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More Options This Fall For Some Small Business Workers

by Michelle Andrews

Workers at small companies are generally starved for choice when it comes to health insurance.

If their employers offer health coverage at all — and only with fewer than 50 workers do — chances are there will be just one plan on the menu.

When the online health insurance marketplaces for small businesses open this fall, that will change for some workers. But many others will have to wait for at least a year.

The health care overhaul requires every state and the District of Columbia to establish a SHOP exchange, to enable businesses with 50 or fewer workers to offer their employees a variety of good plans, something .

“[Plan choice] is a big value added for workers,” says Linda Blumberg, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute Health Policy Center who co-authored a on shop exchanges.

Through the exchanges, employers will be able to designate how much they want to

contribute toward their employees’ coverage, and the exchange will handle the back-office functions, such as making sure the payments get to the correct insurance company. Employees, meanwhile, will be able to compare plans’ features and costs online and enroll in a plan.

At least, that’s the way it eventually is supposed to work nationwide. In June, though, the Department of Health and Human Services that in the 33 states where it is running the health insurance marketplaces, it would delay things for a year giving workers the ability to choose among different plans. HHS said that option would be too complicated for insurers to implement by 2014.

In the remaining states and the District of Columbia, the SHOP exchanges are to allow employers to offer their workers more than one coverage option. How much choice workers have will be up to the employers and the states, however.

In addition to offering more health insurance choices through the SHOP exchange-

es, the health care law makes some important improvements to health insurance for small businesses. Starting next year, insurers will no longer be able to charge small businesses higher premiums because their workers have pre-existing health conditions.

Small group plans sold on the exchanges and in the private market will have to provide 10 so-called “essential health benefits” that cover emergency care and hospitalization, prescription drugs and doctor visits, among other services. Out-of-pocket costs will generally be capped at \$6,350 for individuals and \$12,700 for families.

Unlike larger employers, companies with fewer than 50 workers won’t be penalized for not offering coverage.

If a small employer doesn’t offer health insurance, workers can shop for individual policies on the marketplaces, where they may qualify for subsidies to make coverage more affordable. Subsidies will not be available to workers who buy coverage through a SHOP exchange, however.

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O Neighbor! Where Art Thou?

by Alf Nucifora

Let’s get the mea culpas out of the way right upfront. I’ve done my fair share of things I’m not proud of, questionable behavior, not to mention unthinking actions borne of weakness or stupidity that make me shudder with disgust and remorse every time they surface unexpectedly from the sub-conscious, where I’d prefer they remain buried. No doubt I’ll be party to more of this same malfeasance before I die. In my defense, I learn from the mistakes and try not to repeat them. And I don’t believe in moralizing. As long as your behavior doesn’t hurt others, you get a free pass. Catechisms, commandments and church dogma I leave to those who feel they need it. My God’s a pretty forgiving type who allows more leeway than the religious Torquemadas and mullahs would permit. I must admit to one grievance that induces a phantom heart attack every time I read about it. It’s the hypocrisy of conservative politicians and evangelical churchmen who preach stridently about the wages of sin and mandate how the rest

of us should lead our lives, all the while breaking the very same rules in private. We’re seeing a lot of that lately.

Admission and disclosure aside, I still never fail to be amazed by the continuing decline in societal values, the type of core behavior that defines a nation and its people, in contrast to the external profession of piety and chest thumping that one sees so commonly at prayer breakfasts and on Thanksgiving Day.

The proverbial road warrior tour has a way of heightening the senses and tuning the radar when it comes to the behavior of one’s fellow citizens. A recent multi-city trip reminded just me how bad it’s become. As with the affect of liquor on the brain and tongue, (heretofore known as the Gibson Syndrome), travel seems to bring out the worst in people and reveal the true inner self.

Let’s start with Philadelphia. Aside from its tired, industrial decrepitude, and the unhealthy eating habits of its hoi polloi, the city’s denizens

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
LRT Efficiency Project Tasman Drive Pocket Track Contract
Contract Number: C828 (13103)
Bid Date: September 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Fax all quotes to 510-777-5099

Requesting certified SBE Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes on: **Demolition, Earthwork, Electrical, Grinding-AC, Concrete, Horizontal Boring, Paving, Railroad, Rebar, Stripes-Markers, Trackwork, Traffic Control, Trucking, Aggregate, Railroad Products, Ready Mix.**

Contract Documents are available for purchase from the Contracts Office of VTA at 3331 North First Street, Building A, San Jose, CA 95134 or may be viewed by appointment only at Shimmick Construction's Office: 8201 Edgewater Drive, Suite 202, Oakland, CA 94621, Phone (510) 777-5000

Subcontractors and Suppliers interested in this project may contact Jeremiah Kent by phone at (510) 777-5057.

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For more information, please visit:

<http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=7066>

Proposals must be submitted by September 6, 2013.

Sub Bids Requested From Qualified
DBE and UDBE

Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of Briggs - 6th Street Double Box Culvert
Location: Biggs, CA

Bid Date: August 22, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: concrete barrier; concrete pumping; erosion control; striping; rebar; and trucking.

We will pay up to and including one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of your bonding cost. Certification assistance is available, as well as viewing plans & specs.

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Contact: **Don Crivello**

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Design-Build Contract DB1102F
Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project C700

Procurement opportunities through Skanska-Shimmick-Herzog will be diverse and ongoing.

Please visit: www.sshjv-c700.com

frequently to see procurement opportunities and project contacts in the Bid Packages folder. Plans, specs, drawings, etc. can be found on the procurement web site.

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DBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIER BIDS REQUESTED

CONTRACT NO. C0980
REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT

(Construct the underground stations, guide-ways and tunnels from Alameda and First Street (Gold Line) to the existing 7th Street Metro Center Station (Blue Line) located at 7th and South Flower Street.)

BID SUBMITTAL DATE: AUGUST 30, 2013 AT 2:00 PM

OWNER: LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

(Metro)

PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT/SUPPLY BOND WILL NOT BE REQUIRED

ALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAM (CCIP)

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QUOTES ARE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21, 2013 SO THAT ALL BIDS CAN BE FAIRLY EVALUATED. PLEASE SUBMIT BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

Soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, curb and sidewalk, fencing, landscaping, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, asbestos and hazardous materials handling and disposal, secant piles, soldier piles, shoring, traffic decking, traffic control, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, tunnel construction, cross-passage construction, directional grout hole drilling, soil-nails, rock-bolts, steel dowels, steel arch support, shotcrete, concrete pumping, placing and finishing, concrete sealants, masonry, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, electrical services, mechanical, plumbing and fire protection, architectural finishes, doors and hardware, track works, signals, pest control, IT Services, waste disposal and cleaning services.

We are actively soliciting bids for all trades and material supply quotes from DBE firms certified by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) by bid/proposal due date. Proposals submitted should not include any cost for Worker's Compensation or General Liability Insurance. Subcontractors will be responsible for providing vehicle liability insurance only. All contractors and subcontractors must agree to sign the letter of assent agreeing to the terms of the Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

Any business seeking to participate as a DBE for this Contract must be DBE certified by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 by bid/proposal due date.

The Joint Venture has established an FTP site where interested firms can view all plans and specifications for their convenience. Please contact Candice Gill at (909) 594-0990; Via Email: candice.gill@jfshea.com or Jim Honeycutt at (909) 444-4260; Via Email: jimmy.honeycutt@jfshea.com to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers

Replace and Widen Genesee Bridge at Route 5

District 11 on Route 5

Contract No.: 110223U4

DBE Goal: 8 %

Bid Date: September 12, 2013 – 2:00 PM

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 on the Caltrans website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php

Quotes requested from Subcontractors, Suppliers and Service Providers include, but are not limited to: Construction Site Management, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Street Sweeping, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Type III Barricade, Fencing, Portable Delineator, Temporary Pavement Marking, Temporary Traffic Stripe, Channelizer, Temporary Railing, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Temporary Crash Cushion Module, Metal Beam Guard Railing, Roadside Signs, Abandon Culvert, Cold Plane Concrete Pavement, Remove Concrete (Structure), Concrete Barrier, Bridge Removal, Clearing and Grubbing, Roadway Excavation, Develop Water Supply, Structure Excavation (Bridge), Structure Excavation (Retaining Wall), Structure Backfill, Sand Backfill, Rock Blanket, Soil Nail, Erosion Control, Fiber Rolls, Class 2 Aggregate Base, Hot Mix Asphalt, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Tack Coat, Concrete Pavement, Seal Pavement Joint, Furnish & Drive Steel Pile, CIDH Concrete Piling, Prestressing CIP Concrete, Structural Concrete (Bridge), Structural Concrete (Retaining Wall), Structure Concrete (Box Culvert), Minor Concrete, Shotcrete, Treat Bridge Deck, Joint Seal Assembly, Joint Seal, Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge), Bar Reinforcing Steel (Retaining Wall), Furnish & Install Sign Structure, Furnish Laminated Panel, Furnish Single Sheet Aluminum Sign, Roadside Sign, Alternative Pipe Culvert, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Corrugated Steel Pipe, Welded Steel Pipe Casing, Alternative Flared End Section, Rock Slope Protection, Slope Paving, Minor Concrete, Rock Slope Protection Fabric, Miscellaneous Metal, Miscellaneous Iron and Steel, Bridge Deck Drainage System, Chain Link Fence, Pipe Handrail, Cable Railing, Transition Railing, Terminal System, Crash Cushion, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Paint Traffic Stripe, Pavement Marker, Signal & Lighting, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Fiber Optic Conduit, Electric Service (Irrigation, Traffic Monitoring Station) Closed Circuit TV System, Ramp Metering System, Slope Inclinometer, Landscape and Irrigation

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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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers

Regional Connector Transit Corridor

Design-Build Project

Owner: LACMTA

RFP No.: C09080

DBE Goal: 20% Design & 18% Construction

Prime Proposals Due: Aug. 30, 2013

Website: www.teamrcc.com

Team RCC is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors as well as certified DBE subcontractors related to the scopes of work below for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project. Quotes will be requested from Subcontractors, Vendors, Professional Service and Trucking companies. Please visit our website for the RFP documents and addenda, Subcontracting Requirements, Sample Contracting Documents, Project Announcements, Outreach and Contact Information. **If you are interested in joining our team for this project, please visit our website, fill out and return the Invitation to Bid form to the fax number below. All Quotes are due as soon as possible.**

Requested scopes include, but are not limited to the following:

Subcontractors: Demolition, Clear & Grub, Excavation Earthwork and Support Systems, Shoring & Lagging, Temp. Tunnel Ventilation, AC Paving, Concrete Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks, Pavement Striping & Marking, Cast-In-Place and Prestressed Concrete, Exposed Concrete Finishes, Arch. Pavers, Stone, Granite, Masonry, Misc. Metal, Welding, Steel Rail, Fencing, Rough Carpentry, Sheet and Pre-Applied Sheet Waterproofing, Painting & Coatings, Fire Protection, Suppression & Stopping, Metal Doors, Frames & Hardware, Glazing, Equipment, Mechanical Piping & Materials, Ventilation Fans & Equipment, Plumbing, Electrical & Electrical Supply, Low Voltage Systems, Hazardous Material Remediation & Hauling, Trucking

Services/Vendors: Monitoring: Sound, Vibration, Geo, and Air Quality, Security, Office Supplies, Reprographics, Sweeper Truck, Water Trucks, Jobsite Sanitation, Janitorial, SWPPP, Progress Photography, Catering

Team RCC will assist qualified subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies. If you are a DBE Company, please provide your certification letter with your proposal. If you are a non-DBE, please indicate all lower-tier participation on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price. In order to assist DBE subcontractors and suppliers, we will divide total requirements into smaller packages, tasks or quantities and establish delivery and construction schedules which will permit maximum participation when feasible. Please visit our website listed above for detailed contracting requirements

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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers
City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Expansion
Contract No.: 184030298

Encouraged DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Certified Firm Participation
Bid Date: September 10, 2013 – 2:00 PM

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Plans and Specifications are available for view/purchase at the following locations:

- Skanska USA Civil Office, located at 1995 Agua Mansa Rd., Riverside, CA 92509
- Stantec Consulting Services Inc., located at: 3875 Atherton Rd, Rocklin, CA 95765
- For Purchase: ARC Sacramento PlanWell. Please call 916-443-1322

Quotes requested from Subcontractors, Suppliers and Service Providers include, but are not limited to:

Materials: Construction Area Signs, Utility Line Marking, Watering and Water Development, Corrugated Metal Pipe Culvert, Landscape Rock, Structural Steel, Structural Aluminum, Grating, Treads, Floor Plates, Metal Framing, Steel Platforms, Mechanical Identifying Devices, Bio filter Media Replacement, Fiberglass Launder Covers, FRP Weirs and Baffles, Polyethylene Storage Tanks, Davit Cranes, Seismic Equipment Restraints, Seismic Piping Restraints, Temporary Railing, Erosion Control, Fiber Rolls, Class 2 Base, Joint Seal, Plastic Pipe, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Welded Steel Pipe, Alternative Flared End Section, Misc Metal, Misc Iron and Steel

Works scopes: Survey, Quality Control and Testing, Pipe Chlorination, Pipe Testing, System Startup and Testing, System Training, Clear and Grub, Fence Removal, Excavation Dewatering, Structure Excavation and Backfill, Trenching and Backfill, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Hydroseed, Sheeting and Shoring, Chain Link Fence, Hot Mix AC Paving, Cast in Place Manhole Bases, Minor Concrete Structures, Concrete Saw cutting, Pipe Railing, Overhead Coiling Doors, Painting and Finishing, Mechanical Process Equipment Installation, Pre Engineered Metal Building and Canopy, Cathodic Protection of Underground Pipe, Process Piping, Process Electrical Systems, Site Lighting, Instrumentation and Controls, Thermoplastic Pavement Marking.

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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BLOCKA CONSTRUCTION, INC.

REQUESTS QUOTATIONS FROM ALL QUALIFIED SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS, INCLUDING MBE, WBE, AND SBE FIRMS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

Bryant No. 2 Pump Station Electrical Upgrade (Specification 2072)

OWNER: East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

BID DATE/TIME: August 28, 2013 – 1:30 PM

Qualified Subcontractors and Suppliers, including MBE, WBE, & SBE firms, wanted for the following items, including, but not limited to: **Demolition, Concrete, Miscellaneous Metals, Painting/Coating, Mechanical**

Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specifications and requirements for the work will be made available to all interested firms.

Plans available for viewing at:

Blocka Construction, Inc.

4455 Enterprise Street, Fremont, CA 94538

Contact: Lori Magruder • lmagruder@blockainc.com • P: 510-657-3686 • F: 510-657-3688

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

Outside Canal Bridge Replacement on Bass Avenue
Bridge No. 42C-0400

Federal Aid Project No. BRL0-5942(115)
Engineer Estimate: \$2,140,000
Goal: DBE 3.4%

Bids: August 22nd, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Cold Plane, Demolition/Bridge Removal, Clear & Grub, Grinding, Pile Driving, CIDH Piles, Structural Concrete, Precast Concrete Girders, Reinforcing Steel, Signs Roadside, Rock Slope Protection, Fencing, Metal Beam Guard Railing, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic and Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, SWPPP, Trucking, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation/backfill, Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving and Sweeper.

Scope of Work: Replacing the existing bridge with a two span , precast pre-stressed concrete voided slab bridge and widen approaches.

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

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or from Financial Services Department of Public Works, 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Contact **Tim Ross 925-606-2400** for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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MBE, WBE, DBE, UDBE
 Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of Lincoln
Regional and Reclamation Pipelines
Location: Lincoln, CA

Bid Date: August 29, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: electrical & instrumentation; tree removal/clearing; saw cutting; grinding; rebar; bore & pipe jacking; rock drilling & blasting; fencing; hydroseeding and revegetation; painting & coating; striping; horizontal directional drilling; traffic control; surveying; and trucking.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 1

City of Barstow

City Project No.: 2013-7, Plan No. 3071

DBE Goal: DBE Participation Encouraged

Bid Date: Sept 5, 2013 – 2:00PM

Copies of the plans, specifications, and contract documents are available from ARC Document Solutions, 4295 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, and on the web at www.crplanwell.com. Email requests can be sent to riverside.digiprint@earc.com. Printed copies may be obtained for a non-refundable charge and may be mailed upon request for an additional non-refundable charge. Contact ARC at (951) 686-0530 for charges.

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

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Works scopes: Survey, Quality Control and Testing, Pipe Chlorination, Pipe Testing, System Startup and Testing, System Training, Clear and Grub, Fence Removal, Excavation Dewatering, Structure Excavation and Backfill, Trenching and Backfill, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Hydroseed, Sheeting and Shoring, Chain Link Fence, Hot Mix AC Paving, Cast in Place Manhole Bases, Minor Concrete Structures, Concrete Saw cutting, Pipe Railing, Overhead Coiling Doors, Painting and Finishing, Mechanical Process Equipment Installation, Pre Engineered Metal Building and Canopy, Cathodic Protection of Underground Pipe, Process Piping, Process Electrical Systems, Site Lighting, Instrumentation and Controls, Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, Temporary Pumping, Scheduling

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James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corporation

is seeking proposals from all interested subcontractors and suppliers for the:

Hunters Point Shipyard Welcome Center

Project Loc.: 11 Innes Court, Block 56, San Francisco, CA 94124

Bid Date: September 10th at 2:00pm **Start Date:** November 2013 (duration 2 months)

Pre-Bid Conf.: August 22nd, 10:30am at Shipyard Building 101

This project includes sitework, concrete, AC paving, metal guard rails, landscaping, utilities, plumbing and site lighting. This is a prevailing wage project with a PLA (Project Labor Agreement). All subcontractors are required to be union. This project has a 50% SBE goal and SBE/LBE/MBE/WBES are encouraged to bid.

This project also has a 50% local hiring requirement. If interested in bidding this work please contact Richard Keller via email @ rich@jerocorp.com

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SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS FOR:

**Civil and Station Improvements Contract
Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project
Contract No.: C830 (13058)**

Owner: Santa Clara VTA

Engineers' Estimate: \$60,000,000.

BID DATE: August 27, 2013 @ 3:00 PM.

Items of work include but are not limited to: Trucking, Electrical, Construction Area Signs, Striping, Clear & Grub, Fence, Underground, SWPPP, Minor Concrete, Survey, Buildings, Landscape, Misc. Metals.

Granite Rock Company dba Pavex Construction Division 'Pavex' is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Cement Masons and Carpenters unions. 100% payment and performance bonds in the amount of the subcontractors bid will be required from a qualified surety company. Bonding assistance is available. Pavex will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors are encouraged to contact Pavex Estimating for insurance requirements, or if any other assistance is needed. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract. Pavex intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project.

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Bid Packages Currently available are:
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NOTICE INVITING GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Prequalification Questionnaires will be received by the **University of California, Irvine (UCI)** from General Contractors (GC) wishing to submit DESIGN BUILD proposals for the **CRAWFORD HALL PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 997405**.

Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from general and landscape contractors teamed with landscape architects that have completed comparably sized design-build projects as described in the questionnaire.

DESCRIPTION: Project will consist of the demolition of existing west courtyard landscape/irrigation, hardscape and lighting and the installation of new hardscape comprising of concrete bands and pavers, planting of new drought tolerant California native planting with reclaimed water irrigation and new site lighting. Alternates will include improvements to the east courtyard, painting of the existing buildings, and additional landscape/hardscape improvement adjacent to the playing fields and parking lot.

Project completion time: 80 calendar days

PROJECT DELIVERY: Design Build

ESTIMATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST: \$200,000

PROCEDURES: Prequalification questionnaires will be available electronically at 2 PM on 8/16/13 from UCI Design & Construction Services.

Mandatory Prequalification Conference will be held at 11:30 AM on 8/21/13 at UC Irvine, Design & Construction Services, Wright Workroom, 101 Academy, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92697.

All General Contractors who have previously submitted a prequalification questionnaire for the Crawford Hall Plaza Improvements project DO NOT need to submit a second prequalification questionnaire or attend the second mandatory Prequalification Conference scheduled on 8/21/13 at 11:30 AM.

Prequalification questionnaires must be received by 2 PM on 8/30/13 only at UCI Design & Construction Services, 101 Academy, Ste. 200, Irvine, CA 92697.

UCI reserves the right to reject any or all responses to this notice, to waive non-material irregularities, and to deem GCs prequalified to submit proposals for the project. To prequalify, GCs must agree to comply with all proposal conditions including state prevailing wages, 10% bid bond, 100% payment and performance bonds, and insurance requirements. A contract will be awarded to the contractor/architect team ("design builder") who offers UCI the best value. General Building "B" California Contractors License and/or "C-27" Landscaping Contractors License required.

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.

Contact Lynn Javier (949) 824-7145, lynagafu@uci.edu for the questionnaire. For other opportunities: www.designandconstruction.uci.edu

O Neighbor! Where Art Thou?

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carry about them a faint sense of larceny, an "I'll screw you if I get half the chance" attitude reminiscent of New Yorkers, but without the New York cheekiness and charm. On two recent trips I fell victim to the shady practices of the city's notorious cab fraternity. Allow me to express my prejudices about cab drivers as a breed. These are people of questionable hygiene habits, lacking in tact and civility and generally possessing the scruples of a Nigerian scam artist. The Philly fraternity did nothing to break the mold. Both incidents involved obvious over-charging and double-billing. There was also the case of change returned for a \$20 bill when the driver knowingly accepted a \$100 bill proffered by mistake.

I think I understand the concept of greed. I've been motivated by it myself on more occasions than I'd like to admit. It's an alluring temptress particularly when one plays at the edges of what is good, bad, questionable or acceptable. How many people really think that Martha Stewart was guilty of egregious behavior when she allegedly traded on inside information? But there comes time when the decision is unambiguous and demanding of a clear, right-wrong decision. From the respected c-suite to the envied world of the hedge fund manager, all the way to the lower levels of the taxi rank, the accepted practice today seems more accepting, even admiring of rule-breaking and the "every man for himself" ethos that is espoused and encouraged by political leaders and media pundits alike.

In Atlanta, it was Hartsfield-Jackson's loud, and officious TSA automatons, lording their supremacy, smug in the cocoon of authority invested in them by a gaudy, fabric patch and its dispensing Homeland Security master, equally intent on proving its worth by enacting useless, time-consuming

iconic gestures aimed not at securing the peace but in keeping the citizen-traveler in a constant state of fear, and reminding him just how powerless he is against the mighty power of the state. These TSA types, cheaper to hire than the development cost of more reliable electronic scanners, apply rules without deference to logic, a bureaucratic corps wedded to its own blind ignorance and respect for ritual, much like the slow-walker at the pedestrian crossing intent on proving, by lazy saunter, who's in control of the roadway real estate. With their 3oz smugness and Ziploc self-importance they represent the narrow-mindedness of an old South rather than the liberating spirit on which Atlanta has prided itself for so long. Why must the terminal experience mirror the flying experience? Have the barbarians so infiltrated the skies that the cagers and the caged are forced into a new power dynamic based on barked commands and orderly queues?

On the political front, where venality and hypocrisy know no depth, we see situations that stagger the imagination for the crudeness of their spirit and the baseness of their intent. How does one explain to one's children or the Sunday school class, the recent Corker-Ford senatorial battle in Tennessee, decided in the end by the singular issue of race, in a state hardly known for its tolerance and enlightenment? They went to the old Jesse Helms playbook one more time, this time with a sucker punch to the groin inciting the never-dead Southern neurosis associated with sex of the white woman-black man type. We were supposed to have outgrown this crude appeal to past prejudices. Not so if one subscribes to the slimy philosophy of a Karl Rove or the unfiltered venom and snide sarcasm of the eloquent Rush Limbaugh, judging from his recent pontifications on the alleged Duke Rape scandal.

Where talk radio excites, a forgivable transgression given that that's its *raison d'être*, and

its best practitioners are expected to be the most effective provocateurs and mind benders, organized religion, Christian and otherwise, retreats to the shadows whenever its bone fides is put to the test. How else to explain the hatred and absence of love and understanding that spews from its clergy ranks on issues of homosexuality and gay marriage? Let me make sure I got this right. Jesus loves all his creatures? Even Dick Cheney's daughter? Right? "My religion is better than yours" face-offs, Terry Schiavo abominations, virulent abortion rhetoric, stem cell research street fights and prayer-in-the-school debates do nothing to convince this man that Jesus' will is being done. Love and enlightenment have given way to fear, ignorance and a cultural regression aimed at taking the nation back to the dark ages of the 1950's.

As a lover of all things American, even from childhood, and a confirmed and appreciative citizen of 21 years, I still don't see the need to express my fealty with flag lapel pins. The amber waves of grain and fruited plains don't get me misty-eyed. The Golden Gate or Brooklyn Bridges, perhaps, on a more receptive day. Iraq debacles may concern me but most of our citizens' failings I attribute to bad leadership and current prevailing political philosophies that play to the dark side of the national character. Give us sun, and allow us to breathe the air of enlightenment, and the best in us pours from every pore. We can be inspired to great thoughts and deeds. Look at the immediate post-9/11 period when the nation rallied and before the instinct to unite was corrupted by the fear invoked by political expediency. We're a good people, but sometimes I despair. Take a trip in a Philly cab, cross swords with the TSA martinets at Hartsfield-Jackson or run for office in old Rocky Top and you have to wonder if it's too late. While the nation's hardware remains top shelf, has its software become corrupted?