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High-Speed Rail Authority Board Sets Aggressive Goal For DBE Participation

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Authority Announces Appointment of Small Business Advocate

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board has voted to set an aggressive goal to identify 10 percent of federal rail contracts and project construction projects for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) participation.

The Board's decision is in accordance with agreements between the Federal Railroad Administration and the Authority which requires the authority to develop and implement a Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (S/DBE) to ensure that small businesses, including DBEs, have an opportunity to bid on the rail contracts and participate in construction of the project.

The Authority's Board of Directors previously approved the S/DBE Program with an amendment to include a 3 percent Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal within the overall 30 percent small business goal.

"This action by the Board ensures that small, disadvantaged and disabled veterans' businesses will be the backbone of the high-speed rail project. In doing so, we can be sure that the nation's largest infrastructure project will benefit from the creativity, diversity and commitment of the State's small business community," said Jeff Morales, Chief Executive Officer of the High-Speed Rail Authority.

Also announced was the appointment of Robert Padilla as the Authority's Small Business Advocate. Most recently Padilla was the DBE Program Manager for the California Department of Transportation and prior to that he served as Assistant Deputy Director for the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"The Authority is committed to a robust and effective outreach to increase participation by California's small businesses in the high-speed rail project. The Small Business Advocate will be a key to our success in achieving this goal," said Morales. The advocate's office will be located in Fresno.

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Contractors, small businesses meet about high-speed rail

By Tim Sheehan - The Fresno Bee

About 500 small-business representatives from throughout the San Joaquin Valley and California met with potential prime contractors Tuesday in Fresno in hopes of finding work building California's high-speed train system.

An industry forum at the Save Mart Center outlined the latest plans for construction between Fresno and Bakersfield. It also served as a networking session for small businesses seeking work as project subcontractors.

"You all have a lot of experience, and we want to take advantage of that," Hans Van Winkle, construction manager for the statewide high-speed train project, told the audience.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority has set a goal for its prime contractors to promote subcontracting with small businesses and businesses owned by women, ethnic minorities or disabled veterans. The agency wants 30% of its work to go to those small businesses.

Five teams of contractors are putting their bids together for the first section of construction from Madera to the south end of Fresno -- a contract that is expected to be worth \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion.

Those bids are expected to be submitted in October, said Jeffrey Morales, the authority's CEO.

Tuesday's forum was to highlight work on three additional construction segments

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DBE SUBCONTRACTORS
AND SUPPLIERS
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**San Diego County Decks/Slabs
Contract #11-238604**

**California Department of Transportation
Bids: September 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

This is a highway project with the typical items of work associated, but not limited to: Aggregate, CIDH Pile, Clear and Grubbing, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Crack Sealing, Construction Area Signs, Consult - Enviro Compliance, Core and Saw, Demo Bridge, Demo Minor, Earthwork and Base, Imported Borrow, Electrical H'Way, Fence & MBGR, Minor Flat Concrete, Joint Seals, K-Rail, Landscape, Erosion Control, Metal Bridge Rail, Minor Concrete Structure, Pavement Grinding, Paving PCC, Plane A C, Paving ASPH Concrete, A C Dike and Misc, Pile Drive, Pipe - Coor Steel, Precast Concrete Pipe, Prestress Concrete, Ready Mix Concrete, Rebar, Rock Slope Protect, Sign Structures, Signs Roadside, Stripe and Mark, Structure Excavate Bridge, Structure Excavate Site, Traffic Control, Trucking.

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Contract # 04-3A9214**

**Alameda County
Bids: August 22, 2012 at 2:00pm**

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**Rt. 101 - Petaluma River Bridge
Contract # 04-2640U4**

**Sonoma County
Bids: September 5, 2012 at 2:00pm**

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FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**South Wilmington Grade Separation
Specification No. 2690
The Port of Los Angeles
Bids: August 28, 2012 at 2:45 p.m.**

This is a highway project with the typical items of work associated, but not limited to: Aggregate, CIDH Pile, Clear and Grubbing, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Crack Sealing, Construction Area Signs, Consult - Enviro Compliance, Core and Saw, Demo Bridge, Demo Minor, Earthwork and Base, Imported Borrow, Electrical H'Way, Fence & MBGR, Minor Flat Concrete, Joint Seals, K-Rail, Landscape, Erosion Control, Metal Bridge Rail, Minor Concrete Structure, Pavement Grinding, Paving PCC, Plane A C, Paving ASPH Concrete, A C Dike and Misc, Pile Drive, Pipe - Coor Steel, Precast Concrete Pipe, Prestress Concrete, Ready Mix Concrete, Rebar, Rock Slope Project, Sign Structures, Signs Roadside, Stripe and Mark, Structure Excavate Bridge, Structure Excavate Site, Traffic Control, Trucking.

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Interchange Improvements
Contract No.: C12048F
Federal Project No. HPLUL-6264 (053)
Owner: Santa Clara VTA
Engineers' Estimate: \$30,000,000.
BID DATE: August 23, 2012 @ 2:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: Street Sweeping, CAS, Striping, Electrical, Crash Cushions, Signs, Landscape, Minor Concrete, Jacked Pipe, MBGR, Excavation, Trucking, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Survey, Clearing & Grubbing, Structural Concrete, Fence, Bridge Removal, SWPPP, Traffic Control, Cold Plane AC Placement, Erosion Control, AC Dike, Rebar, Misc. Metals, Retaining Walls and Concrete Barrier.

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Contact: **Bob Williams**

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Solicitation No. AED 7739813

Project Location: Alhambra, California

Bid Date: 9/6/2012

Seeking:

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Wheeler & Gray Consulting Engineers

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Pasadena, California, 91107

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Contact: **John Kelly**

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Sub-Contractors on the following Project

**Project Owner: California American Water Company
Estimate # 2518**

**Project: Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam
Removal Design-Build Project**

**Lead Estimator: Alber Youssef Phone 831-728-7516
Bid Date: 9/21/12 @ 3:00P.M.**

Please Fax Quotes to 408-327-7090 by 9/5/12

**Additional Forms Will be Required from
All Bidding Sub Contractors**

Scope of Work: Rerouting the Carmel River into San Clemente Creek at a location upstream of the San Clemente Dam. The new combined flow reach will be restored with a focus on steel-head passage. The accumulated sediment in San Clemente Creek arm and Reservoir will be excavated and relocated to the abandoned Carmel River arm. The accumulated sediment in Carmel River arm will be stabilized in place to form the sediment stockpile. A diversion dike will be constructed to divert the Carmel River flow into the San Clemente Creek drainage through the reroute channel. A stabilized sediment slope will be constructed at the downstream end of the abandoned Carmel River arm. Work also includes the removal of San Clemente Dam, removal of Old Carmel River Dam "deductive work" and post construction monitoring by DB of 5 years.

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GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Estimating Assistant:

Barbara Jacob 408-327-7013

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ACE CONTRACT NO. 12-04

Owner: Ace Construction Authority

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BID DATE: September 05, 2012 @ 2:00 pm

Reyes Construction, Inc.

State License Number 507561

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Contact: Estimating Dept Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

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From 0.3 Mile East of Airway Blvd.
Overcrossing to 0.2 Mile West of
San Ramon/Foothill Road Overcrossing
Caltrans Contract No. 04-2908E4
Federal Aid Project No. ACIM-580-1(054)D
Engineer Estimate: \$50,200,000
485 Working Days**

Goal: DBE 8%

Bids: August 29, 2012 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to) AC Dike, Cold Plane, Electrical, Fence, Concrete Pavement Slab Replacement-Lean, Grinding, Re-bar, Signs-Structures, Slope Protection, Striping/Markers, Joint Seal, Erosion Control, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Minor, Demo/Bridge Removal, Edge Drain, Tack Oil, MBGR, Landscaping, Pile Driving, Post Tensioning, Clear & Grub, CAS/Roadside Signs, Traffic Control, Underground, Precast Concrete Girders, Limetreat, Soil Nail, SWPP Plan and Trucking.

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TRENCH RESURFACING – SPEC #411
LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

Electronic Bid Date:

Monday, Aug. 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sub-Bids Requested by Tuesday, 8/21/12

to allow time for review and negotiations

TRADES/MATERIALS: AC/Concrete Paving, Asphalt, CAB/CMB, Emulsion, Saw Cutting, Grinding, Truckers (to deliver materials & haul spoils), Pavement Striping, Steel Plates, Dump Sites, Street Sweeping, Installation of Traffic Loops, Ready Mix Plants, Traffic Control and/or Safety Equipment.

For information on availability of plans & specifications and the bidder's policy concerning assistance to subcontractors in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, and/or insurance, please contact our office.

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**REQUESTING SUB-BIDS FROM QUALIFIED MBE/WBE/OBE
SUBCONTRACTORS/VENDORS FOR:**

RFP #90062 - Identity Management System Enhancement

**Department of Water and Power,
of the City of Los Angeles**

Due August 20, 2012, 2:00 PM

Areas of work included in, but not limited to, the specialties: Requirement gathering and department analysis, Creating test cases for Oracle Identity Management, Creating Functional test cases for LADWP, Conducting functional testing of Oracle Identity Management, and conducting functional testing of LADWPs current applications. For information on the availability of plans and specifications and the bidder's policy concerning assistance to subcontractors in obtaining bond, lines of credit, and/or insurance. Please contact our office before August 8, 2012 to review with us your proposed scope of work.

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High-Speed Rail Authority Board Sets Aggressive Goal

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from Fresno to north of Bakersfield. About a dozen prospective prime contractors from the U.S., Europe and South Korea, including some that are expected to bid on the first segment, were on hand to meet with small-business owners.

The statewide system is planned to span 520 miles and connect Los Angeles and San Francisco with high-speed trains within 10-15 years. The price tag is estimated at \$68.4 billion.

Ed Johnson of Mariposa was on hand to drum up business for his group, Edward J. Johnson Affiliates, "to prevent things from running into delays" by providing dispute-resolution services to prime contractors as they negotiate with landowners and other contractors.

"We're hoping we can give someone the advantage of helping them meet their 30% small-business goal," he said.

Jack Ybarra and his company, Transmetrics Engineering and Construction Management, brought a team from his Campbell headquarters to meet with prime contractors.

"We need work, and this is the kind of work we do," he said. "This is the biggest public works project, and it will allow me to do what I do best, and that's hire people."

Engineers and contractors aren't the only ones hoping to find work on the Valley stages of construction.

Craig Chenot, an estimator with Clovis-based D/C Recycling and Trucking, said that being selected to move heavy equipment, haul away demolition materials and provide other transport needs could

allow his company to hire 100 or more truck drivers full time.

But, he added, it falls to the small-business owners to make their best pitch to compete for business and keep the attention of the prime contractors. "You've got to stay on the ball, or you're going to miss the train," Chenot said.

Not officially present was China's second-largest railroad builder, the state-owned China Railway Construction Co., or CRCC. But Jeffrey Chang of Beijing-based Prometheus Partners said CRCC and other Chinese firms are interested in competing for work on the statewide rail project.

CRCC was part of a consortium tasked by China's Ministry of Railways to explore the California high-speed rail market in early 2011.

But a high-profile crash on China's high-speed train system last summer, in which 40 people died and 191 others were hurt, dampened China's enthusiasm for exporting its technology.

Even before the crash, Chang added, the nation's efforts were hindered by a political corruption scandal that resulted in the arrest of the rail minister and the ouster of one of his chief deputies. Chang said he didn't know if CRCC or other Chinese companies would enter the bidding for the Valley sections of high-speed rail construction.

He added, however, that China remains intent on competing for business for other stages of construction in the state.

Source: www.fresnobee.com