

## U.S. Economy Claws Back 29% of Earlier Big Drop in Jobs

### MONITORING THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY – JUNE 2020

The Big Drop		Change in Number of Jobs (Millions)			% Change		Claw Back
April 2020 vs Feb 2020 (Feb was the last month unaffected by COVID-19)		Versus Feb 2020 (Feb was the last month unaffected by COVID-19)	Vs. May 2020 (i.e., Previous month)	Versus Feb 2020 (Feb was the last month unaffected by COVID-19)	Vs. May 2020 (i.e., Previous month)		
-20.500	-13.5%	-14.640	4.800	-9.6%	3.6%	28.6%	
-17.200	-15.9%	-11.852	4.263	-10.9%	4.6%	31.1%	
-1.330	-10.4%	-0.757	0.356	-5.9%	3.0%	43.1%	
-0.975	-12.8%	-0.472	0.158	-6.2%	2.3%	51.6%	
-2.107	-13.5%	-1.273	0.740	-8.1%	5.4%	39.6%	
-0.584	-10.3%	-0.499	0.099	-8.8%	1.9%	14.6%	
-0.262	-3.0%	-0.237	0.032	-2.7%	0.4%	9.5%	
-2.128	-9.9%	-1.809	0.306	-8.4%	1.6%	15.0%	
-0.254	-8.8%	-0.315	0.009	-10.9%	0.4%	n/a	
-2.544	-10.4%	-1.814	0.568	-7.4%	2.6%	28.7%	
-7.653	-46.8%	-4.827	2.088	-28.6%	21.0%	36.9%	
-0.980	-4.3%	-1.469	0.033	-6.5%	0.2%	n/a	

Data source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) / Chart: ConstructConnect-CanaData.

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By Alex Carrick,

With today's June Employment Situation report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the U.S. economy has now clawed back 29% of the total number of jobs lost in March and April, when shelter-at-home directives were first enacted to deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

February was the last month when the total employment picture in America was 'normal'. Two months later, with April's labor market statistics, the total number of jobs in the country was down by 20.5 million.

The percentage change in total employment from February to April was -13.5%.

While far from being rosy, the jobs numbers are perking up a bit. Staged re-openings in states are the reason.

Whereas nation-wide total employment was -20.5 million jobs in April versus February, it is now -14.6 million (again, versus February). And while the percentage change in total employment in April compared with February was -13.5%, it is currently -9.6%.

The numbers for 'total' and industrial sub-sectors are set out in Table 1.

Construction Leads in Employment Reclamation

The four industrial sub-sectors that have reclaimed the largest shares of their February-to-April job losses have been construction, 51.6%; manufacturing, 43.1%; retail, 39.6%; and leisure and hospitality, 36.9%.

Construction has gone from -975,000 jobs in April versus February to -472,000 in June (versus February) and from -12.8% to -6.2%.

Manufacturing has shifted from -1.330 million jobs to -757,000 and from -10.4% to -5.9%.

Retail has reduced its jobs shortfall from -2.107 million to -1.273 million and from -13.5% to -8.1%.

Leisure and hospitality – which includes hotels and motels, plus bars and restaurants – has improved from -7.653 million to -4.827 million and from -46.8% to -28.6%.

Two sectors, information services and government, are presently seeing even worse employment levels than in April.

Jobless Rate Improves to 11.2%

The level of total employment in the country rose by 4.8 million jobs in June. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate contracted to 11.2% from 13.0% the month before. The 'participation rate' in the labor force stepped up to 61.5% from 60.8% in May, but it remained under June 2019's figure of 63.0%.

Among industrial sub-sectors, the largest nominal jobs increase month to month in June occurred in 'leisure and hospitality', +2.088 million. Second place went to retail trade, +740,000, with third spot claimed by 'education and health', +568,000.

'Leisure and hospitality' also had the largest month-to-month percentage increase in employment in June, at +21.0%. The runner-up sector, retail trade, was far back, with a gain of +5.4%.

Government managed a +33,000 uptick in employment in June, all at the local level, +57,000 jobs. Staffing in Washington stayed steady (+1,000), while the states said good-bye to personnel (-25,000).

June's not seasonally adjusted (NSA) unemployment rate in construction was 10.1%, down from 12.7% in May, but a far cry from June 2019's 4.0%.



# California Sub-Bid Request Ads

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### SUBS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

SWPPP, Erosion Control, Traffic Control, Signage, Striping, and Rebar

### SUPPLIERS

Concrete

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INYO COUNTY NEAR SHOSHONE AT 0.5 MILE EAST OF  
SOUTH JUNCTION ROUTE 178**

**In District 09 On Route 178**

**Contract No. 09-363404**

**DVBE GOAL 3%**

**BID DATE: July 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**

All Quotes Due Prior

### **Sukut Construction, LLC**

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Rick Welshiemer

Phone: (714) 540-5351 • Fax: (714) 545-2003 • Email: [estimating@sukut.com](mailto:estimating@sukut.com)

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

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

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**HUNTERS VIEW BLOCKS 14 & 17 -  
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**Middle Point Road, San Francisco CA**

This is an OCII project with construction work-  
force and prevailing wage requirements.

**BID DATE: 7/10/20 @ 2 PM**

**BID DOCUMENTS:** Please contact Colby for  
access to documents on BuildingConnected.

### **CONTACT:**

Colby Smith at [estimating@cahill-sf.com](mailto:estimating@cahill-sf.com),  
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**LAKE PUMP STATION WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,  
LAKE COUNTY  
Project No. 2450.03**

**BID DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020 @ 3:00 PM**

All Quotes Due Prior

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11555 Dublin Boulevard  
Dublin, CA 94568-2909  
Phone: (925) 803-4333 • FAX: (925) 803-4334  
ESTIMATOR: Christopher Pieri  
EMAIL: [cpieri@pacificstates.net](mailto:cpieri@pacificstates.net)

Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc. (PSEC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

**PROJECT:**

**900 INNES REMEDIATION PROJECT**  
Contract No. 1000016646

**OWNER:**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**BID DATE: July 15, 2020 at 2:30pm**

We hereby encourage responsible participation of certified (DBE) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and (SBE) Small Business Enterprise and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

**TRUCKING, DEMOLITION, SURVEY,  
ABATEMENT AND OFFSHORE WORK**

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our office located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the City & County of San Francisco Department of Public Works Site: [https://stgint.sfdpw.org/\\_Layouts/DPWPORTAL/Construction.aspx?ID=2217](https://stgint.sfdpw.org/_Layouts/DPWPORTAL/Construction.aspx?ID=2217)

Fax your bid to (925) 803-4334 to the attention of Estimator Christopher Pieri or email [cpieri@pacificstates.net](mailto:cpieri@pacificstates.net). If you have questions for the Estimator, call at (925) 361-1617 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](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html)

If you need 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) 361-1617, 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](http://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs)). PSEC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the SBE/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. PSEC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

WESTERN WATER (WW), is seeking quotes from qualified subcontractors and suppliers, including but not limited to certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, for the construction of:

**Konocti County Water District - Water System Improvements Project • Engineer's Estimate: \$7,000,000 - \$7,500,000**

**Bid Date & Time: August 6, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.**

**Project Location: Clearlake, CA**

WW has identified the following potential contracting opportunities for qualified subcontractors and suppliers on this project: **Concrete, Electrical, Earthwork & Paving, Fencing, HVAC, Masonry, Painting & Coatings, Pipeline, Roofing, Rebar, Machinery & Pumps, Metal Products, Driven Piles, Precast, Steel Storage Tanks, Chem Storage Tanks, Horizontal Directional Drilling.**

Information regarding 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 and specs are available to view at our office and access to digital copies will be provided upon request.

For more information or to provide quotes, please contact:

**Western Water**

707 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA

Ken Leef, Project Procurement Manager • [bids@westernwater.com](mailto:bids@westernwater.com), Phone: (707) 540-9640, Fax: (707) 540-9641

Subcontractors will be required to comply with all subcontract insurance requirements, which include providing a waiver of subrogation endorsement to their worker's compensation insurance.

Interested subs and suppliers should complete and submit the attached solicitation form no later than 48 hours prior to bid. We ask that all scopes are submitted 24 hours prior to bid for review, and that all pricing is in 2 hours prior to bid.

**WW is an AA/EEO/Veterans/Disabled Employer - CA License No. 188068**





# California Sub-Bid Request Ads

**3721 Douglas Blvd., #180 Roseville, CA 95661**  
**Phone: 916-786-3833 Fax: 916-786-3234**

## INVITATION TO BID

Roseville Joint Union High School District West Park High School  
 McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. is requesting quotes from  
 all certified DVBE subcontractors

**Bids will be accepted on or before July 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM (PDT)**

- Via "Building Connected" - email Serge Karageorgiou ([SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com](mailto:SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com)) for access to the project
- by email to Serge Karageorgiou ([SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com](mailto:SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com))
- or Delivered to McCarthy Building Companies, 3721 Douglas Blvd., #180 Roseville, CA 95661

**Pre-Bid RFI Deadline: July 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM (PDT).**

Submit RFIs via Building Connected or email ([SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com](mailto:SKarageorgiou@mccarthy.com))

**Project Location:** Roseville, CA 95747

**Project Description:** Construct the West Park High School - Phase 2 - Increment 1, including but not limited to: two new classroom buildings (Buildings "F" and "S", electrical enclosure, student parking lot, fire lane, associated utilities, landscape, hardscape, etc.).

**Client's Reprographer:** ARC Northern California Planwell: [https://order.e-arc.com/arcE-OC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=23](https://order.e-arc.com/arcE-OC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=23)

### Public Contract Code Section 20111.6

Prequalification in compliance with Public Contract Code section 20111.6 is required for this Project. Therefore, the LLB (lease-leaseback) Entity and its mechanical, electrical and plumbing ("MEP") subcontractors (as defined by Public Contract Code section 20111.6(k)) must be prequalified prior to the LBB Entity submitting its Proposal. MEP subcontractors subject to these requirements are those with any of the following license classifications: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and C-46. Proposal will not be accepted from any Respondent to this RFP who has not complied with these requirements. The District's prequalification application is available on the Internet at [www.rjuhsd.com/domain/16](http://www.rjuhsd.com/domain/16) or can be obtained at the Facilities Development Department. **The prequalification application deadline is June 30, 2020.**

### Public Works Registration Requirement

Notice is hereby given that this project is a public works project within the requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code, and that the LLB Entity and its subcontractors are required to be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 at the time of bidding. The LLB Entity and its subcontractors, truckers, and any suppliers and/or vendors subject to California's prevailing wage laws must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations prior to the due date for Proposals on this RFP.

### Education Code Section 17407.5; Public Contract Code Sections 2600 et seq.

Compliance with Education Code section 17407.5 and Public Contract Code sections 2600 et seq. is required by every trade and specialty contractor for this Project.

All subcontractors working on the project will be required to submit a monthly report for its own workforce and all sub-tier subcontractors demonstrating to the Roseville Joint Union High School District that it is in compliance with these requirements. Failure to submit a monthly report is grounds for termination.

If the subcontractor provides an incomplete report, or the report does not demonstrate compliance with the skilled and trained workforce requirements, then the District shall withhold 150% of the value of the work. The LLB Entity shall then withhold this same amount from the subcontractor until such time the issues are rectified and payment has been received from the District.

### DVBE Participation

The project has a goal of at least three percent (3%) DVBE participation in accordance with Education Code section 17076.10.

Subcontractor who are DVBE or have tier subcontractors, vendors, or suppliers who are DVBE should include with its proposal a copy of the DVBE Certification letter from the Department of General Services.

For those proposals where DVBE participation is an additional cost, the percentage and value shall be listed as an alternate to the base bid proposal.



**O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.**  
 General Engineering Contractor

**O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.**  
 1520 Fourth Street • Berkeley, CA 94710  
 Phone: 510-526-3424 • FAX: 510-526-0990  
 Contact: Jason Martin

REQUEST FOR DBE  
 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:  
**2020 Pleasant Hill Road Resurfacing Project**  
**Project No. 014-9720**  
**City of Lafayette**  
**Federal Aid No. STPL-5404(028)**  
**BID DATE: July 21, 2020 @ 2:00 PM**

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to):

**Trucking, Temporary and Permanent Erosion Control Measures, QC/QA Testing, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Minor Concrete, Cold Mill, Sidewalk Grind, Crack Seal, Skin Patch, SAMI Coat, Striping & Marking, Paint Curb, Object Marker, Signs and Posts, Vehicle Detection Loops, and Construction Materials**

Jason Martin (510-809-3432 [jmartin@ocjones.com](mailto:jmartin@ocjones.com)) is the estimator on this project and he is available to provide assistance or answer questions regarding the project scope of work including bid requirements, break out of bid items, plan or spec interpretation, bonding or insurance requirements, and other bid assistance. Plans and specs are available to review at our Berkeley office, or can be sent out via Building Connected. PDF format quotes should be emailed to the estimator or faxed to 510-526-0990 prior to noon on the date of the bid. Quotes from DBE Subcontractors, Suppliers and Truckers are highly encouraged. OCJ is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Subcontractors must possess a current DIR, Contractors License, and insurance and workers compensation coverage including waiver of subrogation. OCJ may require Performance and Payment bonds on subcontracts. OCJ will pay the bond premium up to 2% of the contract value. All subcontractors are required to execute OC Jones' standard subcontract agreement, comply with all insurance requirements, and name OCJ as additional insured. Copies of our agreement and insurance requirements are available upon request. OCJ is a Union contractor, and we are signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, and Carpenters. OCJ is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### NBC Construction & Engineering INC.

as a "GENERAL CONTRACTOR" is requesting proposal on "ALL TRADES" from all subcontractors & suppliers, including DVBE, LBE, DBE, SBE, MBE, WBE firms for the following project:

**ANDREW HILL HIGH SCHOOL DW  
 INFRASTRUCTURE ADA WALKWAY**  
**BID NO. B-18-19-20**

**BID DATE & TIME: 7/8/2020 @2:00PM**

### PROJECT LOCATION:

**ANDREW HILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**3200 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95111**  
**Owner: East Side Union High School District**  
**NBC Construction & Engineering Inc.**  
**850 South Van Ness Avenue**  
**San Francisco, CA 94110**  
**Phone # 925-324-2727 • Fax # 800-622-9144**

All Bidders are hereby notified that the District has a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) - Prevailing Wages in effect on this Project and all contractors and subcontractors bidding this project will be required to comply with the LCP. In addition, All the Certified Payrolls (CPR) must be reported through Elation System and DIR website. Bidder is responsible for all shipping and handling fees. Documents and plans are available for review by downloading from the District's website, <http://thebond.esuhsd.org/contractorsbidders/capital-purchasing/current-rfq-rfp-bids/>, using the Capital Planning and Development link. Or contact us.

**Please Submit & Fax all proposals  
 to 800-622-9144**  
**For more information,  
 Please call Mike Schalchi at (925)-322-7473**

# USMCA is More Business for Small Business

On July 1, 2020, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) enters into force, officially replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). USMCA is a ground-breaking achievement for U.S. small businesses, and is the first trade agreement ever to include a full chapter dedicated to small business interests.

Supporting and expanding U.S. small business trade with Mexico and Canada is a top priority for me as the new Associate Administrator for SBA's Office of International Trade (OIT). SBA OIT has a team of talented trade finance specialists and finance products to help small businesses involved in international trade to access capital, purchase inventory as a manufacturer or supplier, and expand through trade. OIT helps ensure small businesses are adequately represented in trade negotiations led by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and educates U.S. small businesses on the wide range of federal and state resources that can increase their ability to compete in international trade.

The modernization of trade with Mexico and Canada under USMCA is designed to benefit U.S. small businesses and to ensure more balanced trade. U.S. companies with fewer than 500 employees comprise 65 to 70 percent of all identified U.S. companies trading goods with our closest neighbors, according to the most recent statistics.

Companies selling goods to Mexico and Canada can now achieve expanded export opportunities under the USMCA. In 2019, U.S. companies sold \$292.6 billion in U.S. goods to Canada and \$256.5 billion in U.S. goods to Mexico.

As part of USMCA, SBA OIT launched a new international sales information resource site, [www.sba.gov/tradetools](http://www.sba.gov/tradetools), which is part of the <http://www.trade.gov/usmca> to assist small businesses to use USMCA. Both links also connect to pages created by Mexico and Canada. Small businesses can explore the agreement, learn about the rules, and identify where to direct questions and find resources through these information sharing platforms. Resources include a new Customs and Border Protection's USMCA Center staffed with experts.

As small businesses use the USMCA, they will find important commitments across the agreement including:

• The Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Chapter creates a SME Dialogue to consider small business trade opportunities and challenges across the three countries. This is an important innovation to ensure U.S. small businesses will continue to be heard and considered.

• The USMCA Cross-Border Trade in Services Chapter enhances market access. U.S. small business services can now be provided market access across North America without requirements for a foreign office or foreign representative.

• The Customs and Trade Facilitation Chapter increases certainty by providing for advance rulings commitments with expanded scope and a free, publicly accessible websites for advance rulings.

• Furthermore, to decrease unintended trade costs, this Chapter also provides procedures to correct errors.

• To support small e-commerce sellers shipping with express services, Canada has raised its de minimis level for North American express shipments for the first time in decades, doubling it from \$C20 to \$C40 for taxes.

• Canada will also provide for duty free shipments up to \$C150.

• Mexico will continue to provide tax free treatment for shipments up to \$US50 and will provide duty free treatment for shipments up to US\$117.

• The Good Regulatory Practices Chapter, a first in a U.S. trade agreement, specifically includes provisions encouraging the Parties to take into consideration the effects on small businesses in the development and implementation of regulations. The USMCA's prioritization of small business traders is exciting as it will increase small business friendly ecosystems in North America and facilitate more trade.

SBA is proud to be part of this achievement. We look forward to helping more U.S. small businesses trade with Mexico and Canada, while supporting those already exporting to further expand their sales. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov/tradetools](http://www.sba.gov/tradetools) or contact the SBA International Trade Ombudsman Hotline at (855) 722-4877 or [international@sba.gov](mailto:international@sba.gov) with questions.

#### SOURCE:

<https://www.sba.gov/blog/usmca-more-business-small-business>

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The most notable change in an unemployment rate among industrial sub-sectors in the latest month was registered by 'mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction', - i.e., a deteriorated to 17.8% from 8.4% in May and only 3.2% in June 2019.

The full-time unemployment rate in America is currently 10.4%, with part-time at 14.7%. The unemployment rate among 20- to 24-year-olds (both sexes) is 19.0%; among 16- to 19-year-olds,

23.2%. Young adults have been bearing the brunt of the jobs collapse.

Unemployment Insurance Picture Still Looks Grim

The initial jobless claims number in the last five weeks has dipped below 2.0 million, but it has stayed above 1.4 million. Prior to March 21 of this year, it was consistently below 300,000.

The cumulative total of initial jobless claims over the past 15 weeks has been 48.7 million.

The number of individuals claiming unemployment insurance on an ongoing (as opposed to temporary or short-term) basis is 19.2 million. Less than two million was the usual level before the pandemic came to town and turned everything upside down.

#### SOURCE:

<https://www.constructconnect.com/blog/u.s.-economy-claws-back-29-of-earlier-big-drop-in-jobs>