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Reasons Why You Should Pursue Project Management Certification

By Georgina Clatworthy

Securing employment often comes down to standing out in a crowd, but the true professional knows how to market themselves through academic accomplishment and licensed certification. All corporations are in the market for solid management professionals, and this is as true in project management certification is an ongoing process that ensures the certificated personnel is qualified and has maintained continuing education in professional project management. This certification is in high demand in the contemporary employment market, and the PMP status often makes the difference.

Rate of Return for Educational Investment

The potential for a high rate of return in the project management industry is immense when the cost of the training is figured. Successful project managers can demand expansive pay, often connected to project benchmarks for timely completion. Projects are always primarily concerned with time and money. Missing a deadline always increases costs, so developers need the project progressing according to the budget and completion plan. Bonuses can be attached to successful target dates, allowing an incentive for the project management professional in charge of the overall operation.

Portable Certification

The project management professional certification goes with the recipient to any employment scenario. The certification can allow the professional an opportunity to contract their services for definite time periods in projects across a wide variety of industries. Most project management professionals will develop a career in a particular industry for a concentrated employment ability as a specialist.

Maintaining credentials can be done through online upgrade courses on a part-time basis whilst working as a project management professional. Most courses will require a certain number of PMP PDU (PDU meaning professional development units), which you earn as you continue your education and even through your everyday role as project manager.

Various Applications

All companies have projects associated with the continuing growth of the business. Project management professionals know how to get a project started regardless of the industry. The experienced pmp will put qualified personnel in place within the corporation who can develop a teamwork atmosphere for project focus and mission.

Understanding business goals and forecasts is crucial for the true project management professional in continual assessment of any project. This ability can be applied in many different industries and gives the management professionals significant latitude when taking on new projects. Many corporations maintain their own corporate project professionals and transfer them as needed for upcoming projects. The possibilities for career use of the certification is excellent.

It is clear that the best advantage provided by achieving project management professional status is the capacity for an enhanced salary and the feeling of accomplishment with each additional project. Maintaining a solid list of positive accomplishments can help a project management professional in consideration for any other lucrative offer available, while still providing proven qualifications for the right company with an in-house staff of management officials.

Holding this certification especially in combination with a four-year college degree, and maintaining your credentials through the earning of PDU, can serve as the basis for a very successful career with any corporation or personal business.

Georgina Clatworthy is a freelance writer with an interest in topics relating to education, careers and training. Learning online can be a great way to not only learn new skills but to also improve your career prospects. Choosing an online provider for PMP PDU courses can be both a practical and efficient way to maintain your project management professional certification.

Source: SBALoans-123.com

REQUESTS FOR BIDS & SUB-BIDS

Sub Bids Requested From Qualified **DBE** Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of Yuba City - Wastewater Collection System Rehab & Replacement Project No. 12-16 March 20, 2013 Location: Yuba City, CA <u>Bid Date: March 30, 2013 @ 3:00 PM</u>

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors for the referenced project in the following trades: CIPP rehabilitation; sewer bypass pumping; sawcutting; survey/staking; striping/pavement marking; quality control/ material testing; pipeline cleaning/video inspection; trucking; horizontal directional drilling; concrete; aggregate & asphalt; pipeline material; and precast concrete.

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 and specs.

McGuire and Hester

9009 Railroad Avenue • Oakland, CA 94603 Phone: 510-632-7676 • Fax: 510-562-5209 **Contact: Don Crivello**

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified **Richmond Business Enterprise** Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of Richmond -Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass Project Location: Richmond, CA <u>Bid Date: March 25, 2013 @ 2:00 PM</u>

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors for the referenced project in the following trades: SWPPP; clear & grub; demolition; tree removal; street sweeping; lime treatment; landscape & irrigation; striping/signage; traffic control; construction area signs; electrical; fencing; trucking; precast concrete; rebar; concrete barrier; railing; misc. metals; curb & gutter; waterproofing; structural steel; and structural concrete.

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

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C. Overaa & Co - General Building Contractor

200 Parr Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801 510-234-0926, Fax: 510-237-2435 - www.overaa.com

We request bids from all qualified subcontractors and suppliers for the following Project:

BRADLEY A. MOODY MEMORIAL UNDERPASS PROJECT MARINA BAY PARKWAY GRADE SEPARATION - Rebid Located at Richmond, CA <u>Bid Date: March 8, 2013 before 2:00 PM</u>

Estimator: Bryan Dissman

Project Description: In general, the work to be performed under these specifications consists of removal of existing asphalt, concrete, and trees; installation of new concrete improvements, installation of new asphalt paving, installation of new storm drain improvements, installation of new sewer improvements, installation of a pump station; installation of new street lights, new traffic signals, coordination of utility relocation, new landscaping, and striping along Marina Bay Parkway Regatta Boulevard to Meeker Avenue.

Installation of the new storm drain and sewer will require relocation of existing water, electric, telephone, and gas utilities.

Trades include but are not limited to; dewatering, concrete barrier, misc. pipe, rough carpentry, pump station, removal of existing asphalt, concrete, and trees, concrete sitework, AC paving, site utilities, pump station, signal work, street lights, landscaping, striping, structural concrete, dewatering, SWPPP, traffic control, demolition, adjust drainage utilities to grade, earthwork, deep soil mix walls(DSM), concrete paving, piling elastomeric bearing pads, bridge PTFE Bearing, rebar, waterproofing, structural steel, painting, signage, concrete pipe, fencing, railing, cable railing, electrical, metal roofing, sheet metal, sealants/caulking, doors/frames/hardware, drywall, vinyl siding, louvers, mechanical work, precast bridge elements, exterior wall cladding system and railroad work.

Project Duration: 540 Working Days Prevailing Wage Engineers Estimate \$23,692,669

The following are annual participation goals for City contracts:

- For RBE firms, twenty-five percent (25%) of the contract dollar amount
- For small RBE firms, ten percent (10%) of the contract dollar amount

City of Richmond requires compliance with the City's Local Employment Program and Richmond Business Opportunity Ordinance. We are encouraging Subcontractors/Suppliers including Richmond Business Enterprise or RBE shall mean any business located within the incorporated areas of the City of Richmond, and includes Richmond businesses, Richmond small businesses, and Richmond nonprofit businesses to provide quotations for the above stated work. Small businesses must be certified with either CA DGS, CUCP, and/or CalTrans.

Please let us know if you are interested in bidding this project. Bid Documents including the project plans can be purchased at the BPXpress ReproGraphics, 4903 Central Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804. To order, please fax your request to (510) 559-8398, or call (510) 559-8299 for details. Bid Documents can also be accessed via the City's Bids Online system. Plans and specifications are also available for viewing in our plan room at 200 Parr Blvd., Richmond, CA, and at our iSQFT site, login is required. Contact jasonc@overaa.com for iSQFT access. Please call for additional information about project and/or project documents.

1100 Ocean Avenue - Request for Bid (San Francisco)

Cahill Contractors, Inc. is requesting bids for the 1100 Ocean Ave Multi-Family Housing project from **ALL TRADES** <u>except</u> for the following (which have already been bid out):

Geo Piers, Exterior Building Maintenance System, Elevator, Fire Sprinkler, Solar Hot Water System

The project consists of 5 stories of wood framing on a concrete podium. The area of the building is approximately 85,000 sf. The ground floor includes a community room, commercial shell space, offices and parking. The upper levels will contain 71 units (studios, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units). There is 1 three-bedroom manager's unit on the ground floor. The 2nd floor podium includes an outdoor courtyard space.

The project is slated to break ground in May/June 2013 and be complete by October / November 2014 (18 Month Schedule).

This project is funded in part by the MOH/HRC. As such, the HRC's LBE, Construction Workforce and Prevailing Wage Policies apply.

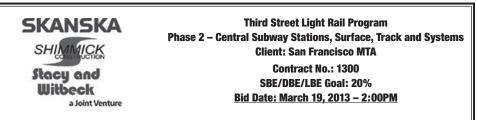
Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 02/20/13 @ 10 AM Location: Cahill SF Office • 425 California Street, Suite 2200 1100 Ocean Avenue Bids

Due Date: 03/08/13 @ 2 PM

Plans and Specs can be downloaded from Cahill's FTP site by going to the link below: https://cahillcontractors.box.com/s/o1astc5fp0wf0oc53gwz

> CAHILL CONTRACTORS, INC. Contact: Julie Park (jpark@cahill-sf.com) • Phone: 415-986-0600

REQUESTS FOR BIDS & SUB-BIDS



Skanska-Shimmick-Stacy and Witbeck a Joint Venture is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors as well as certified SBE, LBE and DBE companies for this project. Plans are ONLY available from the Owner. This contract is federally protected per Security Sensitive Information 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520 and the bid documents will ONLY be provided to qualified subcontractors/ vendors from the SFMTA.

Go to http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=6021 to obtain a copy of the bid documents. You are required to (1) to certify that they are either qualified to bid on the contract or are qualified subcontractor and/or supplier; and (2) to sign a confidentiality agreement that will restrict the access, use and final disposition of the drawings and specifications. All bid documents and addenda will be made available through this website.

Quotes requested for supplies and services include, but are not limited to the following:

Subcontracting: AC Grinding/Cold Planing, AC Paving, Acoustical Finishes, Building Protection, Cathodic Protection, Ceramic Tiling, CIDH, Concrete Paving, Concrete Pumping, Dewatering, Dry Utility Installation, Electrical, Exterior Insulation, Fire Protection/Suppression/Sprinklers, Fireproofing/Firestopping, Glazing, Hazardous Material Abatement, Hot Tapping, HVAC/HVAC Instrumentation, Landscaping, Masonry, Masonry - Facing, Membrane Roofing, Metal Roofing, Minor Concrete, Nelson Studs, Plaster/Drywall/ Gypsum, Plumbing, Potholing, Railroad Track Work, Rebar Placement, Resilient/Linoleum Flooring/Carpeting, SEM Anchor Drilling, SEM Drilling and Grouting, Sewer Pipe Slip-Lining, Sheet Pile Driving, Shotcrete, Signage (Interior/ Exterior), Specialty Signage, Steel Erection, Striping, Structural Demolition, Structural Steel Erection, SWPPP, Temporary Fencing, Terrazo, Traffic Control, Vapor Control, Video - Sewer Pipe, Wall Covering/Painting, Waterproofing, Wet Utility Installation Vendors: Acoustical Ceilings / Metal Ceilings, Aggregate / Rock / Sand Bedding, Asphalt Concrete, Baker Tank Rental, Coiling Doors, Elevators, Entrances and Storefronts, Escalators, Expansion Joints, K-Rail, Lockers, Metal Doors, Millwork, Misc Steel Fabrication, Partitions, PCMS Signs, Pipe Suppliers, Plumbing Fixtures, Precast architectural suppliers, Precast Utility Structures, Ready-Mix Concrete, Scaffolding, Shotcrete supplier, SIP Forms, Steel Decking, Steel sheet piles, Structural Steel, Temp Elevator Rental, Traffic Control Supplies, Water Filled Barriers.

Services: Geotechnical Monitoring, Janitorial, Office/Yard Rentals, Parking, QC/QA Testing, Sanitation, Security, Sound Monitoring, Staffing, Survey, Sweeping, Vibration Monitoring

Trucking: Flatbed Trucking, On-site Hauling, Material off haul

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); or higher limits required by contract. 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. Please call if we can assist you in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies. SSS-WJV will also review breaking out scope packages and adjusting schedules to help permit maximum participation. Please follow five (5) day Bid Items Breakdown per Contract Specification; Proposals and Contract Forms, Schedule of Bid Prices, pdf pages 201-218 of 5,215.

> For information about the project, please contact, **Skanska** Estimating Dept: 1995 Agua Mansa Rd, Riverside, CA 92509 Ph: (951) 684-5360 Fax: (951) 788-2449 **Nancy Nguyen** - Email: **Nancy.Nguyen@Skanska.com** SSSWJV is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Requesting sub-bids from qualified MBE/WBE/OBE Subcontractors and Suppliers

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is bidding this project and solicits your participation in preparation of this bid. We are particularly interested in bids from subcontractors/suppliers for the following work items: DEWATERING, TRUCKING, AGGREGATE, READY-MIX CONCRETE, REINFORCING STEEL, CONCRETE PUMP-ING, SETTLEMENT MONITORING DEVICES & SERVICES, MISCELLANEOUS METALS, CHLORINATION.

Silver Lake - Phase 1 Headworks East Reservoir -Reservoir Construction Package , RFP #10 Location: Los Angeles, CA

Owner: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Contruction Manager: Webcor/Obayashi/Lyles, A Joint Venture

Estimated Cost: \$35,000,000 and \$37,000,000 Bid Date: March 21, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M.

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.

(An Equal Opportunity Employer) 667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91788-0489 Phone: 909-595-4397 • Fax: 909-444-4268 **Contact: Lori Olivas**

Please Contact our office for information regarding obtaining plans and specifications.

Bidders are required to read and understand owner's requirements including warranty requirements. Bidder's or manufacturer's standard warranties will not be accepted unless they comply fully with owner's requirements.

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and intends to negotiate in good faith with interested MBE/ WBE/OBE firms and intends to utilize the lowest responsive bidder.



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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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contract No. 7318A (ID No. FCA13044) SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL #3 REPLACEMENT PHASE 2 DEPUTY STATION

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until 2:30 p.m. on April 3, 2013, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs , or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market St., 4th Fl, S.F, CA 94103, tel: 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable s15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The work to be done under this contract is located at San Francisco County Jail, One Moreland Drive, San Bruno, CA. Demolition work includes removal of pavement, fencing, existing utilities and site furnishings; drainage work, sewer work and relocation of existing deputy station. Improvement work includes grading and drainage; construction of new deputy station and restroom building: utility work; security fencing; new visitor drop off area; concrete and asphalt paving; irrigation and planting; sewage pump station and related pressurized sewer line work. Design build work includes the security control system; the building automation and temperature control systems; and the fire detection and alarm systems. The time allowed for completion is 365 consecutive calendar days. The Architect's estimate is in excess of \$2,000,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Steven Kay at (415) 557-4706.

Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Lump Sum Bid Items basis. Progressive payments will be made.

Bid discounts may be applied as per SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **13% LBE**. Call James Soncuya at (415) 558-4080 for details. In accordance with SFAC Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders, except those who meet the exception noted below, shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids and must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference. Refer to HRC Form 2B for more details. Exception: Bidders who demonstrate that their total LBE participation exceeds the above subcontracting goal by 35% will not be required to meet the good faith efforts requirements.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 12, 2013 in the 4th Fl, Main Conference RM, 30 Van Ness Ave., S.F., CA.

A site visit will be held at 9 a.m., on March 19, 2013 at the S.F. County Jail, One Moreland Drive, San Bruno, CA.

Site Visit Requirement: Bidders must obtain mandatory clearance from the San Francisco Sheriff's Dept (SFSD), for all persons who plan to enter the project site as follows: "No less than five calendar days prior to the scheduled site visit, the bidders shall submit a list of persons that will attend the site visit to Stephen Kay, Architect, S.F. Dept of Public Works, via email: stephen.kay@sfdpw.org . Please contact Steven Kay at (415) 557-4706 with any questions. The list shall include the person's name, company and title. All persons attending the site visit must bring personal identification to be admitted inside the jail property."

All provisions of Contract Specification Section 01014 (Work Resptrictions) and Appendix A to 01010 (Summary of Work) shall govern bidder's conduct during the on-site-walk-through.

For information on the City's Surety Bond Program, call Jennifer Elmore at (415) 217-6578.

A corporate surety bond or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must accompany each bid. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction contracts awarded by the City and County of San Francisco to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "B" license required to bid.

In accordance with SFAC Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$400,000 is awarded by the City and County of San Francisco until such time as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee approves the contract for award, and the Director of Public Works then issues an order of award. Pursuant to Charter Sec 3.105, all contract awards are subject to certification by the Controller as to the availability of funds.

Minimum wage rates for this project must comply with the current General Prevailing Wage as determined by the State Dept of Industrial Relations. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with SFAC Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids and waive any minor irregularities.

2/28/13 CNS-2451139# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, San Francisco, sealed bids for a lump sum contract are invited for the following Work:

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY - EMERGENCY GENERATOR-REBID Project No.: <u>M0531</u> / Contract No.: <u>SL0263</u>

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Replace the existing natural gas generator with a new University furnished diesel powered generator set with sub base fuel tank. Re-route the existing temporary generator cables and engine start circuit from the generator room at the fourth floor to the main electrical room at the basement level to provide emergency/standby power during the construction period. Provide new emergency distribution EDP and new optional/standby power switchboard OS. Cut over existing air compressor panel to switchboard OS to provide standby power to equipment. Connect generator engine start/stop and common alarm status indication to fire alarm modules.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: To be eligible for consideration of award, bidders must have the minimum experience set forth in the Supplementary Instructions To Bidders. Bidders must submit qualification documents as an attachment to the Bid Form.

PROCEDURES:

Bidding Documents will be available at <u>10:00 AM</u>, <u>February 28, 2013</u> and will be issued only at:

UCSF Documents, Media & Mail (UCSF-DMM) 1855 Folsom Street, Room 135 San Francisco, CA 94103 Contact Persons: Ben La (415) 476-5030 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Customer Service Line (415) 514-2054 (before & after working hours) Fax No. (415) 476-8278 Log into http://www.cpfm.ucsf.edu/contracts/index.htm Click on the UCSF Documents, Media & Mail button

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and mandatory Pre-Bid Job Walk will be conducted on <u>March 6</u>, <u>2013</u> beginning promptly at <u>10:00 AM</u>. Participants shall meet at <u>UCSF Campus – Parnassus Location</u>, <u>Medical Sciences Building, Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus</u> <u>Avenue, 1st Floor, San Francisco, CA 94143</u>. Only bidders who participate in both the Conference and the Job Walk in their entirety will be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. For further information, contact University's Project Manager <u>Patrick McGee</u> at <u>(415) 502-6058</u>.

Bids will be received and opened only at Minnesota St. Finance Service Center, University of California, San

Francisco, 654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107. Phone: (415) 476-5343. Bid Deadline: Sealed bids must be received on or before <u>3:00</u> <u>PM, March 20, 2013</u>.

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. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The work described in the contract is a public work subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

The successful Bidder will be required to have the following California current and active contractor's license at the time of submission of the Bid:

LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: General Building Contractor LICENSE CODE: <u>B</u>

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$350,000

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA University of California, San Francisco February, 2013