeper than just what products they sell.

"It's no longer enough to give a savings account or product," said Timothy Flacke, executive director of Doorway to Dreams Fund, a nonprofit firm that has created apps with financial services partners to motivate people to save, among other things. "It's 'how do you help us use it?'"

Ben Jackson, a director of Mercator Advisory Group's prepaid advisory service, expects more



banks to follow USAA's lead because of the mounting pressures to find ways to differentiate themselves in a largely commoditized industry and respond to startups that offer digital banking services designed to help people meet specific goals.

Let's Play Savings, Round 2

Traditional personal financial management, often tucked away on a tab of a banking website, has long been criticized for lack of use. Mobile apps, however, are seen as newer frontiers to spark consumers' interest in money management because it is usually close by when consumers are shopping.

But the experience has to intrigue people enough to login to what could be perceived as a chore.

"A little variation can pique people's interest," said Flacke. "Because finance has such a sober and staid reputation, there's a lot of opportunity."

Savings Coach, for example, deploys a number of gaming techniques, including rewarding members through points, badges and new levels within the app. The personal assistant, which has a male voice, a visual of an eagle and goes by the name Ace, also negotiates. Say a member says he doesn't want to save \$5 on any given day, Ace may suggest transferring \$4. The big idea is to teach financial planning lessons that sound obvious but are a struggle for many: pay yourself first and spend less than you earn.

"It's little mental tricks that make a huge change," said USAA's Hudson.

Greg Pal, vice president of the marketing, strategy and business development and enterprise division at Nuance, says financial progress is made through a series of smaller decisions, just like weight loss. And Pal believes spoken commands — an option within the app — help reinforce the commitment a person

makes to the decision to put money into savings. An early pilot of Savings Coach suggests the experience is working to motivate some. Roughly 800 participating USAA members, aged 18-24, managed to save almost \$120,000 in a four-month period.

USAA now plans to promote the app through social media channels and to members who phone the institution to ask for overdraft forgiveness, among other marketing techniques.

Hudson imagines a day when the app incorporates more advanced challenges to appeal to a larger audience. And eventually, there could be an opportunity for other banks to license parts of the savings app built with Nuance. USAA's willingness to open up Savings Coach to other banks speaks — in part — to the premium the institution is placing on its mission to help lead the charge on financial literacy.

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

What SBA Offers to Help Small Businesses Grow

What does SBA offer to small business owners? The programs are many and varied, and the qualifications for each are specific. SBA can help facilitate a loan for you with a third party lender, guarantee a bond, or help you find venture capital. Understanding how SBA works is the first step towards receiving assistance.

SBA's Role

SBA provides a number of financial assistance programs for small businesses that have been specifically designed to meet key financing needs, including debt financing, surety bonds, and equity financing.

Guaranteed Loan Programs (Debt Financing)

SBA does not make direct loans to small businesses. Rather, SBA sets the guidelines for loans, which are then made by its partners (lenders, community development organizations, and micro-lending institutions). The SBA guarantees that these loans will be repaid, thus eliminating some

of the risk to the lending partners. So when a business applies for an SBA loan, it is actually applying for a commercial loan, structured according to SBA requirements with an SBA guaranty. SBA-guaranteed loans may not be made to a small business if the borrower has access to other financing on reasonable terms.

SBA loan guaranty requirements and practices can change as the Government alters its fiscal policy and priorities to meet current economic conditions. Therefore, you can't rely on past policy when seeking assistance in today's market.

Bonding Program (Surety Bonds)

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee (SBG) Program helps small business contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels.

A surety bond is a three-party instrument between a surety (someone who agrees to be responsible for the debt or obligation of another),

a contractor and a project owner. The agreement binds the contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of a contract. If the contractor is unable to successfully perform the contract, the surety assumes the contractor's responsibilities and ensures that the project is completed.

Through the SBG Program, the SBA makes an agreement with a surety guaranteeing that SBA will assume a percentage of loss in the event the contractor should breach the terms of the contract. The SBA's guarantee gives sureties an incentive to provide bonding for eligible contractors, thereby strengthening a contractor's ability to obtain bonding and greater access to contracting opportunities for small businesses.

SBA can guarantee bonds for contracts up to \$5 million, covering bid, performance and payment bonds, and in some cases up to \$10 million for certain contracts.

Venture Capital Program

SBA's Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) Program is a public-private investment partnership created to help fill the gap between the availability of growth capital and the needs of small businesses. The SBA does not invest directly in small businesses, relying instead on the expertise of qualified private investment funds. The SBA licenses these funds as SBICs and supplements the capital they raise from private investors with access to low-cost, government-guaranteed debt.

With these two sources of capital backing them, SBICs search across the United States for promising businesses in need of debt or equity financing. SBICs are similar to other investment funds in terms of how they operate and their pursuit of high returns. However, unlike other funds, SBICs limit their investments to qualified small business concerns as defined by SBA regulations.

Source: www.sba.gov

Building Inspectors' Top Nine Construction Snafus

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Building scientists at the DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory wondered about it, too. Their report, "Ducts in the Attic? What Were They Thinking?" explores the impact duct location has on cooling load, peak demand, and energy cost in hot climates. For a typical new home in these climates, they found that locating ducts in attics rather than inside conditioned space increases cooling costs 15%.

Improperly Sized HVAC Equipment

Besides putting ducts in the attic, the next biggest mistake builders in hot climates make is allowing HVAC contractors to install oversized air conditioning units. Air conditioners that are too large for a home don't run long enough to provide dehumidification, which can lead to a damp and moldy house, according to this Energy Vanguard article. The issue is a problem in well-insulated homes especially, Seville says, because a tighter interior doesn't require as much cooling.

"I've had arguments with engineers insisting that they were putting way too large AC systems in," says Seville. "You have to make sure the home is tied into an air conditioner that's not too large to dehumidify."

To prevent this problem, builders should make sure their trade partners are using Manual J calculations for heating and cooling loads. This article talks about how to avoid common errors in the calculations. But even if the system is perfectly matched to the total load, there's another concern to look out for: a mismatch between the supply and the return sides of the system. This can make individual rooms too hot or too cold, and it can cause leakage of conditioned air to the attic or the outdoors. So here's some advice on the final step in HVAC design: balancing the system.

Sloppy Insulation

There's no complaint here: From spray foam to fiberglass batts, today's insulation choices provide tight, energy-efficient building envelopes. Problems occur during the installation of these products. "We know how to insulate to higher levels these days, but to be able to do it properly is challenging," says green building verifier Joseph Gordon.

The mistakes he sees most often are with poorly applied batt insulation. Even a 1/4 gap between the fiberglass and the building envelope greatly reduces its efficacy, so Gordon urges builders to pay close attention to installers to make sure they are filling cavities completely and making contact with the protective framing, sheathing, and wall-board on all sides.

Installers must trim batts carefully to fit oddly shaped voids, cut and fit the material around blocking and electrical boxes, and split the batts to fit behind and in front of wiring. This care and effort will pay off in improved comfort, energy savings, and home energy ratings for your clients, says building science writer Ted Cushman.

Blown-in cellulose insulation can also pose installation problems. Georgia-based energy-efficiency expert Allison Bailes takes issue with "lumpy" application of blown-in cellulose in this Energy Vanguard article. He says builders should demand a flat application for uniform R-value throughout the attic.

Bottom line? "The best insulation is the kind that's installed correctly," says North Carolina-based home energy rater Steven Armstrong.

Little or No Air Sealing

When inspecting a home, Gordon starts by checking the air sealing. He's often disappointed by what he finds: Not enough sealant at the tops of windows, fiberglass insulation used as an air sealant, or no seal around important areas such as doors, bandjoists, top

and bottom plates, and ceiling penetrations. Armstrong frequently finds that foam gaskets are pulled off by drywall installers. "I'll see a big pile of it in the middle of the floor," he says.

Consequently, inspectors and verifiers spend a lot of time talking with builders and their partners about air barriers and avoiding thermal bypass, which allows cool or hot air to slip in to a home's conditioned space and practically negate the value of insulation. "Having proper air sealing is critical for performance," Armstrong says.

Tough new energy codes will soon force builders in many states to pay more attention. The 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) requires blower-door testing and a visual inspection to ensure that a home is as airtight as possible. To help builders facing new codes, Dave Wolf, senior research and development project leader at Owens Corning Science and Technology, set out to prioritize the leaks in a house by ranking which ones have the biggest impact on air infiltration. Acknowledging that many builders have a limited budget for air-sealing, his goal was to identify the leaks that would give a builder the most "bang for his air-sealing buck."

In addition, Home Innovation Research Labs have analyzed several techniques that have proven to provide efficient air sealing, most at little additional cost.

Conventional Crawlspaces

As noted by building science guru Joe Lstiburek, traditional crawlspaces expose a home to serious moisture and mold problems that cost builders and homeowners significant resources to repair. The solution is to create a sealed, conditioned crawlspace with a vapor barrier protecting the underfloor space from ground moisture and with the insulated thermal boundary moved from the framed floor to the wall perimeter. Although many builders still shy away from this type of application, South Carolina builder Todd Usher is sold on them. He puts conditioned and sealed crawlspaces in all of his houses that don't have full basements. They provide better humidity control, reduce heating and cooling costs, protect hardwood floors above from warping, and give clients extra clean storage space, he says.

To help builders more readily incorporate closed crawlspaces into their homes, the Home Innovation Research Labs, in partnership with the Southern Forest Products Association, offers free educational materials that address the benefits and key steps for improving existing closed crawlspace design and construction practices, and transitioning from traditional slab-on-grade or conventional vented crawlspace construction.

Lack of Skilled Labor

Because many of the snafus building inspectors face have to do with incompetent installation, they could be minimized or eliminated by a well-trained workforce, says Armstrong. In his market he often sees the detrimental effects of the construction labor shortage, especially for roofing and insulation subcontractors. Job superintendents turn over quite a bit as well, he says, as they get scooped up by competing building firms.

"This provides an inconsistency to a job," he says. "You get a superintendent trained in how what goes in to a high-quality house and then when they leave someone new has to be trained."

The problem is affecting builders' bottom line as well: New research from Metrostudy found that 46% of builders and contractors are increasing pay and benefits to keep labor.

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DBE Fraud

Fresno Man Sentenced for Extensive Fraudulent Bonding Scheme and Aggravated Identity Theft



Abel Martin Carreon, 57, of Fresno, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii to five years and five months in prison for one count of mail fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft, United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced. Carreon was also ordered to pay \$1,253,000 in restitution.

According to court documents, between April 2005 and May 2011, Carreon carried out a scheme to defraud the United States and private companies seeking to perform contracted work for the United States. Through his company Tripartite Escrow Corporation (TEC), he offered bonding services to prospective government contractors throughout the United States that included bid bonds to secure a bid on a government contract and performance and payment bonds to insure the work on a government contract.

Surety bonds are required for certain federal government contracts. If a contractor defaults, the surety bonds compensate the government for the financial loss incurred. To be acceptable under federal regulations the bonding company must pledge acceptable assets with a value equal to or exceeding the amount of each bond, and submit a sworn affidavit disclosing the identity of the surety and verifying the existence and acceptability of the assets under penalty of prosecution.

According to the plea agreement, the bond packages Carreon submitted contained false statements and fraudulent documents. He pledged as collateral common stock that did not exist, was worth substantially less than represented, or was pledged across multiple bonds without full disclosure. He used forged notary stamps and notary signatures and other forged signatures on the bond documents.

Once the false and fraudulent performance and payment bonds were accepted by the contracting government agency and work began under the contract, the government would make payments on the contract to the contractor, including Carreon's bond premium. The United States and government contractors paid Carreon for false and fraudulent payment and performance bonds, which resulted in a loss of approximately \$1,250,000.

"As evidenced by the sentence handed down against Able Carreon, the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General (DOT OIG) remains steadfast in its commitment to maintaining the integrity of the Nation's transportation infrastructure programs," said William Swallow, regional Special Agent-In-Charge, DOT OIG. "Working with our law enforcement and prosecutorial colleagues, we will continue to protect the taxpayers' investment in our nation's infrastructure from fraud, waste, abuse and violations of law."

"Today's sentencing of Abel Martin Carreon reaffirms the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General's (OIG) commitment to aggressively pursue, investigate, and hold accountable those who commit fraud against DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Protecting the integrity of DHS programs and operations remains one of the highest priorities of DHS OIG. We would like to thank our law enforcement partners and the U.S. Attorney's Office for their outstanding efforts in this matter." Roger T. Merchant, Special Agent in Charge, DHS OIG, Los Angeles Field Office.

This case was the product of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General; the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General; the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General; the U.S. Army, Criminal Investigation Command; the U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigations; the Defense Criminal Investigative Service; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General; the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General; and the U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorney Henry Z. Carbajal III prosecuted the case.

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