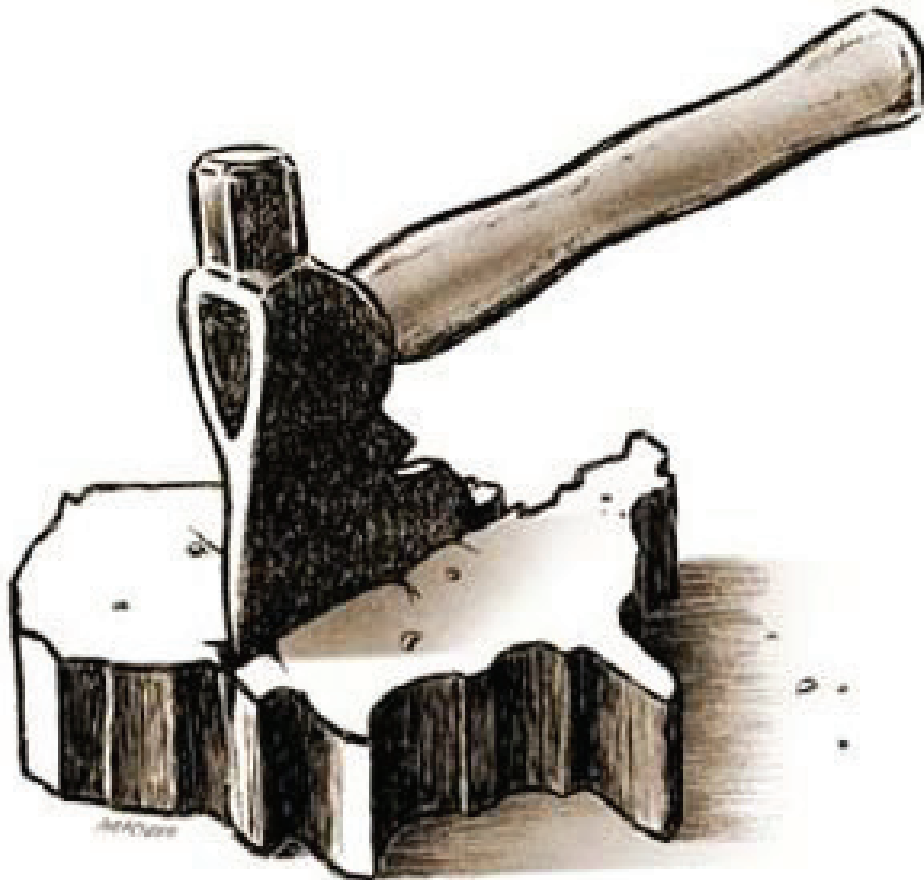


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More Wealth In Fewer Cities: Why Inequality Divides America



Demographer Phillip Longman says that regional inequality divides America. He tells NPR's Scott Simon which cities are doing well, which ones are falling behind, and how the U.S. got to this point.

SCOTT SIMON, HOST:

There's been some debate in the current presidential campaign about tax breaks and 1 percenters, income inequality and Wall Street. But Phillip Longman, a demographer who's a senior editor at Washington Monthly and the policy director at the New America Foundation, says regional inequality now divides America. More wealth is concentrated in fewer U.S. cities. Phillip Longman, who's the author of the 2004 book "The Empty Cradle," joins us in our studios. And thanks so much for being with us.

PHILLIP LONGMAN: Wonderful to be here, Scott.

SIMON: What are some of the cities who've lost out?

LONGMAN: Well, that one's that most people would identify off the top of their heads are on the list, right, the big Rust Belt industrial cities like Cleveland, Detroit. But the part that most people don't understand is that even cities that think of themselves as booming, right, booming in population, booming in local GDP, have been falling farther and farther behind these elite coastal cities. So for example, Atlanta has lost out in relative income to New York City; so has Houston, so has Salt Lake City. These are not places that are decaying industrial ghost towns, right? These are booming places, and yet their standard of living is falling relative of that of these elite cities.

SIMON: You don't cite the usual bogey persons - to use a phrase maybe of our time. But for example, you say airline deregulation contributed to it.

LONGMAN: Yes. We now live in a world where depending on where you live your access to airline travel, your connectivity to the world economy, is drastically different. So in the '60s, if you lived in Memphis or Cincinnati or something, your air ser-

vice was equivalent in price and in quality to what you would find in elite coastal cities like New York. But as a result of deregulation...

SIMON: Because it was fixed more or less per mile.

LONGMAN: Yes. The price was fixed by government, and the actual routes and frequency of service was dictated by government agencies. Today, you know, we live in a world where there's only four airlines left basically, right? And if you happen to live in a city that hasn't been completely monopolized so that there's only one airline then you might get really good air service. But if you live in a city where it is monopolized, then you're kind of out of luck. And what that means is if you want to have a corporate headquarters in your town - can't do that. Not so long ago, the Chiquita company that brings you Chiquita bananas, they just up and left Cincinnati. Their executives have to fly all over the world. They found that they could not get to anywhere in less

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<http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov>
Subcontractors and Suppliers
for the following project:

Fluoridation at Water Treatment Plants at the Penitencia and Santa Teresa WTP - Project No. 93084011

Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District
Bid Date: January 13, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

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wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

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Bonding, insurance and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specification and requirements for the work will be made available to interested DGS certified, SBE and Micro SB suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due January 7, 2016 and Quotes NO LATER THAN January 12, 2016 at 5 P.M.

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All subcontractors that are registered in our SBN database will receive an invitation to bid. Please visit <http://www.kiewit.com/districts/northern-california/overview.aspx> to register your company and to be able to receive bidding information, view plans and specifications.

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Construction on state highway in Tuolumne County near Moccasin from 0.3 mile west to 0.3 mile east of the Tuolumne River Bridge
Owner: Caltrans
Contract No. 10-0L9704

Bid Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe_program.htm

Certified by California Unified Certification Program wanted for following scopes, including, but not limited

AC paving, aggregate supply, grading, bridge bearings, structural concrete, precast concrete, minor concrete, concrete supply, concrete pumping, concrete reinforcing, concrete barriers, demolition, erosion control, hazardous abatement, hydroseeding/hydromulch, joint sealant, MOT, metals, metal beam guard rail, painting & coating, pavement marking, AC paving, SWPPP, bridge railing, signage, striping, trucking & hauling, thermal & moisture protection, sweeper truck

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Documents are also available on the Caltrans website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/project_ads_addenda/10/10-0L9704/

Performance bonds and Payment bonds for subcontractors and supply bonds for permanent materials supply maybe required for this project. Cost of bond will be reimbursable.

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<http://www.epa.gov/> <http://www.sba.gov/>
www.californiaaucp.org
Subcontractors and Suppliers
for the following project:

Biological Nutrient Removal Project - Contract No. 4208
Owner: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Bid Date: January 20, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

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Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due January 15, 2016 and Quotes NO LATER THAN January 19, 2016 at 5 P.M.

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund Provisions apply
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D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc

(415) 822-5200 Phone • (415) 822-0747 (Fax)
Estimator : willie@darcyhart.com

Adeline Drive and Canyon Road Capacity Improvement Project Burlingame Hills Sewer Maintenance District San Mateo County, CA

Certified DBE sub-bids requested for Saw-cutting, Trucking, Traffic Control and Paving.

Please contact Willie
if you have any questions.

Bids: December 22, 2015 at 2.30 pm

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

CALTRANS ROUTE 101 – CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IN MORGAN HILL AND SAN JOSE FROM EAST DUNNE AVENUE TO 0.9 MILE NORTH OF SILICON VALLEY BOULEVARD, Contract No. 04-1J6304, Federal Aid Project ACNHP-Q101(283)E, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal assigned is 8%

OWNER:

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

BID DATE: January 12, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantage Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:

AC DIKE, CONCRETE BARRIER, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EROSION CONTROL, FABRIC/GEOSYNTHETIC PAVEMENT INTERLAYER, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, PCC GRINDING, PCC PAVING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL, COLD PLANE.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 7700 College Town Drive, Sacramento, CA, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the ftp site at: <ftp://ftp%25desilvagates.com:f7pa55wd@pub.desilvagates.com> (if prompted the username is [ftp%25desilvagates.com](ftp://ftp%25desilvagates.com) and password is [f7pa55wd](ftp://ftp%25desilvagates.com)) or from the Owner's site at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php

Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 to the attention of Estimator Steve Lippis. If you have questions for the Estimator, call at (925) 829-9220. When submitting any public works bid please include your DUNS number and DIR number. For questions regarding registration for DIR use the link at: www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

If you need DBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies or related assistance or services, for this project call the Estimator at (925) 829-9220, or contact your local Small Business Development Center Network (<http://californiasbdc.org>) or contact the California Southwest Transportation Resource Center (www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs). DGC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the DBE goal.

At our discretion, 100% Payment and 100% Performance bonds may be required as a subcontract condition. This will be a PREVAILING WAGE JOB. DGC is an equal opportunity employer.

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

Downtown San Jose and City Hall

BRT Stations Contract

Contract No.: C837 (15313)

Owner: Santa Clara VTA

Engineers' Estimate: \$1,200,000.

BID DATE: December 23, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Electrical, Striping, Construction Area Signs, Minor Concrete, Clearing, Grubbing, Trucking, Slurry Seal and Traffic Control.

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

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Chumo Construction, Inc.

14425 Joanbridge Street, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
 Phone: (626) 960-9502 Fax: (626) 960-3887
 Contact: George Chumo

Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers

For Construction on State Highway In Los Angeles County At Various Locations From Main Street Undercrossing To Imperial Highway Undercrossing District 07

Location: 07-LA-405-R12.6/R21.2

Contract No. 07-290004

Bid Date: 12-17-2015 @ 2:00 PM

We have information about the plans, specifications, and requirements in our office located at 14425 Joanbridge Street, Baldwin Park, CA. Please call to arrange an appointment, our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Copying services are available.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds with a surety company subject to approval of Chumo Construction Company, Inc. are required of subcontractors for this project. Chumo Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest AGC Standard Long Form Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. Chumo 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. Chumo Construction requires that Subcontractors and Suppliers price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact George Chumo at (626) 960-9502.

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Plans Dated 11-13-2015

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Address bids to: TPZPJV, 1401 Fulton St. Suite 400, Fresno, CA 93721,

Attention: William Sario, William.Sario@tpzpjv.com

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Proposal Form & Scope/Drawings / Specifications / Insurance Requirements (Contractor Controlled Insurance Program) / CBA (Project Labor Agreement) as well as Scope (Bid Package) are available for review at:

- **Share Point Web Site** (interested parties reply to: William.Sario@tpzpjv.com to receive access information for the Share Point website)

- **TPZPJV's Office** – 1401 Fulton Street, Suite 400, Fresno, CA 93721

Requests for Information regarding Bid Package: **Email** William.Sario@TPZPJV.COM or call (559) 400-6001

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Project Owner: City of Long Beach, California Harbor Department

Project Name: HD-S2468B - Pier G Metro Track Improvements and Wharf Repair Project at Pier G

Project Location: 725 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90802

Project Bid Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 @ 10:00AM PST

Project Description:

The work includes, but is not limited to construction of 7,600 track-feet of railroad tracks, and construction of turnouts and crossovers, demolition and removal, excavation and handling of soil materials and construction of a reinforced concrete slab 1,200 feet long to repair a crack in the deck of the wharf. Additional work includes construction of storm drain facilities, new water utility line and rehabilitation of pavement at the facility. New pavement will be constructed in the areas where new facilities are being constructed.

Kiewit is requesting quotes in the areas described, but not limited to:

Contaminated soil/water handling, demolition, storm drain and water line utility, jack & bore, cathodic protection, asphalt paving, fence installation, cast-in-place concrete, precast concrete, rebar installation, aggregate supply, and dewatering.

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Kiewit intends to conduct itself in good faith with all SBE/VSBE and all other business enterprises regarding participation on this project. For technical assistance or further information related to the plans, specifications, project scheduling, your specialty or scope of work, the requirements of the contract, or licensing, please contact Kyle Heckman at the phone number listed below or, at Kyle.Heckman@kiewit.com

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REBID Downtown San Jose and City Hall

BRT Stations C837

City/Location: San Jose, California

Owner: Santa Clara VTA

Bid Date:

Wednesday December 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Bid documents can be viewed at our office or by contacting us for a link to access the plans and specifications.

Please call our office for any assistance with bonding; insurance; obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials; lines of credit and/or technical assistance

D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc

(415) 822-5200 Phone • (415) 822-0747 (Fax)
Estimator : willie@darcyhart.com

**Rodeo Sanitary District
Sewer Year 2A Improvements
Rodeo, CA**

Bids: 1/11/2016 at 2:00 PM

UDBE sub-bids requested for:

**Traffic Control, Saw-cutting, Trucking
and Concrete sidewalk**

Why Inequality Divides America

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than a day from Cincinnati because first of all you've got to change in Charlotte. So this is a major factor.

SIMON: And what are some of the effects of that that maybe we don't appreciate? I'm thinking of particularly, let's say, support for local institutions. They tend not to care what has a great symphony.

LONGMAN: Or the symphony, the little league, the junior league, all of that. And in St. Louis for years, Anheuser-Busch was headquartered in St. Louis. And the local philanthropies depended enormously on the executive C-suite of Anheuser-Busch and all the people that worked there that were in-

vested in that community. Now Anheuser-Busch is owned by some Brazilians and the Brazilians don't look at St. Louis the same way as the local St. Louis people did.

SIMON: Yeah, and do you see any force interested in changing this?

LONGMAN: Well, it's quite an irony that the parts of the country that are the biggest losers under this are basically - it's flyover America. It was mostly red state America, right, which has a deep hostility to government generally. And part of the irony here is that it was government policy that brought those nether regions into the mainstream of the American

economy and created the economic equality that we now miss so much. And irony's on the other side, too, because these - you know, who has done best under this era of deregulation? Well, it's deep blue elite cities that have done best under this, you know, post-Reagan world of deregulation.

SIMON: Phillip Longman - his article "Bloom And Bust" is in the current issue of Washington Monthly. Thanks so much being with us.

LONGMAN: Thank you.

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