

Diverse Interests Hail \$7.5-Billion California Water Bond Measure

By Pam Hunter

Construction and engineering groups are upbeat about a \$7.5-billion water bond measure on the California ballot in November.

"We see nothing but good coming from the water bond, driven in large part by the years of neglect of our water system" in California, says Tom Holsman, CEO of the Associated General Contractors of California. Holsman says the measure, if it passes, would provide a much-needed boost to the construction industry, which has seen a "very slow, but steady" amount of work over the past few years.

Gov. Jerry Brown (D) signed the bond measure on Aug. 13, after the state legislature reached a compromise on the the package. It would provide \$7.5 billion for water infrastructure in California, including \$2.7 billion for emergency storage; \$1.5 billion for water recycling, stormwater capture, water efficiency and other local water supply projects; \$900 million for groundwater projects; and funds for flood-control and ecosystem restoration.

The package is largely a response to drought in California, which state officials say has reached historic proportions over the past year. The measure was under intense scrutiny in recent weeks as state lawmakers tried to agree on a bill that would

gain approval by state voters. State-wide polling indicated that an earlier \$11.1-billion package did not have enough voter support, says Mary Erchul, project manager for Ghirardelli Associates and president of the California Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Erchul describes the current measure as a compromise among different regional interests within the state. However, "it's a vital first step in the right direction" for water infrastructure in California, she adds.

Environmental groups also praised the measure. Ann Notthoff, California water director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, says the water bond "is the right response to this drought. It invests billions of dollars in cost-effective, 21st-century water solutions that will restore ecosystems, stabilize our ailing freshwater systems, clean up and manage our groundwater basins and improve reliability of water throughout California." If voters approve the measure in November, funds will be distributed to various water agencies, which will award contracts on various water infrastructure projects. Holsman says he is "cautiously optimistic" that the proposal will pass. "One of the things that drives these sorts of things is a sense of urgency, and clearly with the drought, we have a sense of urgency," he says.

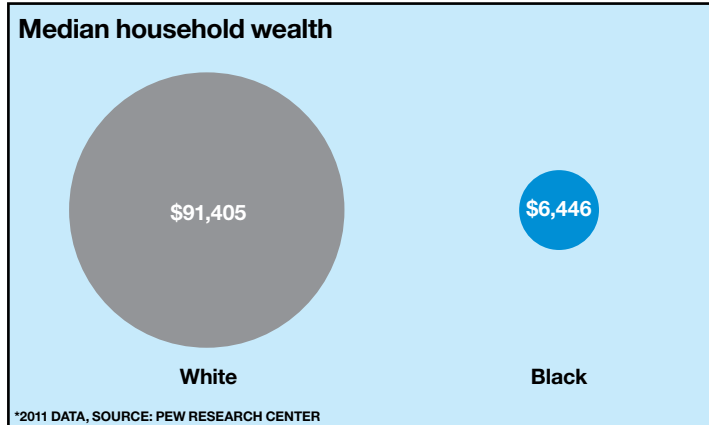
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State lawmakers circle around California Gov. Jerry Brown (D), who signed water infrastructure legislation that state voters will consider on the November ballot.

5 Disturbing Stats on Black-White Inequality



By Tami Luhby

One source of that tension is the large financial gap between black and white Americans.

The figures are staggering.

A typical black household has accumulated less than one-tenth of the wealth of a typical white one. And it's only getting worse.

Over the past 25 years, the wealth gap between blacks and whites has nearly tripled, according to research by Brandeis University.

That's in large part because home ownership among blacks is so much lower. Housing is often Americans' greatest asset and a major component of their overall wealth.

Blacks also typically have lower incomes than whites, which also makes it harder for them to save and build wealth. The median income for black households is less than 60% that of white ones.

Unemployment is also a major problem. The jobless rate for blacks is twice that of whites. The gap has been at least that large for years.

All of these factors combine to push many blacks into poverty. America's 15% poverty rate masks the underlying racial differences. More than one in four blacks live in poverty, while fewer than one in 10 whites do.

The economic situation in Ferguson mirrors the national picture, with poverty, unemployment and low income pervasive among its black residents.

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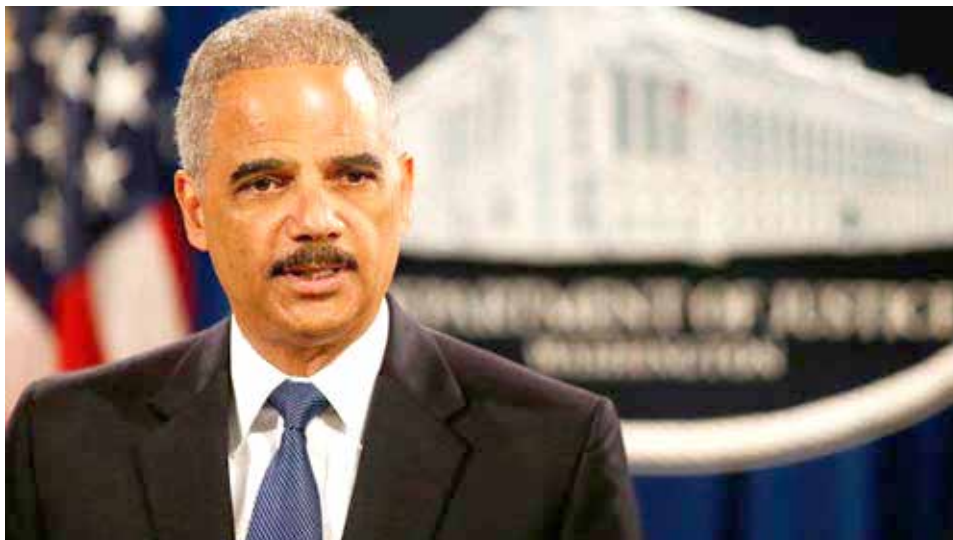
Holder has a Compelling Case in the Brown Killing

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Attorney General Eric Holder has a compelling federal case in the Michael Brown killing if he decides to bring civil rights charges against Ferguson, Missouri cop, Darren Wilson.

He's certainly taken almost unprecedented lightning fast first steps in that direction. He's got a phalanx of FBI agents assigned to the case. He's authorized an autopsy by a crack medical examiner from the military. He personally travelled to the city to review procedures with civil rights division attorneys and investigators. None of this would have been done without the personal approval of President Obama, who already has made more statements on the Ferguson furor and the Brown killing than he has on any other racially charged flashpoint issue during his White House tenure.

There are several factors within federal law that Holder has to look at to make the final decision whether to go forward with a prosecution. There has to be a "compelling interest" that the defendant's conduct could constitute a federal offense and that there is sufficient evidence against the defendant that the government can obtain a conviction.



Attorney General Eric Holder

There are clear elements of each of these hard federal prosecution requirements in the Brown killing.

The compelling interest is probably the easiest of the requisites to satisfy. Wilson did not charge

Brown with a crime; the 18-year-old was stopped by all accounts for jaywalking. The allegations that Brown was a suspect in a convenience store heist, and that he smoked marijuana, and even that he may have actually had some physical altercation with Warren came way after the fact. Multiple eye-

witnesses have been absolutely clear on this crucial point. He was shot on the ground with his hands up. An independent autopsy has confirmed that Brown could not have been shot during a scuffle as Wilson, police, and an anonymous eyewitness claim.

The key point is that he was on a public thoroughfare when he was killed. The right to freedom of movement without the danger of undue harm is a fundamental right that's enshrined in constitutional law and public policy. It's inviolate. The courts have repeatedly upheld a citizen's right to freedom of access and movement in public places.

Though there was no apparent racial motive in Wilson confronting Brown, his action clearly violated Brown's right to exercise his freedom of movement. This directly impacts on an individual's right to life and liberty. This civil right was violated the moment Wilson presumed that a young black man walking in a public thoroughfare had committed a crime. The safeguard of that right must be a fundamental concern of federal prosecutors.

The Brown case also strongly points to systemic issues of excessive force by police. The obvious excessive force that was used was the slaying of Brown. This strikes to the heart of another basic

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U.S. EPA and SF Environment recognize Quesada Gardens Initiative for environmental work in San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SF Environment) presented an Environmental Award to the Quesada Gardens Initiative in recognition of the grassroots organization's decade of work to address environmental issues in the San Francisco Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

"The Quesada Gardens Initiative has transformed an ordinary neighborhood street into community food gardens and neighborhood gathering spaces," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Ad-

ministrator for the Pacific Southwest. "EPA's Environmental Awards recognize people and groups like Jeffrey Betcher and Quesada Gardens who are committed to protecting public health and improving our communities."

EPA and SF Environment presented the award to Jeffrey Betcher, co-founder of the Quesada Gardens community organization. Quesada Gardens began more than 10 years ago on the 1700 block of Quesada Avenue in San Francisco's historically underserved and environmentally challenged Bay-

view Hunters Point neighborhood. Mr. Betcher, a neighborhood resident, worked with his neighbors to transform the street into a series of community food gardens, public art displays and gathering spaces.

"Thanks to the leadership of Jeffrey Betcher, and through the hard work and dedication of the Quesada Gardens Initiative community, Bayview families are enjoying the beauty and bounty of community gardens," said Debbie Raphael, SF Environment's Director. "Jeffrey is a leader who

nurtures social connections and community relationships. His hard work is helping families thrive while building a vision of a greener Bayview."

The Initiative has engaged several hundred volunteers in garden projects, involving thousands of volunteer work hours. These gardening and beautification efforts have not only improved the neighborhood, but have also helped build relationships among neighbors and strengthen the local

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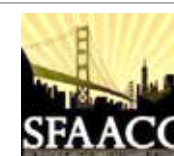
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Revenue Makes Strong Comeback at Largest Contracting Firms

By Scott Blair

The construction industry revved up significantly in 2013, with the respondents to ENR California's annual survey of contractors reporting a 16.4% gain in revenue over the previous year. Large contractors such as the Anaheim office of Turner Construction Co. anticipate an even stronger surge during 2014.

"We are excited to contribute to some of the strongest growth that the industry has seen since

2008," says Rich Bach, a senior vice president at Turner, which in 2013 saw its in-state revenue climb by 16% to more than \$1.2 billion.

"Our challenge in this quickly accelerating market is to manage rising costs," he adds. Strategies such as lean construction can help offset costs by bringing efficiencies and safety improvements to jobsites, Bach says.

Several firms reported 2013 revenue that shot up more than 50% from the previous year, including the Oakland office of Skanska USA Inc. The company attributes the gain to major project starts

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Photo by Marble Street Studio

Oltmans Construction crews work on concrete tilt-up panels for the Home Depot warehouse and distribution center in Perris. The contractor self-performed concrete on the 858,590-sq-ft building.



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Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Contribute Unique Skills to High-Speed Rail

By Annie Parker & Elizabeth Jonasson

While the overarching goal of the Authority's Small Business Program is to achieve and exceed the 30 percent small business participation target on the highspeed rail program, within that target, the Authority is also working to achieve at least 3 percent participation of Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) businesses.

Over the last two years, the Authority's Small Business team has aggressively pursued partnerships with other organizations to market to DVBEs and get them involved in the project. The Authority has also done outreach to DVBEs through public events, conferences and in coordination with the California Department of Veteran Affairs. The fruit of these labors is starting to pay off. As of June, the Authority has a total of 26 DVBE firms that are currently committed to work on high-speed rail throughout the state.

This spring, three certified DVBEs were brought on board to perform activities on Construction Package 1 (CP1) between Madera and Fresno. In May, Fresno-based Katch Environmental, Inc. and Moore Twining Associates, Inc. joined the project and the 111th Aerial Photography Squadron joined in July.

Katch Environmental specializes in industrial hygiene, inspection and remediation, and is an expert in cutting-edge environmental technologies. Prior to demolition, they ensure that the buildings and structures are cleared of environmental hazards such as asbestos and lead.

"High-speed rail is investing badly needed dollars into our community, which is still recovering from the recession," said Paul Katchadourian of Katch Environmental. "My company is proud to be a part of this worldclass project and to help create jobs in this city I call home."

Moore Twining Associates is a multi-disciplined engineering and testing firm providing geotechnical engineering, environmental, construction inspection, materials testing, analytical chemistry and drilling services. They are tasked with maintaining quality control throughout the construction process by means of inspection and laboratory testing of concrete, soil, rebar, asphalt and base.

The San Martin-based 111th Aerial Photography Squadron is a company specializing in aerial video and photography. They will be conducting fly-over photos of progress along the 29-mile segment.

"We recognize that these businesses are ready and willing to compete for contract opportunities, and we are doing what we can to make sure they know what is available," said Authority Small Business Advocate Robert Padilla. "It's important that we take the time to reach out to DVBEs, especially those companies located in California and connect them with the program."

Source: California High-Speed Rail Authority

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AIP 3-06-0170-(FUTURE)

Port of Oakland

BID DATE: August 27, 2014 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Construction Office, Temporary Barricades, Air Operations Area Traffic Control, SWPPP, Electrical, Survey, Clearing & Grubbing, Abandon Storm Drain Pipe, Hydroseed & Mulch, Wick Drains, Underground, Transverse Grooving, Pavement Markings, Fencing, Signs and Sign Foundation, Retroreflective Edge Markers, Concrete, Taxiway Electrical Lighting, Photometric Testing, Regulator Testing, Security, Cement Treatment, Stripe Removal and Construction Materials

O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

1520 Fourth Street • Berkeley, CA 94710 • Phone: 510-526-3424 • FAX: 510-526-0990

Contact: Jean Sicard

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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 or online at http://www.portofoakland.com/opportunities/bid_engineering.aspx.

REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Hwy 680 Pavement Rehab, Benicia/Fairfield

Caltrans #04-3G6504

BID DATE: September 10, 2014 @ 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 Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Treated Wood Waste, Noise Monitoring, Cold Plane AC, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Preparing Inertial Profiler, Geosynthetic Pavement Interlayer, Rumble Strip, Data Core, AC Dike, Minor Concrete, Drill and Bond Dowel, Misc. Iron & Steel, Guard Railing Delineator, Object Marker, Midwest Guardrail System, Single Thrie Beam Barrier, Transition Railing, Striping & Marking, Progress Schedule (CPM), Remove Guardrail, Pavement Marker, Loop Detector and Construction Materials

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Contact: Greg Souder

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Hwy 99 Pave, Lodi

Caltrans #10-0W1904

BID DATE: September 3, 2014 @ 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 Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Treated Wood Waste, Adjust Utilities, Cold Plane AC, Clearing & Grubbing, Structure Excavation (Retaining Wall), Structure Backfill (Retaining Wall), High Friction Surface Treatment (Polymerresin), Preparing Inertial Profiler, Rumble Strip, Data Core, AC Dike, Tack Coat, Structural Concrete (Retaining Wall), Minor Concrete, Bar Reinforcing Steel, Roadside Sign, Detectable Warning Surface, Pre/Post Construction Surveys, Misc. Iron & Steel, Misc. Metal, Delineator, Guard Rail Delineator, Object Marker, Midwest Guardrail System, Concrete Barrier, Transition Railing, End Cap, Alt. In-Line Terminal System, Alt. Flared Terminal System, Alt. Crash Cushion System, Striping & Marking, Electrical and Construction Materials

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

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN MERCED, STANISLAUS, AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES NEAR LATHROP FROM GARZAS CREEK BRIDGE TO TOM PAINE SLOUGH BRIDGE, Contract No. 10-0V6604, Federal Aid Project ACNHPI-005-5(143)417E

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

BID DATE: September 3, 2014 @ 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:

AC DIKE, ADJUST IRON, APPROACH SLAB REPLACEMENT, CONCRETE BARRIER (TRANSITION), CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, CLEARING & GRUBBING, CRASH CUSHION, ELECTRICAL, DELINEATORS & MARKERS, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, JPCP & LCB, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, PREPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) 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, L.P.

11555 Dublin Boulevard
P.O. Box 2909
Dublin, CA 94568-2909
(925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263

Estimator: Victor Le

Website: www.desilvagates.com

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

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY IN AND NEAR LODI FROM HAMMER LANE OVERCROSSING TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY LINE, Contract No. 10-0W1904, Federal Aid Project ACNHP-P099(579)E

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

BID DATE: September 3, 2014 @ 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:

AC DIKE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONCRETE BARRIER, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, CRASH CUSHION, ELECTRICAL, GUARDRAIL, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, RETAINING WALL, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, SLURRY SEAL, STRIPING, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.

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Estimator: Steve Lippis

Website: www.desilvagates.com

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Revenue Makes Strong Comeback...

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in both the civil and building market sectors. "We absolutely believe this is a sustaining trend in our business and 2014 will be another year of strong performance and growth," says Bruce Holms, executive vice president and general manager for Skanska USA Building.

So far this year, Sunnyvale-based Level 10 Construction has already surpassed its 2013 revenue, according to Dennis Giles, company president. "In

the first half of 2014 alone, we've brought in more than \$310 million, half of which is in new business," he says. The company is aggressively growing its executive, project management and support staff to handle the work.

San Francisco-based Swinerton Inc. takes the top spot in the overall ranking for the first time. The firm, which was ENR California's Contractor of the Year last year, jumped four spots following a 21% increase in revenue.

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

MEET AND GREET OUTREACH EVENT

Swinerton Builders - "Meet and Greet" Community Outreach Event for CBE contractors on

Tues., Aug. 26, 2014, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Relative to upcoming opportunities on the Los Angeles County DesignBuild Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center Project, as well as other pursuits.

LA County Certification Information Available.

Location:

Columbus Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way, Downey 90242.

On-site parking available:

email: dcsa.outreach@gmail.com or 213.258.3085.

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Seeking DBE subcontractors and suppliers for
For Construction on State Highway in Los Angeles County in LA Canada Flintridge, Glendale and Pasadena from Dunsmore Avenue Undercrossing to North Los Robles Avenue Overcrossing

Contract No. 07-2881U4
Project Owner: CALTRANS

Project Location: Los Angeles County LA Canada Flintridge, Glendale, Pasadena
Bid Date: September 11, 2014

Trades: Asphalt, AC Dike, Bridge Deck Surface, Bridge Demolition, Building Masonry, Clear and Grub, Cold Plane AC, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Structure, Concrete Paving, Concrete Supply, Curb & Gutter, Construction Area Signs, Control Building, Drainage, Doors and Gates, Drill And Bond Dowel, Electrical, Erosion Control, Excavation, Expansion Joints, Fencing/Railing, Grind PCC, Guardrail, Joint Seal, Landscape & Irrigation, Materials Trucking, Metal Roofing, Minor Concrete, Miscellaneous Iron & Steel, Overhead Signs and Striping, Painting, PCC Supplies, Pipe Supply, Pre/Post Construction Surveys, Precast Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Roadside Sign, Rock Slope Protection, Slope Paving, Street Sweeping.

Pulice Construction, Inc.

591 Camino de la Reina, Suite 1250 • San Diego, CA 92108
 Phone: (619) 814-3705 • Fax: (619) 814-3770
 Contact: **Arinda Cale** • E-mail: acale@pulice.com

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Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. is Prime Contractor seeking quotes from certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following project:

Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Construction Authority
Fairway Drive Grade Separation, Contract 14-01, TCIF-6303(041)
Bid date and time: September 24, 2014 @ 2:00pm

Subcontractors/Suppliers Requested for, but not limited to, the following: Aggregate & base Suppliers, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Plane Asphalt Concrete, Roadway Excavation, Grading, Structure Excavation and Backfill, Clearing & Grubbing, Landscaping/Irrigation/Erosion Control, Railroad Materials & Installation, Mechanical Supply & Installation (Pump Station), Structural Steel Supply & Installation, Bearing Pad Supply, Portland Cement & Concrete Pavement, Asphalt Paving, Furnish & Drive Piling, Sound Wall (Masonry Block), Sewer & Storm Lines (RCP, Clay Sewer, Plastic, Corrugated Metal), Concrete Barrier, CIDH Piling, Minor Concrete, Retaining Wall, Reinforcing Steel, Roadside Signs, Curb & Gutter, Misc. Metals, Fencing, Signal & Lighting, Ramp Metering, Striping & Pavement Marking, Demolition and Trucking

Items of work may be broken down into economically feasible packages to encourage participation. Shimmick Construction intends to conduct itself in good faith with all firms for participation on this project.

Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.

16481 Scientific Way - Irvine, CA 92618
 Phone (949) 333-1500, FAX (949) 333-1510

For additional project information or to discuss obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, and/or materials please contact Joe Henry, jhenry@shimmick.com 949-333-1500 x668 for additional contract assistance please contact Trina Clay, tclay@shimmick.com or 949-333-1517

Contract documents are available at: All bid documents, plans and specifications will be available for download via the AGENCY's online bidding system (www.theaceproject.org/contract.php). Bid documents are also available via CD format. Bidders may elect to pick up the CD at the AGENCY's office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days or have it mailed via regular U.S. Mail, or delivered via overnight express, at Bidder's cost. To request a CD, complete and submit the CD request form, which is available for download via the AGENCY's online bidding system (www.theaceproject.org/contract.php). To receive information regarding this IFB, firms must have either registered and downloaded the documents from the AGENCY's online bidding system (PlanetBids), or have contacted the AGENCY and received a copy from a staff member. For plan viewing, contact the AGENCY during normal working hours, Monday to Friday at 626-962-9292. Shimmick has also made plans and specifications available through our SmartBidNet program, please contact Trina Clay at tclay@shimmick.com for access to these documents. If you require additional assistance with plans, specification or requirements of the contract please contact Trina Clay at tclay@shimmick.com or 949-333-1517

Any bid submitted will confirm the acceptance of the terms and conditions of SCCI's Standard Long Form Subcontract, available upon request. A Subcontractor providing a proposed bid/price will be viewed as accepting SCCI's Standard Long Form Subcontract. 100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company acceptable to of Shimmick Construction are required of subcontractors. Shimmick Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.0%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest Shimmick Construction Standard Long Form Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions-subcontract draft copy available upon request. Subcontractor must provide insurance coverage for their work as required by the Prime contract or Shimmick minimum - whichever is greatest. Shimmick's minimum insurance requirement is: General Liability \$1M-Per Occurrence/\$2M-Agg/\$2M-Completed Operations; Excess Liability \$5M; Auto Liability \$1M; Workers Comp & Employer Liability \$1M. Shimmick Construction's listing of a Subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote. Shimmick requires that Subcontractor and Supplier price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable a complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Scott Fairgrieve at (510) 777-5000.

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SKANSKA

Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacements
The County of San Diego
SANDAG CIP No.: 1145000 (Contract No. 5007001)
UDBE Goal: 6.42%
Bid Date: AUGUST 25, 2014 – 2:00PM

Skanska is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors as well as certified DBE companies for this project. All interested subcontractors, please indicate all lower tier DBE participation offered on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price. Please call if we can assist you in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies. Skanska will also review breaking out scope packages and adjusting schedules to help permit maximum participation.

Plans and Specifications are available for view at our main office in Riverside or can be found online from the owner at: www.sandag.org/contracts.

Quotes requested for contractors, suppliers and service providers include, but are not limited to:

Water Pollution Control, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Street Sweeping, Fencing, Erosion Control, Bridge Removal, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Silt Fence, Fiber Rolls, Corrugated Steel Pipe Conduit, CISS Piling, Driven Pile, Structural Concrete, Bar Reinforcing Steel, Bearing Pads, Rock Slope Protection, Geotextile Fabric, Miscellaneous Steel, Handrail, Landscape, Irrigation, Precast Girders, Precast Concrete, Railroad Track Work, Railroad Track Material Supply, Readymix Concrete, Crushed Aggregate Base, Articulated Concrete Block Lining, Environmental Compliance Officer, Cultural & Paleontological Monitoring, Survey, Testing & Inspection

Subcontracting Requirements: Skanska's insurance requirements are Commercial General Liability (GL): \$1M ea. occ., \$1M personal injury, \$2M products & completed operations agg. and general agg.; \$1M Auto Liability; \$5M Excess/Umbrella and \$1M Workers Comp. Endorsements and waivers required are the Additional Insured End., Primary Wording End., and a Waiver of Subrogation (GL & WC). Other insurance requirements may be necessary per scope. Subcontractors may be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the full amount of their subcontract by an admitted surety and subject to approval by Skanska. Skanska will pay bond premium up to 1%. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless accepted in writing. Skanska is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, and Carpenters Unions. Subcontractors must provide weekly, one original and one copy of all certified payrolls, including non-performance and fringe benefit statements if required by law or by the Prime Contract. Subcontractor scope (including any conditions or exceptions) is required 24 hours prior to bid deadline to allow proper evaluation.

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Skanska Estimating Dept: 1995 Agua Mansa Rd, Riverside, CA 92509 – Ph: (951) 684-5360, Fax: (951) 788-2449
 Email: jerome.dipadova@skanska.com

SKANSKA

PALM AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION
GOOD FAITH EFFORTS - DBE OPPORTUNITY

Skanska is interested in soliciting in Good Faith subcontractors for the following scopes:

TRUCKING, COLD ASPHALT, AGREGATES
START ASAP

Subcontracting Requirements: Skanska's insurance requirements are Commercial General Liability (GL): \$1M ea. occ., \$1M personal injury, \$2M products & completed operations agg. and general agg.; \$1M Auto Liability; \$5M Excess/Umbrella and \$1M Workers Comp. Endorsements and waivers required are the Additional Insured End., Primary Wording End., and a Waiver of Subrogation (GL & WC). Other insurance requirements may be necessary per scope. Subcontractors may be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the full amount of their subcontract by an admitted surety and subject to approval by Skanska. Skanska will pay bond premium up to 1%. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless accepted in writing. Skanska is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters Unions and Teamsters. Subcontractors must provide weekly, one original and one copy of all certified payrolls, including non-performance and fringe benefit statements if required by law or by the Prime Contract. Subcontractor scope (including any conditions or exceptions) is required 24 hours prior to bid deadline to allow proper evaluation.

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 Email: tim.prince@skanska.com – (909) 721-9725

Requests proposals/quotes from all qualified subcontractors, suppliers, and truckers including certified DBE firms for the following project:

SR 89 MOUSEDALE MULTI-USE PATH & UPRR UNDERCROSSING
TOWN OF TRUCKEE
Bids: August 28, 2014 @ 2pm

SUBCONTRACTING GOAL: DBE – 12.5%

Proven Management, Inc.

2000 5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
 Phone: 415-421-9500 • fax: 415-421-9600

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

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads



Is requesting quotes from qualified DBE/MBE/WBE Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:
 Clearing and Grubbing, V-Ditch, Finish Concrete, Fencing, Underground, Electrical, Dewatering, SWPPP Installation, AC Paving, Hydro Seeding, Rip Rap, Rock, Sand, Geogrid, Geotextile Filter Fabric, Concrete, Rebar, Pipe (SCH 40), Pipe (HDPE), Pipe (RCP), Asphalt, Aggregate Base, Trucking

Canada Gobernadora Detention Basin

East of San Juan Capistrano
 Orange County, CA

Santa Margarita Water District
 Contract No. 1685D

BID DATE: September 11, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m
 Sub & Vendor Bids Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC
 4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Scott Emery
 Phone: (714) 540-5351 • Fax: (714) 545-2003 • Email: estimating@sukut.com

Plans/specs are available for viewing at our office by appointment, or may be obtained from Owner. Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Sukut Construction will assist Qualified Subcontractors in obtaining bonds, insurance, and/or lines of credit. Please contact Sukut Construction for assistance in responding to this solicitation. Subcontractors/Vendors will be required to sign Sukut's Standard Subcontract/Purchase Order. Copies are available for examination.

Sukut Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

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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:

Bid No. 3718
HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) DE LA VINA AT ARRELLAGA TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT
Location: De La Vina at Arrellaga, City of Santa Barbara, Ca
BID DATE/TIME: 8/28/2014

SEEKING: Clean 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 Disabled Veteran 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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L. H. WOODS & SONS, INC.
 SBE/DBE/DVBE/MBE/WBE/OBE
 SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER BIDS
 REQUESTED

CONTRACT NO. 7245R1
PINE TREE SAG PIPE CEMENT MORTAR LINING
BID SUBMITTAL DATE: 9/3/14 AT 2:00 PM
OWNER: CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
 PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT/
 SUPPLY BOND MAY BE REQUIRED

L. H. WOODS & SONS, INC. INTENDS TO CONDUCT ITSELF IN "GOOD FAITH" WITH ALL FIRMS REGARDING PARTICIPATION ON THIS PROJECT. DRAWINGS AND SPECS MAY BE REVIEWED IN OUR OFFICE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM AT 2115 LA MIRADA DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92081; AT THE OFFICE OF SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICES, ROOM L43, 111 NORTH HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012; PLEASE SUBMIT BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK (BUT NOT LIMITED TO): SWPPP DESIGN & INSPECTION; CONSTRUCTION OFFICES, TRAILERS & FURNISHINGS; FUEL SUPPLY; SCHEDULING; WELDING INSPECTION; WELDING, STEEL PIPE SPECIALS FABRICATION; FENCING (TEMP), SAND SUPPLY; CEMENT SUPPLY; POLYMER MICROFIBER SUPPLY, STEEL PIPE MANUFACTURE & SUPPLY; HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL/TRANSPORT/DISPOSAL, SITE SECURITY PATROL; DEWATERING; SAFETY OFFICER (TUNNEL SAFETY ORDERS); PORTA TOILETS; PAINTING AND COATING.

L.H. Woods & Sons, Inc.
 An Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)
 Contact: Teresa Woods • twoods@lhwoods.com
 2115 La Mirada Drive, Vista, CA 92081
 Phone (760) 599-5500 • Fax (760) 599-5510

LHWS encourages all interested DBE, MBE, WBE and OBE companies to contact us at least 1 day prior to the bid due date to review with us your proposed scope of work. If bonds are required, LHWS will pay the cost of the bond to a maximum of 1% of the contract value. LHWS is willing to assist all SBE, DVBE, MBE, WBE DBE, AND OBE subcontractors/suppliers in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, and/or insurance. Please contact Teresa Woods at LHWS at the address and phone number above for assistance. LHWS is willing to work with all qualified subcontractors/suppliers to establish acceptable delivery schedules, when work requirements permit. The schedule is the sole responsibility of LHWS and will not be mutually agreed upon. Subcontractors will be required to abide by the terms of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest L. H. Woods & Sons, Inc. Standard Subcontract/Purchase Agreement incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. Copies of Standard Subcontract/Purchase Agreement are available for review at www.lhwoods.com. L. H. Woods & Sons' listing of a subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote.

LENNAR URBAN

Bid Request Information
Bid Type: Construction
Bid Number: None

Agency: Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure

Bid Title: CP-01 Infrastructure Improvements, Candlestick Point Redevelopment, San Francisco, Ca

Bid Due: 9/16/2014

Time Due: 4:00 PM

Duration: N/A

Estimated Cost: N/A

Description:

The Project will include removal and relocation of stockpiled surcharge material, excavation, installation of new infrastructure, including storm and sanitary sewer, domestic and reclaimed water, joint trench utilities, landscaping, street surfacing, sidewalks, street lights, curbs, and gutters, Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS), and Auxiliary Waste Collection System (AWCS). SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and LBEs are encouraged to submit proposals.

Pre-bid Conference:

Date: 8/27/14

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Hunters Point Shipyard Building 101, located at 101 Horne Ave. in San Francisco.

Contact's Name:

Name: Karen Bey

E-mail: karen.bey@lennar.com

For More Information:

http://mission.sfgov.org/OCA_BID_ATTACHMENTS/FA36243.pdf

Candlestick Point in San Francisco Opportunity to Perform CANDLESTICK CP-01 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS during the development of CANDLESTICK POINT in San Francisco.

Lennar Urban is requesting qualified, interested construction firms to respond to a public request for proposals to perform CANDLESTICK CP-01 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS services for Candlestick Point Redevelopment.

For more information, please visit:
<http://mission.sfgov.org/OCA/BidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=8485>

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

Pre-Bid Coordination Meeting and Job Walk:

August 27, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Hunters Point Shipyard

101 Horne Avenue

San Francisco, California 94124

LENNAR URBAN

One Sansome Street, Suite 3200

San Francisco, CA 94104

Proposals must be submitted by September 18, 2014 @ 4:00 PM (PST).

Candlestick Point in San Francisco Opportunity to Perform CANDLESTICK STADIUM DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT during the development of CANDLESTICK POINT in San Francisco.

Lennar Urban is requesting qualified, interested construction firms to respond to a public request for proposals to perform CANDLESTICK STADIUM DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT for Candlestick Point Redevelopment

For more information, please visit:
<http://mission.sfgov.org/OCA/BidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=8457>

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Pre-Bid Coordination Meeting and Job Walk:

August 20, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Candlestick Park Conference Room

Room 397

Candlestick Park

San Francisco, California 94111

LENNAR URBAN

One Sansome Street, Suite 3200

San Francisco, CA 94104

Proposals must be submitted by September 23, 2014 @ 4:00 PM (PST).

With SBE you can:

FIND
 Subcontractors, Vendors, and Suppliers

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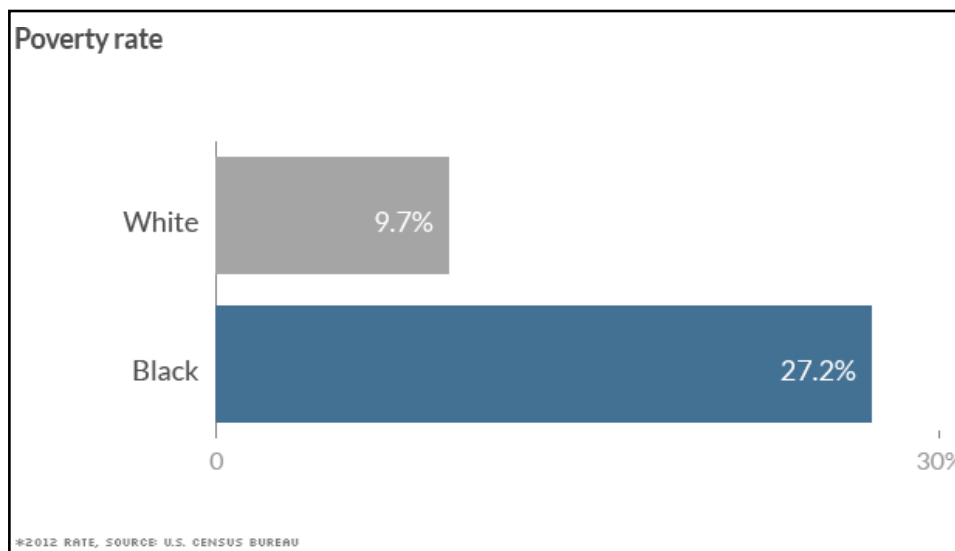
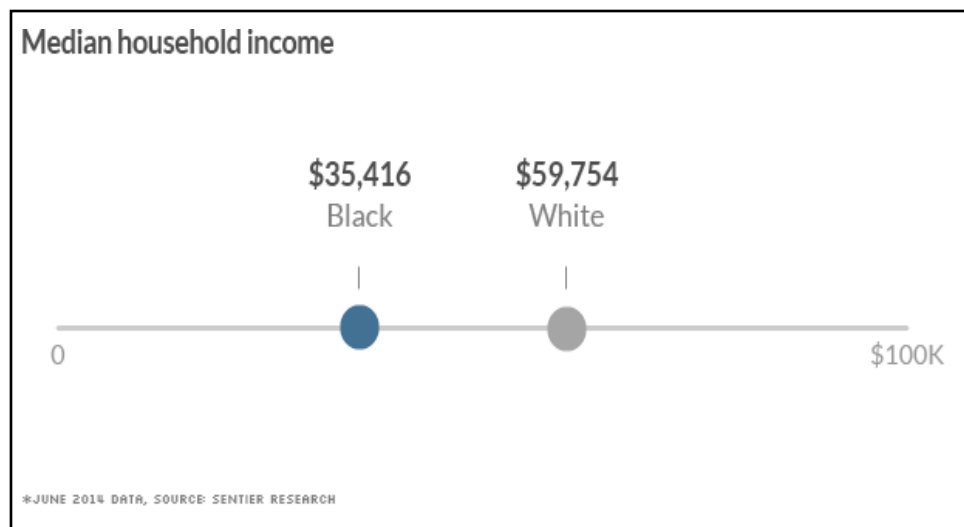
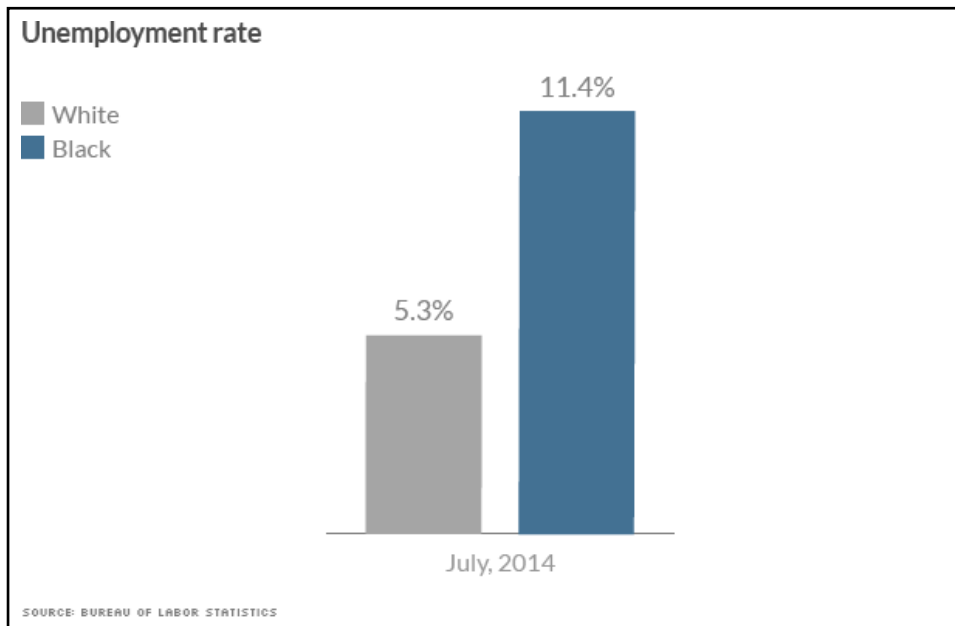
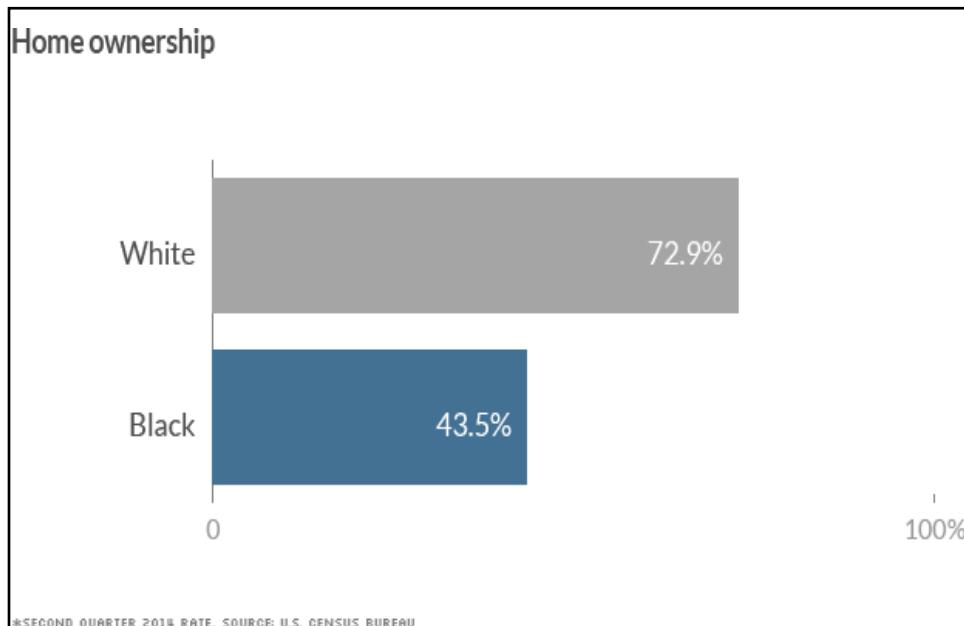
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Quesada Gardens

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community. This is evident in the Bayview Footprints online newsletter, which serves as an online community hub for the neighborhood.

"I am grateful that scrappy neighbors in the heart of Bayview are being acknowledged for joining together to change a place many had given up on," said Jeffrey Betcher, Quesada Gardens Initiative's Executive Director. "This award is evidence our friends in the environmental movement understand that the physical and social environments are fundamentally linked, and that improving one requires attention to the other."

Quesada Gardens includes the Baybloom Backyard Gardens projects, the Bridgeview Teaching and Learning Garden, the "Bayview Is..." mural and Quesada Gardens Community Mural and Gathering Space. Mr. Betcher was nominated for the environmental award by Dr. Toye Moses, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Facility Commission.

Learn more about Quesada Gardens at: <http://www.quesadagardens.org/>

Source: U.S. EPA

U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker Shares Economic Development Opportunities in California



U.S. Commerce Secretary, Penny Pritzker

Last year, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker unveiled the Commerce Department's "Open for Business Agenda," a bold policy agenda focused on boosting trade and investment, supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, and unleashing more government data. Yesterday, she

took the Agenda on the road to California. Along with Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) National Director Alejandra Castillo, Secretary Pritzker spoke to local businesses and community leaders about the Obama Administration's work to spur continued economic growth and job creation through support of exporters, entrepreneurs, and small, women- and minority-owned businesses.

Secretary Pritzker joined Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA), a strong advocate for minority economic development and trade policy, at a regional economic development forum at the Oakland Airport, hosted by Lee. The Secretary delivered remarks highlighting a number of Commerce Department resources available to help foster economic growth. Noting that exporting is an essential tool for economic development, she discussed the Commerce Department's NEI/NEXT initiative, a data-based, customer-driven effort to help U.S. companies increase their exports to international markets. Secretary Pritzker also talked about the work of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership to help manufacturers boost produc-

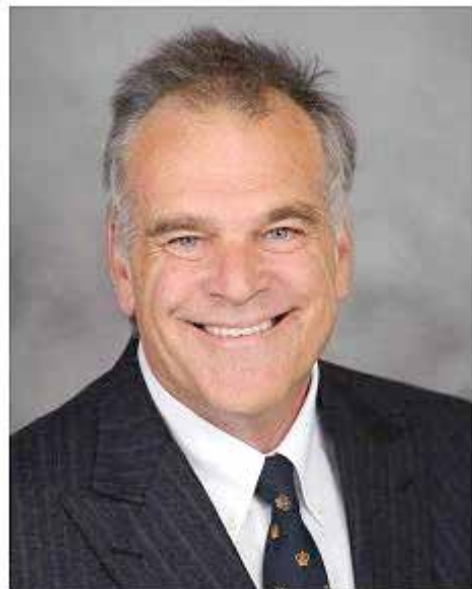
tivity and growth, as well as investments by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help attract new industries and create jobs. Through these and other tools, the Commerce Department is helping businesses in California and across the country to grow and hire.

Before the event, Secretary Pritzker also participated in a roundtable discussion with East Bay business leaders, hosted by Rep. Lee. They discussed regional economic development, supplier diversity and the importance of gender and ethnic diversity in corporate leadership. Earlier in the day, Secretary Pritzker and San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee met with leaders of local technology companies, including Twitter, Yelp, Kiva, and others, to discuss the Department of Commerce's expanding role as "America's Data Agency." Secretary Pritzker specifically asked how the government can most effectively make additional data available, and what public-private partnerships are currently serving as strong models that can be replicated when it comes to data dissemination.

Source: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

Public Policy

SB 610 passes the Assembly Appropriations Committee



**Scott Hauge, President
Small Business California**

Last Thursday, SB 610 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill will level the playing field between Franchisers and Franchisees. Right now, Franchisers clearly have the upper hand. The bill now goes to the Assembly Floor. What makes this unique is that Small Business California worked with SEIU in getting this passed. When I founded SB-Cal I wanted it to be not only bipartisan but also an organization that could work with any groups to get legislation passed that would help small businesses. This is a good example and we couldn't be where we are without their support. SEIU came to us on this and were supporters right from the beginning.

On Friday, I sent out an email on ADA and Airbnb. I contacted Bob Planthold who is active on ADA issues. See his response below. It is longer than what I usually send in my emails but this may become an important issue for small businesses who transact business on the web. I invite Airbnb to also respond.

[Letter to Scott Hauge, President -
Small Business California]

Scott, some of this is from parts of ADA that often are overlooked.

Businesses, by reason of being open to all the public, are a "public accommodation", as per A.D.A.

That means anyone should be able to communicate, somehow, with that business to get info. about and / or acquire their goods/ services. So, when a business has a website, those who are blind or very low-vision must also be able to access the website info.

There IS "screenreader" software that a person purchases and installs to then "read" the info from a website.

But, a website MUST itself be accessible to such software. That is NOT an option; there are specific requirements, from the US Access Board, for accessible websites.

SO, Airbnb, VRBO [Vacation Rental by Owner], and some of those agencies whose online web links I sent you are all "open to all the public" --and so MUST make their websites accessible.

I know that the website for Airbnb isn't accessible, because a person who is blind wanted to list on Airbnb as having some residential space available-- but couldn't list even though the person had "Jaws" screenreader software.

Some others who list with Airbnb have said they make \$70,000 a year via this route, or that they pay the mortgage on their unit. That sure sounds like a business, since it takes a lot of effort to update the listings, confirm reservations accept payment, clean the unit, et al.

Yet, SF code forbids businesses from operating in a residence in an RH-1 district. That's where the legislation proposed by Supe. Chiu would dramatically re-zone the entire city, allowing any one in any unit -- other than an SRO or a subsidized housing unit- to list part or all of their unit, without the landlord's permission or even knowledge.

Remember, that ADA is enforceable by / through private cause of action. Since there are



Bob Planthold writes columns on Disability Perspectives and is a longtime activist in San Francisco on senior and disabled issues.

few such private lawsuits, and since building inspection departments enforce local or state codes, there's been a gap in educating both those agencies as well as business groups that ADA says that all businesses should work to make themselves accessible--not just in their websites but also in their actual physical facilities.

ADA recognizes that a small business may not have much capital to make access accommodations soon and in total.

Still, ADA says that a business owner should put away some amount of \$\$ over time, such that eventually there is a fund that can initially pay for path-of-travel for entry / exit and access to the merchandise / services and then later for access to any sanitary services provided the customer [bathroom or water fountain].

Think of this as akin to a "sinking fund"; put \$\$ away until the business reaches a level that allows some access accommodation to happen.

Yet, no building dep't. does any ADA education of / through business groups, merchants groups, or chambers of commerce about this --because it's not state or local code. This requirement has been overlooked or even neglected.

I've tried to lay out the groundwork how Airbnb and some Airbnb listings services are actual businesses, while others seem to approximate a business.

So, they need to make their websites and "stores" accessible.

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President Obama Signs Bill to Give the VA the Resources It Needs

Earlier this month, President Obama traveled to Fort Belvoir, Virginia to sign a reform bill giving the Department of Veterans Affairs the necessary resources to improve access and quality of care for the men and women who have served our country in uniform.

In remarks before the bill signing, President Obama addressed the misconduct that has taken place at some VA facilities across the country — veterans being denied the care they need, or long wait times being covered up.

"This is wrong," the President emphasized. "It was outrageous. And working together, we set out to fix it and do right by our veterans across the board, no matter how long it took."

We've already taken the first steps to change the way the VA does business. We've held people

accountable for misconduct. Some have already been relieved of their duties, and investigations are ongoing. We've reached out to more than 215,000 veterans so far to make sure that we're getting them off wait lists and into clinics both inside and outside the VA system.

We're moving ahead with urgent reforms, including stronger management and leadership and oversight. And we're instituting a critical culture of accountability -- rebuilding our leadership team, starting at the top with Secretary McDonald. And one of his first acts is that he's directed all VA health care facilities to hold town halls to hear directly from the veterans that they serve to make sure that we're hearing honest assessments about what's going on.

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Bill to Give the VA the Resources It Needs



President Barack Obama signs H.R. 3230, the Veterans' Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, at Fort Belvoir, Va., Aug. 7, 2014. The bill provides the Department of Veterans Affairs the resources to improve access and quality of care for veterans. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

Lean In or Lean Together

Report: Cutting Jobless Benefits Doesn't Increase Employment

More than a handful of states cut unemployment benefits in recent years.

By J.B. Wogan

States that cut unemployment benefits following the Great Recession didn't help the jobless or taxpayers, according to a recent report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a left-leaning think tank.

The results matter in the context of North Carolina's handling of unemployment benefits last year, which received national media attention. In July 2013, Gov. Pat McCrory and the state legislature reduced the duration and weekly amount of unemployment benefits, explaining the cuts as necessary to tackle \$2.5 billion in debt to the federal government. Since then, McCrory has said that kicking people off unemployment insurance compelled them to find work, a point that EPI and other research groups have disputed.

While the cuts in North Carolina were the most dramatic, other states used similar approaches to deal with accruing debt from unemployment insurance. Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and South Carolina also reduced unemployment benefits some time between 2011 and 2013. Another 27 states were borrowing from the federal government to pay for unemployment benefits, but opted not to make cuts to their programs.

Much of the EPI analysis focuses policy decisions made by states before the recession that positioned them to run out of money for unemployment benefits. To be sure, an extended period of unusually high unemployment in those states, and thus a spike in demand for benefits, also explain the shaky financial positions of some state unemployment insurance trust funds. But that's not the main reason, the authors contend. The main rea-



Associated Press/ Matt Rourke
Job seekers wait in line to meet with recruiters during a job fair in Philadelphia.

son is poor financial planning.

A joint federal-state financing system supports unemployment benefits through payroll tax collections. States have wide discretion in deciding their tax rate and the amount that is subject to tax; the share of a worker's total earnings taken out for state unemployment benefits ranges from 0.4 percent in South Dakota to 2.2 percent in Hawaii. The nationwide average is 0.9 percent, which translates to about \$375 per worker.

If the financing system works correctly, states should build up account balances when unemployment is low and the economy is growing, setting aside a rainy day fund for future recessions. But it's tempting for states to do the opposite, lowering tax rates when the economy is on the upswing, which is exactly what 28 states did between 1995 and 2001. Because of these legislative reductions in the tax rates, these states didn't collect enough in revenue between 2001 and 2007, which then led eight states to cut unemployment benefits later on.

For a deeper understanding of the report's findings, Governing interviewed Joshua Smith, a senior policy analyst at EPI and one of the report's authors, Aug. 7. The transcript has been edited for clarity and length.

Now that we're in this recovery and out of the recession, what are the main takeaways for state legislatures that want to be in a better position the next time we have a recession?

States need to find a way to better pre-fund their state unemployment insurance trust fund account. So, that means, in good times, they need to collect more revenue. Generally as fewer people are collecting benefits and more people are working, paying into the trust fund account, rates can go down and you still collect more revenue. But states really need to make sure they're collecting more revenue during economic expansions because that's how the system is designed. It's designed to be counter cyclical. In good times, it collects more revenue than the benefits it pays out and in bad times it does the reverse.

By statute, some states basically do it backwards. The rate falls automatically when their trust fund account is fully funded and it goes up when it's about to go insolvent. That's not counter cyclical. That's cyclical. And it makes no sense.

Before reading this report, I wasn't familiar with the way unemployment benefits are funded and I would assume it isn't mainstream knowledge. Do you think lack of public awareness allows states to make funding decisions that leave unemployment insurance trust funds insolvent?

I think that there is not knowledge about it and education can only help. It is really complicated and most people have no idea what goes into their

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"Worker Wins" Update: Increased Wages and Organizing Successes Highlight Banner Month

From increases in the minimum wage to successful organizing efforts at some of America's largest companies, workers have led notable wins over the recent months.

The following are a sample of victories won by workers:

Organizing Victories

AFSCME Sets Organizing Goal, Almost Doubles It: AFSCME President Lee Saunders announced that the union has organized more than 90,000 workers this year, nearly doubling its 2014 goal of 50,000.

Tennessee Auto Workers to Create New Local Union at VW Plant: Auto workers at Volkswagen's plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee announced the formation of UAW Local 42, a new local that will give workers an increased voice in the operation of the German car maker's US facility. UAW organizers continue gain momentum, as the union has the support of nearly half of the plant's 1,500 workers, which would make the union the facility's

exclusive collective bargaining agent.

California Casino Workers Organize: Workers at the new Graton Resort & Casino voted to join Unite HERE Local 2850 of Oakland, providing job security for 600 gambling, maintenance, and food and beverage workers.

Virgin America Flight Attendants Vote to Join TWU: Flight attendants at Virgin America voted to join the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), citing the success of TWU in bargaining fair contracts for Southwest Airlines flight attendants.

Maryland Cab Drivers Join National Taxi Workers Alliance: Cab drivers in Montgomery County, Maryland announced their affiliation with the National Taxi Workers Alliance, citing low wages and unethical behavior by employers as their reason to affiliate with the national union.

Retail and Restaurant Workers Win Big, Organize Small: Small groups of workers made big strides as over a dozen employees at a Subway

restaurant in Bloomsbury, NJ voted to join the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. Meanwhile, Cosmetics and Fragrance workers at a Macy's store in Massachusetts won an NLRB ruling that will allow them to vote on forming a union.

Raising Wages Victories

Fast Food Workers Win in New NLRB Ruling: The National Labor Relations Board ruled that McDonald's could be held jointly responsible with its franchisees for labor violations and wage disputes. The NLRB ruling makes it easier for workers to organize individual McDonald's locations, and could result in better pay and conditions for workers.

Workers Increasingly Have Access to Paid Sick Leave: Cities such as San Diego, CA and Eugene, OR have passed measures mandating paid sick leave, providing workers with needed flexibility and making workplaces safer for all.

Student Athletes See Success, Improved Conditions: College athletic programs are strengthening financial security measures for student athletes in the wake of organizing efforts by Northwestern University football players. In addition, the future is bright as the majority of incoming college football players support forming a union.

San Diego Approves Minimum Wage Hike, Portland, ME Starts Process: Even as Congress has failed to raise the minimum wage, localities throughout the country have delivered action. San Diego will raise the minimum wage to \$11.50 an hour by 2017, and the Portland, ME Minimum Wage Advisory Committee will consider an increase to their minimum wage which would take effect in 2015.

Link: www.aflcio.org/Press-Room/Press-Releases/Worker-Wins-Update-Increased-Wages-and-Organizing-Successes-Highlight-Banner-Month

Source: AFL-CIO

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS (NO SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME)

Subject to conditions prescribed by the undersigned, Prequalification Questionnaires from Contractors licensed as follows:

- C20 - Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Contractor
or
C10 - Electrical Contractor

are invited for the following work:

TELECOM BLDG. HVAC UPGRADES
UCSD MEDICAL CENTER - HILLCREST
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
Project No. 4606/A4S-024/966193
Estimated Construction Cost: \$550,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Replacement of existing undersized and or aging HVAC equipment for IT room, mechanical room and office space. Demolish existing condensing unit, fan coil units, controls and some ductwork. Install new fan coil units, condensing units and AC units to supply and rezone office space, mechanical room and main IT room. Install temperature monitor and signal to main central plant control room.

Estimated Project Duration is 6 months.

The University seeks **Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Contractor to serve as Prime Contractor** with demonstrated experience in mechanical infrastructure upgrade within an operational acute care large hospital. Specific experience requirements include: work within a hospital with limited staging area, work within large acute care hospital and with an operational facility, within patient care areas, in the State of California.

The Prime Contractor shall have demonstrated annual business revenue of at least \$3,300,000 for each and every one of the last five (5) consecutive years. The Contractor must have demonstrated experience on a minimum of three (3) comparable projects within the last ten (10) years.

The University is also concurrently seeking **Electrical Subcontractors** for the same scope of work and experience as above.

The Electrical Subcontractor shall have demonstrated annual business revenue of at least \$1,000,000 for each and every one of the last five (5) consecutive years. The Contractor must have demonstrated experience on a minimum of three (3) comparable projects within the last ten (10) years.

To view and download Prequalification Questionnaires go to www.fdc.ucsd.edu. Click on Contracting Opportunities and Work Available for Bid. Open this project and download all prequalification files attached.

Prequalification Questionnaires will be received only at the following address:

FACILITIES DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
10280 N. Torrey Pines Road, Ste. 465
Contracts Department (MC 0916)
La Jolla, CA 92037
Attention: Carrie Robb

No Prequalification Questionnaires will be received after 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014.

Confidentiality of the information provided will be respected to the extent permitted by law.

Response to the Prequalification Questionnaire must be submitted on the forms contained within the Prequalification Questionnaire available at the address above.

All information requested in these forms must be provided in order to be considered "responsive" to the requirements of the prequalification. The University contact is Rod Barker, Project Manager (858) 822-1971 or Rhonda Mitchell, Contracts Manager, Facilities Design & Construction (858) 822-3126.

A mandatory Prequalification Conference will be conducted on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014, at 10:00 A.M.** at Facilities Design and Construction, 10280 N. Torrey Pines Rd., Ste 466, Large Conference Room, La Jolla, CA 92037. Campus maps can be found at <http://maps.ucsd.edu>.

Attendance at the Prequalification Conference is mandatory for Contractors attempting to become prequalified to bid on this specific project.

Metered parking spaces are available (for up to 2 hours) in the service yard/shuttle stop parking lot and underground parking area of Torrey Pines Center South. **Please allow ample time to secure parking. Contractors must be present for the entire conference.**

UC San Diego encourages the participation of Small, Disadvantaged, Minority-owned, Women-owned and Service/Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (S/D/M/W/DVBE's) and is committed to promote a diverse pool of firms for our building programs. Potential bidders will be required to submit their small business outreach plan to the University as part of the prequalification process.

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

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Attendance at this conference is recommended but not required.

Technical and Price Proposals are due to ECCTA on or before 2:00 pm, local time, on September 24, 2014, at ECCTA's facility, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California, 94509. Proposals received after said time or at any other place other than the time and place stated in the RFP will not be considered. Submitted proposals must include the ECCTA Proposal Cover Form and the ECCTA Price Proposal Form. Any proposal submitted without these forms will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from:

Ann Hutcheson
Director of Administrative Services



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

Project Name: DENTISTRY 43-033 LABORATORY RENOVATION

Project Number: 947770.01

Description of Work: The project will demolish and renovate approximately 2,729 square feet of existing lab space located in the School of Dentistry building, level 4. Refer to website for complete description.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1,326,568.00

Bidding Documents Available at:
UCLA Online Planroom Website
(<https://www.uclaplanroom.ucla.edu>)

Bid Submittal Location:

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

Dates:

Bidding Document Availability: August 19, 2014

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference/Job Walk:
August 26, 2014

Beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.
(THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD)

Prequalification Submittal Deadline:
3:00 p.m., September 3, 2014

Bid Submittal Deadline:
2:00 p.m., September 17, 2014

License Requirement:
B License (General Building)

Prequalification: To be allowed to submit a bid, Bidders must have the minimum experience set forth in the Prequalification Questionnaire contained in the Bidding Documents and posted on the UCLA Online Planroom website.

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

Project Name: PARKING STRUCTURE 7 TRAFFIC SIGNAL & BIKE LANE

Project Number: 3800977

Description of Work: Traffic signal and bike lane at Parking Structure #7 and Charles E. Young Dr. North.

Refer to website for complete description.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$275,000.00

Bidding Documents Available at:
UCLA Online Planroom Website
(<https://www.uclaplanroom.ucla.edu>)

Bid Submittal Location:

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

Dates:

Bidding Document Availability: August 21, 2014

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference/Job Walk:
August 28, 2014

Beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.
(THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD)

Bid Submittal Deadline:
2:00 p.m., September 18, 2014

License Requirement: A License (General Engineering)

Prequalification: To be allowed to submit a bid, Bidders must have the minimum experience set forth in the Prequalification Questionnaire contained in the Bidding Documents and posted on the UCLA Online Planroom website.

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EASTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

For

Solar Design Consultant

Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
Request for Proposal #2014-003

The Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA) is accepting proposals from qualified firms to evaluate the cost effectiveness and design of a solar powered system for ECCTA's Administration and Maintenance facility building.

This project shall include the furnishing of all labor and services as set forth in the Scope of Work section of the RFP. A pre-proposal conference will be conducted at 10:00 am, local time, on September 10, 2014, in the ECCTA boardroom located at 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California.

Attendance at this conference is recommended but not required.

Technical and Price Proposals are due to ECCTA on or before 2:00 pm, local time, on September 24, 2014, at ECCTA's facility, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California, 94509. Proposals received after said time or at any other place other than the time and place stated in the RFP will not be considered. Submitted proposals must include the ECCTA Proposal Cover Form and the ECCTA Price Proposal Form. Any proposal submitted without these forms will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from:

Ann Hutcheson
Director of Administrative Services

Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509
Telephone: (925) 754-6622
Facsimile: (925) 757-2530

It is the intent of awarding the contract according to the process and procedures described in the RFP. ECCTA intends to procure the highest quality service possible for the best value possible.

Accordingly, the Proposal and Contract Award process contains eight periods:

1. RFP publication period
2. Technical and Price Proposal submission period
3. Technical Review Committee screening period
4. On site interview period
5. Technical Review Committee preliminary evaluation period

uation period

6. Best and Final Offer period

7. Technical Review Committee recommendation period

8. Contract award period

Full compliance with applicable Safety and Health Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act laws and regulations will be required of the successful proposer. ECCTA will affirmatively ensure that, in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Request for Proposal (RFP); Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STANISLAUS**

**JOB ORDER CONTRACT BID #8947
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
STANISLAUS
One University Circle
Turlock, CA 95382**

California State University, Stanislaus will receive sealed bid proposals in the **Mary Stuart Rogers Building, Room 290, until 2:00 pm Tuesday, September 16, 2014** at the above address, for furnishing all labor and materials for Project # 8947 Job Order Contract. In accordance with the contract documents, the proposals will be publicly opened and read in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building, Room 200.

This Notice to Contractors is for the award of a Job Order Contract (JOC). A JOC is a competitively bid, firm fixed priced, indefinite quantity contract. The scope of work includes a collection of detailed repair and construction tasks and specifications that have established unit prices. It is placed with the Contractor for the accomplishment of repair, alteration, modernization, maintenance, rehabilitation, demolition and construction of infrastructure, buildings, structures, or other real property. Work is accomplished by means of issuance of a purchase order against the JOC. Under the JOC concept, the Contractor furnishes all management, documentation, labor, materials, and equipment needed to perform the work. The JOC awarded under this solicitation will have a minimum value of \$50,000 and a maximum value of \$500,000. The University will have the option to increase the value by an additional \$1,000,000 for a possible contract value of \$1,500,000.

The term of the contract will be for 12 months. In the event that the contractor submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid refuses to enter into a contract with the CSU if tendered, or, in the event that the contractor materially breaches the JOC contract necessitating its termination, CSU reserves the right to award a second JOC under the same solicitation, provided such award is made within 120 days of bid opening.

Each bidder offering a proposal must comply with bidding provisions of Article 2.00 et seq. of the Contract General Conditions <http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/CM/CGC.shtml> under Job Order Contracts, July 2013 & Supplementary General Conditions, July 2014. The bidder should familiarize themselves with all the provisions of the Contract General Conditions, especially Article 4.02 (c), regarding the prevailing wage rates laws and Article 2.02, regarding the necessity to prequalify with the Trustees. The completed forms must be filed ten (10) business days prior to the bid date. See Prospective Bidder Form 703.11 located on the internet for download:

http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/cm/forms/prequalification/pq_prequalification_of_prospective_bidders_703.11.pdf

The Trustees require the successful bidder to achieve a minimum three percent (3%) DVBE participation in contracting construction projects as established in the bidding documents. See provisions of General Conditions Article 2.12 & 5.05A-5. The Trustees are granting a DVBE participation bid incentive for this project for bid evaluation purposes only. Under the Job Order Contracting system it is not feasible to identify potential DVBE subcontractors at time of bidding, since the individual jobs are not known. However, the successful low bidder will be re-

quired to meet or exceed the DVBE participation requirement by identifying DVBEs to be utilized on each Job Order during the job order proposal submission phase after Contract award. Bidders must exceed the 3% DVBE participation requirement in order to earn this incentive. When used on combination, the DVBE incentive with the Small Business Preference, the cumulative adjustment shall not exceed \$100,000. Bidders shall contact the Trustees' DVBE Coordinator at pcrittendon@csustan.edu

DVBE Participation	Incentive
3.00% to 3.99%	None
4.00% to 4.99%	1%
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But, what about someone who has a 3-bedroom unit and is away a lot, such as airplane stewards?

Or, an "empty-nester" who has an in-law unit in the back?

I've argued that, at least, they ought to indicate what level of accessibility, if any, that unit has.

They are using the services of a "public accommodation" --either "airbnb" directly or an airbnb listing service.

It's reasonable to expect that, by reason of a public accommodation itself being accessible, then any listings that fail to mention accessibility might be plausibly expected to be accessible.

SO, since all the public can access this information, all the public ought to know whether or not all the public can safely enter & exit and get around within any place listed.

For example, getting in late to SFO and then finding one has to go up two steps to a unit declared "accessible" just won't work. Too many people don't know what "accessible" requires.

DBI does have a checklist for such.

I have suggested that this checklist be appended onto any website listing any residence, so that the lister has specific knowledge of whether / how to indicate a level of accessibility. Maybe it's a ground floor unit that one can wheel into, and the shower has a shower bench, but maybe there's no grab bars in the bathroom.

This is where the access education would help --but it is NOT the job of DBI.

No agency has wanted to claim such a task nor has any city allocated \$\$ to develop and provide such education.

Beyond that, though, if a person rents out a space, bedroom, or unit frequently, then it becomes akin to a business.

For example, some people are renting out their space[s] so often and at such a rate that it exceeds the rent they pay.

Sure seems like that could be viewed as a business.

It could make sense then to require a business license, if the #s of nights or amount/ %-age of rent exceeds some target goals.

Though this is not specifically access-related, there are insurance requirements that are voided by a tenant renting out rooms, space, futon, or couch on a regular basis.

A landlord's insurance is cancelled / void if a tenant does an Airbnb listing and the guest burns the place down or commits a felony on another resident. SO, for a person with a disability, it helps to know if you can quickly & safely get out of the building, in event of a fire or earthquake --or at least get to a safe place of refuge.

The fire/ disaster scenario is another reason to indicate what, if any, level of accessibility a unit has.

Further, SF DBI says there's a question of code-compliance inspections. Many homes and other residences in SF have not had any code-compliance inspection in a very long time. Usually only on complaint. So, if a guest plugs in a hair-dryer, laptop, radio, curler iron, and ??, that might overload older wiring. And, there are different fire-

safety requirements for a single family home from a multi-unit residence from an SRO or hotel.

More a safety problem for ap. w.d. to get out, if another guest starts a fire. So, DBI would have to make a determination on what category any airbnb-linked/- listed residence falls into.

Turn this around.

Imagine if Airbnb or some of the airbnb listing services whose web links I sent you --imagine if they said: it's too hard to serve p.w.d.s.

Airbnb and these airbnb listing services are "public accommodations" they can't refuse to serve all the public.

They'd automatically be in violation of the ADA.

Things can get more complicated. New commercial buildings must be accessible.

If a residential unit is regularly rented out through Airbnb, then could that be viewed as a new commercial unit?

There are some clear access requirements that Airbnb and airbnb listing services are violating and some they may be avoiding.

But the problems are more than just access compliance. Cancelled insurance, fire safety requirements, wiring compliance are problems for all --the landlord, the "guest", the other tenants in a rental building.

Recently DBI responded to some of the concerns expressed by two of its subsidiary committees --the Code Advisory Committee and the Housing Code sub-committee -- and aid that a LOT needs to be clarified, specified, and worked out.

Bob Planthold

Cutting Jobless Benefits

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payroll taxes. The one statistic that we put in our paper that people might react to is the amount they're saving in taxes, which is about 37 cents per employee per week, and the amount of benefits that people are going without, which was an average was \$252 per week. Cutting a couple of weeks of duration hurt a lot for a small number of people and the savings from cutting weeks of benefits were spread out so thin that they really didn't help people that much.

But it depends on how you look at it. Michigan saved a couple hundred million dollars, which is absolutely real money. But I think most people, if they're asked, would you give 30 cents a week to help people who are really down on their luck, most people would say "yeah, absolutely," and I don't think that answer would be confined to the left side of the political spectrum.

Are you seeing any states that seem to be repeating the mistake of not investing in the trust fund as the economy improves?

California's trust fund went insolvent in the aftermath of the recession and has been borrowing from the federal government through the federal unemployment account. Right now, they're about \$10 billion in the hole. And right now their tax base for the state unemployment insurance trust fund account is at the minimum level of \$7,000. Even though California has a reputation of being a higher tax state, they haven't raised that base at all. It's gotten introduced in the legislature within the last couple years, but there's been a lot of pushback from the chamber of commerce and other business groups. So, some states have run into political walls in trying to respond to this problem, with California being the prime example.n

Source: GOVERNING

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The 5 Best Credit Cards for Small Businesses

Business cards are intended for small businesses, sole proprietors, or any consumer who wishes to divide his or her company's spending with a separate card. For example, when I was a business traveler, I used a business card to charge my reimbursable expenses. I still had to apply for the card using my own credit, and I alone was responsible for payment. Using a business card allowed me to segregate my personal expenses from those my company was reimbursing me for. Today, I hold a variety of business and personal cards to maximize the features of each.

The Best Credit Cards for Small Businesses

Like personal cards, the market for business cards has been characterized by ever-increasing rewards and perks. Therefore, the selection criteria for the top business cards have been weighted heavily towards the rewards offered.



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merchandise, gift cards, and even cash. There is a \$59 annual fee for this card that is waived the first year. Note: There is a no fee version of this card (Spark® Miles Select for Business) that offers unlimited 1.5x miles on every purchase and a 10,000 miles bonus offer.



Chase Ink Plus® Business Card

Chase offers a dedicated line of business products called Ink. Their top-of-the-line product is the Ink Plus® Business Card. While it is not a simple knock off of a consumer card, it bears a close resemblance to Chase's excellent Sapphire Preferred product.

Like its consumer cousin, Ink Bold card members earn points in Chase's Ultimate Rewards program. New applicants will receive 50,000 bonus points as a sign up bonus, after spending \$5,000 in the first three months from opening the account. Thereafter, cardholders will earn five points per dollar spent (up to \$50,000 combined each year) at office supply stores, cellular phone, landline, internet and cable services. Two points per dollar are earned (up to \$50,000 combined each year) at gas stations and hotel rooms, with one point per dollar spent on all other purchases. Cardholders can also transfer points to the programs of many airline and hotel partners. Finally, always get 20% off travel redemptions through Chase Ultimate Rewards portal (50,000 points can be redeemed for \$625 worth of travel). There is a \$95 annual fee for this card that is waived the first year.



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By carefully considering the best business cards on the market, you can choose the product that best meets your needs.

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U.S. Treasury Provides \$325 Million in Bond Guarantees for Investment in Underserved Communities

The U.S. Treasury Department announced that it has guaranteed \$325 million in new bonds to help support economic development opportunities in low-income and underserved communities across the country. The funding, provided through the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Bond Guarantee Program, is designed to help CDFIs fill a financing gap in underserved areas by providing long-term, fixed rate capital.

"The CDFI Bond Guarantee Program expands Obama Administration efforts to meet the economic and community development needs of underserved urban and rural areas," said Mary J. Miller, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance at the U.S. Treasury Department. "These borrowers have a national footprint in

community development financing and a solid history of delivering innovative financial products that spur job growth, provide small business loans, and finance quality affordable housing, and community facilities. This new tool – the first of its kind by the CDFI Fund – will help these organizations make even more critical investments in communities across the country."

The CDFI Bond Guarantee Program was established by the Small Business Jobs Act, which directed Treasury to, among other things, guarantee the full amount of bonds issued to support CDFIs that make investments for eligible community and economic development purposes. Those purposes include financing for small businesses, rural infrastructure, day care centers, rental housing, healthcare facilities, senior liv-

ing and long-term care facilities, charter schools, and commercial real estate in low-income or underserved rural areas, among others. The eligible CDFIs and qualified issuers in the inaugural round of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program are:

- **Clearinghouse CDFI** - Will receive \$100 million on account of a bond issued by Opportunity Finance Network and guaranteed by Treasury;
- **Community Development Trust, LP** - Will receive \$125 million on account of a bond issued by the Community Reinvestment Fund and guaranteed by Treasury; and

- **Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Enterprise Community Loan Fund, Inc.** – Will each receive \$50 million on account of two bonds issued by Bank of America CDFI Funding Corporation and guaranteed by Treasury.

Treasury will announce additional borrowers selected to participate in the program in coming weeks.

The CDFI Bond Guarantee Program will sunset September 30, 2014, unless it is reauthorized by Congress. The President's Fiscal Year 2015 budget proposes to extend the program.

Source: CDFI Fund

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Bank of America to Pay \$16.65 Billion in Historic Justice Department Settlement for Financial Fraud Leading up to and During the Financial Crisis

Attorney General Eric Holder and Associate Attorney General Tony West announced today that the Department of Justice has reached a \$16.65 billion settlement with Bank of America Corporation – the largest civil settlement with a single entity in American history – to resolve federal and state claims against Bank of America and its former and current subsidiaries, including Countrywide Financial Corporation and Merrill Lynch. As part of this global resolution, the bank has agreed to pay a \$5 billion penalty under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) – the largest FIRREA penalty ever – and provide billions of dollars of relief to struggling homeowners, including funds that will help defray tax liability as a result of mortgage modification, forbearance or forgiveness. The settlement does not release individuals from civil charges, nor does it absolve Bank of America, its current or former subsidiaries and affiliates or any individuals from potential criminal prosecution.

“This historic resolution – the largest such settlement on record – goes far beyond the cost of doing business,” said Attorney General Holder. “Under the terms of this settlement, the bank has agreed to pay \$7 billion in relief to struggling homeowners, borrowers and communities affected by the bank’s conduct. This is appropriate given the size and scope of the wrongdoing at issue.”

This settlement is part of the ongoing efforts of President Obama’s Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force and its Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group, which has re-

covered \$36.65 billion to date for American consumers and investors.

“At nearly \$17 billion, today’s resolution with Bank of America is the largest the department has ever reached with a single entity in American history,” said Associate Attorney General West. “But the significance of this settlement lies not just in its size; this agreement is notable because it achieves real accountability for the American people and helps to rectify the harm caused by Bank of America’s conduct through a \$7 billion consumer relief package that could benefit hundreds of thousands of Americans still struggling to pull themselves out from under the weight of the financial crisis.”

The Justice Department and the bank settled several of the department’s ongoing civil investigations related to the packaging, marketing, sale, arrangement, structuring and issuance of RMBS, collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), and the bank’s practices concerning the underwriting and origination of mortgage loans. The settlement includes a statement of facts, in which the bank has acknowledged that it sold billions of dollars of RMBS without disclosing to investors key facts about the quality of the securitized loans. When the RMBS collapsed, investors, including federally insured financial institutions, suffered billions of dollars in losses. The bank has also conceded that it originated risky mortgage loans and made misrepresentations about the quality of those loans to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

Of the record-breaking \$16.65 billion resolution, almost \$10 billion will be paid to settle federal and state civil claims by various entities related to RMBS, CDOs and other types of fraud. Bank of America will pay a \$5 billion civil penalty to settle the Justice Department claims under FIRREA. Approximately \$1.8 billion will be paid to settle federal fraud claims related to the bank’s origination and sale of mortgages, \$1.03 billion will be paid to settle federal and state securities claims by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), \$135.84 million will be paid to settle claims by the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, \$300 million will be paid to settle claims by the state of California, \$45 million to settle claims by the state of Delaware, \$200 million to settle claims by the state of Illinois, \$23 million to settle claims by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, \$75 million to settle claims by the state of Maryland, and \$300 million to settle claims by the state of New York.

Bank of America will provide the remaining \$7 billion in the form of relief to aid hundreds of thousands of consumers harmed by the financial crisis precipitated by the unlawful conduct of Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and Countrywide. That relief will take various forms, including principal reduction loan modifications that result in numerous homeowners no longer being underwater on their mortgages and finally having substantial equity in their homes. It will also include new loans to credit worthy borrowers struggling to get a loan, donations to assist communities in

recovering from the financial crisis, and financing for affordable rental housing. Finally, Bank of America has agreed to place over \$490 million in a tax relief fund to be used to help defray some of the tax liability that will be incurred by consumers receiving certain types of relief if Congress fails to extend the tax relief coverage of the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007.

An independent monitor will be appointed to determine whether Bank of America is satisfying its obligations. If Bank of America fails to live up to its agreement by Aug. 31, 2018, it must pay liquidated damages in the amount of the shortfall to organizations that will use the funds for state-based Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Account (IOLTA) organizations and NeighborWorks America, a non-profit organization and leader in providing affordable housing and facilitating community development. The organizations will use the funds for foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment, legal assistance, housing counselling and neighborhood stabilization.

You can read the full article here:

www.sbeinc.com/resources/cms.cfm?fuseaction=news.detail&articleID=818&pageID=25

Source: U.S Department of Justice

Woman Business Owner (WBO) Profile: How I Learned to Take Financial Risks



Cindy Hale, founder of OTW Advertising

Seizing opportunities is ultimately about taking financial risks that you believe outweigh the cost of doing nothing. Cindy Hale, founder of OTW Advertising, a Massachusetts-based, high-growth marketing and advertising agency, took a significant financial risk in order to capture a market opportunity she thought was too good to pass up.

OPEN: How important is risk taking to maintaining business growth?

Hale: Innovation, which is at the core of sustainable growth, poses risks. Without it, you are not reaching for the levers that will differentiate your business from its peers.

OPEN: What are the indicators that it is a good time for you to take a risk?

Hale: Slower revenue growth and/or situations where pricing is becoming a key differentiating factor in the clients’ minds. Business leaders need to take stock of their offerings when “How much will it cost?” becomes the standard opening line of dialogue with prospective clients.

OPEN: How have you evaluated whether to pursue an initiative that encompassed significant risks?

Hale: First, by comparing the risk associated with the effort to that associated with the status quo. It is important to recognize that doing nothing often poses risk; in some instances, these risks may be greater in magnitude than the initiative under consideration. Second, by considering the potential risks relative to the potential rewards factoring the likelihood of each outcome. The risk must be justified with the likelihood of appropriate returns. Lastly, by developing a worst-case scenario. Here

I ensure that there is a fallback position that the organization can sustain if things do not go as planned.

OPEN: When did you last take a big risk?

Hale: A few years back, social media began to have a dynamic impact on how companies marketed their products. While I was pleased with our growth up to that point, I saw this as an opportunity to reinvent our agency and propel it to the next level. I decided to invest substantial time over the course of the following year to develop expertise and become a recognized leader in this area. Doing nothing meant more of the same—increasing competition and price sensitivity. Success would be a game-changer, propelling our organization to a new stage of growth and recognition. Before proceeding with our plan, I ensured that we had a core team that maintained our current level of service. This would fund our operations while we retooled our offerings; it would also maintain our core client base in the event that our strategic initiative did not deliver what we expected.

OPEN: Would you say the decision to shift your focus grew more out of gut instinct, or out of research you conducted?

Hale: I would say it was a mixture. I knew something had to change; I didn’t want to continue to be seen as the least expensive option. I began looking toward the future and reading up on all of the predictions about where marketing was headed. Mobile and social communications were going to be big. People were trying to figure out how to use new social media tools effectively. Google algorithms were changing, which would impact search marketing. All of these things were potential game changers. I decided to take a year to really dig in and understand where marketing was going and what the conversations were yielding and not be as focused on developing new business. I thought the payoffs of incorporating these new ideas in business could be significant.

OPEN: What sort of risk-reward analysis did you undertake?

Hale: I realized if we kept things as they were, we would continue to be a price-only decision for prospective clients. That clearly posed a risk. We had enough big projects at the time that if I could get a few more going, we could make it through the year. If researching marketing trends and retooling our offerings turned out to be unhelpful, the cost

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President Obama Signs Bill

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The VA reform bill -- officially the Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 -- passed Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support, and will expand survivor benefits and educational opportunities and improve care for victims of sexual assault and veterans struggling with traumatic brain injuries. But the main focus of the new law is to ensure that veterans have access to the care they've earned.

"You've risked your lives on multiple tours to defend our nation. And as a country, we have a sacred obligation to serve you as well as you've served us -- an obligation that doesn't end with your tour of duty."

The President outlined three important areas the law will address:

1. Giving the VA the resources it needs:

It will help the VA hire more doctors and more nurses and staff more clinics. As a new generation of veterans returns home from war and transitions into civilian life, we have to make sure the VA system can keep pace with that new demand. Keep in mind that I have increased funding for the VA since I came into office by extraordinary amounts. But we also have extraordinary numbers of veterans coming home. And so the demand, even though we've increased the VA budget, is still higher than the resources that we've got. This bill helps to address that.

2. Ensuring timely care:

For veterans who can't get timely care through the VA, this bill will help them get the care they need someplace else. And this is particularly important for veterans who are in more remote areas, in rural areas. If you live more than 40 miles from a VA facility, or if VA doctors can't see you within a reasonable amount of time, you'll have the chance to see a doctor outside the VA system.

3. Holding people accountable:

We're giving the VA Secretary more authority to hold people accountable. We've got to give [Secretary McDonald] the authority so that he can

move quickly to remove senior executives who fail to meet the standards of conduct and competence that the American people demand. If you engage in an unethical practice, if you cover up a serious problem, you should be fired. Period. It shouldn't be that difficult. And if you blow the whistle on an unethical practice, or bring a problem to the attention of higher-ups, you should be thanked. You should be protected for doing the right thing. You shouldn't be ignored, and you certainly shouldn't be punished.

The President noted, however, that while this law is focused on immediate needs to reform the VA, we can't lose sight of the long-term goals of our service members and our veterans:

The good news is, we've cut the disability claims backlog by more than half. But let's now eliminate the backlog. Let's get rid of it. The good news is, we've poured major resources into improving mental health care. But now, let's make sure our veterans actually get the care they need when they need it. The good news is, we've helped to get thousands of homeless veterans off the street, made an unprecedented effort to end veterans' homelessness. We should have zero tolerance for that. But we've got to -- still more work to do in cities and towns across America to get more veterans into the homes they deserve.

We've helped more than a million veterans and their spouses and children go to college through the post-9/11 GI bill. But now, we've got to help even more of them earn their educations, and make sure that they're getting a good bargain in the schools they enroll in.

We've rallied companies to hire hundreds of thousands of veterans and their spouses. That's the good news. With the help of Jill Biden and Michelle Obama -- two pretty capable women... But now, we've got to help more of our highly skilled veterans find careers in this new economy.

"America has to do right by all who serve under our proud flag."

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Holder has a Compelling Case in the Brown Killing

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right of citizens, namely the right to life and liberty, and again the freedom from undue harm. His killing once more raised deeply troubling questions about the power of the law to protect citizens from their unimpeded right to life and safety. Federal prosecutors play a major role in insuring that where there's the suspicion that an individual's rights might have been violated solely because of their race and gender that the power of federal law is brought to bear to insure that right is protected.

Wilson was a police officer and the charge that he abused his power in killing Brown under the color of law is the linchpin of federal prosecutions of local police officers. This was the rationale that federal prosecutors used in the Rodney King beating case to bring civil rights charges against the four LAPD officers that beat King. The crucial legal point was that they acted in an official capacity when they violated King's rights.

The Justice Department scrupulously goes to great lengths to shield itself from the charge that it's bowing to media or public pressure to prosecute. This is why the percentage of civil rights prosecutions it authorizes is infinitesimally low, especially against police officers. Yet in the

Brown slaying there are crucial federal interests in insuring the rights of individuals to be free from undue harm because of their color, age, and being in a public area merely because someone perceives they shouldn't be in and then acts on that perception with no cause other than that belief or perception.

Holder will give serious consideration to the civil rights violations in the Brown killing. This alone sends the strong signal that civil rights violations will always be subject to full and public scrutiny by federal prosecutors. This is exactly why he has a more than compelling reason to not only consider a Warren civil rights prosecution, but has a compelling case for a prosecution.

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would be time spent learning rather than getting new business. I knew the potential rewards—being able to bring something new to clients and helping them imagine what could be, rather than focusing on price—far outweighed the risks. Once I committed to this, I never looked back.

OPEN: Did you conduct any sort of financial analysis to help confirm that the decision to shift course was the right one?

Hale: We began trying our new approach and offerings with smaller clients. Once we saw that they were receptive to our ideas and began spending more with us, we saw the potential in applying our new approach to projects with larger clients. These early successes gave me confirmation that shifting focus had been the right decision. The question had shifted back to "What do you think?" rather than "How much will it cost?" Once we began taking our new approach and offerings to larger clients, we ultimately saw a 200% increase in average client project size.

OPEN: Were others involved in the decision process, or was it something you largely undertook alone?

Hale: I consulted with my husband, who is in a related business and was also interested in these trends. I attended marketing events and talked to people in the industry, which made me feel more excited about the decision and the new direction for the business.

OPEN: How did it turn out?

Hale: The effort exceeded our expectations. The size and complexity of our engagements increased and we soon were in the top 15 fastest growing marketing and advertising agencies in our market. My employees became more enthusiastic, and momentum built. We are still benefiting from this decision today. Prospective clients now ask "What do you think?" at the outset of our dialogue; price is no longer the determinative factor.

OPEN: Any other thoughts on risk?

Hale: Not every effort will yield the results desired. Do not let failures distract you; learn from them and move on.

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