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## From Highways To Trade Deal, What Big Business Wants By Christmas



By Marilyn Geewax

Temperatures soar, flowers bloom and the sun rises early. On these long summer days, there still seems to be plenty of time for achieving your 2015 goals.

But not if you are a business lobbyist. For you, time is short.

Here's what you want by Christmas: a Pacific Rim trade deal; an updated No Child Left Behind Act; revival of the Export-Import Bank; long-term highway funding and a completed federal budget.

Here's what's worrying you: A calendar that has the House working only eight more days before the summer recess begins on July 31. The Senate leaves on Aug. 7. Lawmakers don't return until Sept. 8.

And then the fall schedule includes lengthy breaks for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas.

So it's sprint time now.

During the year's second half, "there are always too many priorities and not enough days on the calendar," said Bill Miller, senior vice president at Business Roundtable, a lobbying powerhouse that

represents corporate chief executives.

The time gets particularly tight if the following year involves a distracting presidential election. "You have to give your focus to the bills that have a chance of passage" before the primaries begin in 2016, he said.

Despite the crunch, Miller says Congress can deliver on business' top priorities, even if the process is ugly.

Take the Highway Trust Fund legislation. Funding highways and bridges used to be a routine, bipartisan exercise. But these days, partisan splits between the Democratic-held White House and Republican-controlled Congress — and even between the House and Senate — make passage of transportation legislation extremely difficult.

So here we are, with highway money running out after July 31. The House has passed only a five-month patch, but the Senate is still racing to put together a plan to fund highways for up to six years.

Oddly enough, that also brings us to the renewal of the Export-Import Bank charter, which the Business Roundtable vigorously supports. The bank's charter expired June 30, but it still has enough funding to limp along until September. Now some lawmakers are trying to attach the bank's renewal to the highway bill.

The outcome of all that horse trading is unclear, but prospects for both a highway bill and a bank renewal may be brightening.

And education reform legislation now looks possible. The House and Senate have each passed legislation to update the No Child Left Behind Act. The two chambers now must reconcile their different versions. Miller says businesses are pushing hard for approval of a final bill because employers need educators to solve "the skills gap."

Perhaps the biggest looming business issue is the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Once the Obama administration wraps up negotiations with 11 other nations, it will present the trade deal to Congress for approval. Miller said that since Congress already has given the White House "fast track" authority, the trade pact would need only a simple majority vote, making it

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# California Sub-Bid Request Ads

## ATKINSON CONTRACTORS, LP

### Requests

Sub-bids from All Qualified & Certified DBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for:

## Caltrans Contract No. 08-3555V4

Construction on Rte 15 in San Bernardino County in Victorville

from 0.5 Mile North of Mojave Drive to 1.5 Mile North of Stoddard Wells Road Overcrossing

**Bids Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

### Description of Work and Material Supply (but not limited to):

Aggregate Base, Architectural Treatment, Asphalt Paving, Biologist, Clear & Grub, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Paving, Construction Area Signs, Demolition, Drainage, Earthwork, Drilled Piling, Driven Piling, Electrical, Environmental Services, Erosion Control, Fencing & Railing, Flatwork, Guardrail, Imported Borrow, Irrigation, Joint Seal, Landscaping, Pavement Marking, Maintenance of Traffic, Minor Concrete, Misc Iron & Steel, Overhead Sign Structures, Painting, Pipe Supply, Precast Prestressed Concrete Girders, Rebar, Retaining Wall, Road Barrier, Roadway Joint Seal, Roadway Sign, Rock Slope Protection, Sewer, Shotcrete, Signal and Lighting, Soil Nail Wall, Soundwall (Masonry Block), Street Sweeping, Structural Concrete, Structural Steel, Survey, SWPPP, Traffic Control System, Traffic Monitoring Stations, Trucking, Wireless Vehicle Detection System (Refer to project specs for complete bid item list). This project has a 12% DBE Goal.

### Atkinson Contractors, LP

18201 Von Karman Ave, Suite 800. Irvine, CA 92612

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Phone: 949-855-9755 / 949-382-7145 • Fax: 949-855-9923 / 949-553-0252

Contact: Andrew Nelson

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### TO DOWNLOAD PLANS, SPECS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Please go to [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/project\\_ads\\_addenda/08/08-3555V4/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/project_ads_addenda/08/08-3555V4/)

## Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

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**Agreement No. CS-249 Planning and Design Services Mountain Tunnel Improvements**

**Location: Moccasin, CA**

**Bid Date: 8/4/15**

AE003 – Civil Engineering; AE015 – Surveying (Land & Aerial); AE020 – Water Resources Engineering; PS045 – Hazardous Waste and Remediation Services; PS047 – Laboratory Services (Materials Testing).

## Granite Rock Company

120 Granite Rock Way, San Jose, CA 95136

Phone (408) 574-1400 Fax (408) 365-9548

Contact: Paul Brizzolara

Email: [estimating@graniterock.com](mailto:estimating@graniterock.com)

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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 (15156)**

**Owner: Santa Clara VTA**

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

**BID DATE: July 30, 2015 @ 3:00 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.

## O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

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Contact: Greg Souder • An Equal Opportunity Employer

REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

**Healdsburg Intermodal Facility Phase 1**

**Sonoma County Department of Transportation**

**Federal Project No. CA-03-0577H**

**County Project No. WO 7018**

**REVISED BID DATE: July 29, 2015 @ 2:30 PM**

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, SWPPP, Traffic Control System, Temp. Fence, Clearing & Grubbing, Tree Removal, Tree Protection, Select Fill, Remove and Salvage Water Meter, Domestic Water Service, Underground, Erosion Control, Rock Slope Protection, Minor Concrete, Dry Stack Retaining Wall, Cathodic Protection, Field Inlet Detail System, Storm Drain, Fire Hydrant, Fencing, Electrical, Striping & Marking, Roadway Signs, Landscaping & Irrigation, Galvanized Steel Railing, Bollards, Site Furnishings and Construction Materials

100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Worker's Compensation Waiver of Subrogation required. Please call OCJ for assistance with bonding, insurance, necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. OCJ is willing to break-out any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Plans & Specs are available for viewing at our office.



# California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Sub-Bids Requested from qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers For:

**LA PALMA RECHARGE BASIN  
CONTRACT NO. LPRB-2015-1**

**Owner: Orange County Water District  
Location: Anaheim, CA**

**Bid Date: August 27, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

**J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.**

667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91788-0489

Phone: (909) 595-4397 • Fax: (909) 444-4268

Contact: Lori Olivas, [lori.olivas@jfshea.com](mailto:lori.olivas@jfshea.com)

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is soliciting your participation in the preparation of this bid. We are particularly interested in bids from subcontractors/suppliers for the following work items: **Dewatering, RCP, Reinforcing Steel, Ready-Mix Concrete, Pre-Cast Concrete Vaults, Masonry, Miscellaneous Metals, Steel Roof Deck, Structural Steel, Sheet Metal, Sealants, Metal Doors/Frames/Hardware, Painting & Coatings, Louvers, Fire Fighting Devices, Equipment, Welded Steel Pipe, Electrical and Instrumentation**

Plans and Specifications are available from: HB Digital at [www.ocwdplanroom.com](http://www.ocwdplanroom.com) - \$805 per set or \$40 per download. You may also email your request for plans and specs to [katie.desmith@jfshea.com](mailto:katie.desmith@jfshea.com). Plans may also be viewed at the Dodge Plan Rooms or at our Walnut Office.

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and intends to negotiate in good faith with interested DBE firms and intends to utilize the lowest responsive bidder. J.F. Shea expects potential subcontractors to be bondable. J.F. Shea will pay for up to 1% for subcontractor bond costs. Subcontractors and Suppliers are expected to bid per plans and specifications, including requirements for warranties. Standard manufacturer's warranties, if not in conformance with owner's specifications, will not be accepted.

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Contact: Jean Sicard • An Equal Opportunity Employer

REQUEST FOR SBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

**Montague Expressway & South Milpitas Blvd Improvements  
Contract C640 (15014)**

**Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority  
BID DATE: August 5, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

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

Trucking, Construction Staking, Flagging, Quality Assurance Program, SWPPP, Erosion Control, Fencing, Abandon Culvert, Sand Backfill, Clearing & Grubbing, Develop Water Supply, Planting & Irrigation, Import Topsoil, Bio Retention Basin, Eccentric Storm Manhole, Storm Drain Inlet, Sign Structure, Roadside Signs, Concrete Pipe, Rock Slope Protection, Minor Concrete, Detectable Warning Surface, Misc. Iron & Steel, Survey Monument, Object Marker, Striping & Marking, Painted Curb, Signal & Lighting, Fire Hydrant Assembly, Underground, Sanitary Sewer Pipe, Construction Survey, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Type II Barricade, Type III Barricade, Dewatering, Vibration Monitoring, Abandon Pipeline, Adjust Utilities, Bridge Removal, Cold Plane AC, Water-Filled Cofferdam, Structure Excavation, Imported Borrow, Structure Backfill, Pervious Material Backfill, Furnish Pile, Prestressing Cast-in-Place Concrete, Structural Concrete-Bridge, Structural Concrete-Retaining Wall, Structural Concrete-Approach Slab, Fractured Fin Texture, Keystone Concrete Retaining Wall, Fire Department Connection, Copper Pipe, Steel Pipe Casing, Minor Concrete, Install Monument Survey, Concrete Barrier, Demolish Buildings, Haz Dirt Disposal, Micro Surfacing Type II, Tree Filters, Joint Trench, Traffic Communication and Construction Materials

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**Kiewit**

**Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.**  
4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534  
Attn: Victor Molina [victor.molina@kiewit.com](mailto:victor.molina@kiewit.com)

Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractors and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the Caltrans State Highway in Humboldt County near Hoopa from Tish Tang Sidehill Viaduct #2 to 0.3 Mile West of Shoemaker Road Project in District 01 on Route 96.

[www.californiaucp.org](http://www.californiaucp.org), [www.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.dgs.ca.gov)

**PROJECT**

**Humboldt County Near Hoopa from Tish Tang Sidehill Viaduct #2 to 0.3 Mile West of Shoemaker Road Project**

**Contract No. 3410**

**Owner: Caltrans**

**Bid Date: August 12, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

AC Paving, Striping, Aggregates, Concrete, Precast Concrete, Clearing & Grubbing, Geosynthetics, Metals, Earthwork, Traffic Control, Painting, Shoring, Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPPP) and Fugitive Dust Control Plan (FDCP), Signs, Drainage, Slope Protection, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk, Railing and Barrier, Grading, Landscaping, Piling, Pollution Control Equipment, Pavement Markings, Water & Sweeper Truck.

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/CUCP DVBE, SBE, Certified DBE business suppliers, subcontractors & service providers. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers, subcontractors & service providers.

**Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes are due  
NO LATER THAN August 10, 2015 at 5 PM.**

Plans are available for viewing at our office at our address below and through SmartBidNet (SBN).

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 to be able to receive bidding information.

You can view the plans in our office during regular business hours by appointment.

You must be registered and provide your Department of Industrial Relations number. 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bonds are required for this project. Cost of bond will be reimbursable up to 2%

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Professional services, sub-contractors and/or material suppliers for the following project:

**BART EARTHQUAKE SAFETY PROGRAM AERIAL STRUCTURES  
A LINE LAKE MERRITT TO COLISEUM  
Contract No. 15PB-120  
Bid Closing Date: July 28, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

## Brosamer & Wall Inc.

1777 Oakland Blvd, Suite 110 • Walnut Creek, California 94596  
PH: 925-932-7900 • FAX: 925-279-2269  
Contact: Robert Rosas

### PROJECT SCOPE:

The work in this Contract includes but is not limited to structural retrofit of pier foundations, bent caps and infill-walls; demolition of selected existing facilities; shoring for excavation support; falsework, excavation and backfill; clearing and grubbing; drilling and bonding dowels in concrete; drilling and bonding dowels with chemical adhesive; providing concrete reinforcing, cast-in-place concrete, prestressed concrete; installation of elastomeric bumper assemblies between existing pier caps and existing girders; temporary and permanent street lighting and traffic control signals and red light enforcement cameras, temporary traffic handling; construction of drainage facilities and sanitary sewers; protection of utilities, protection of railroad facilities and existing infrastructure and restoration of paving, sidewalks and surface features, including landscaping as described in the Contract Documents. Duration of Project is 530 Calendar Days.

Note: This project includes a Buy America Clause and Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP)

Please contact Robert Rosas @ rrosas@brosamerwall.com to view plans and specifications.

### Subcontractors and Suppliers being solicited include but not limited to:

Office Trailers Rental, Construction Staking, Progress Schedule (CPM), Type III Barricade, Temporary Pavement Marking (Paint), Temporary Traffic Stripe (Paint), Channelizer (Surface Mounted), Temporary Signal and Lighting System, P.C.M.S., Temporary Railing (Type K), Temporary Crash Cushion Module, Construction Site Mgmt., Prepare SWPPP, Rain Event Action Plan, Storm Water Annual Report, Temporary Drainage Inlet Protection, Temporary Fiber Roll, Street Sweeping, Temporary Concrete Washout, Temporary Fence (Type ESA), Traffic Control System, Demolition (Fence, Curbs, Sidewalk, Asphalt, etc.), Select Structure Concrete Removal, Contaminated Soil Management, Prestressed Concrete, Elastomeric Bearing Pads, Concrete Reinforcing, Concrete Reinforcing (Foundation), Cast-in-Place Concrete, Cast-in-Place Concrete (Foundation), Drill and Bond Dowels, Drill and Bond Dowels (Chemical Adhesive), Electrical and Fiber Optic Cable Modifications, Temporary Traffic Signal Systems, Traffic Signal System Modifications - City Oakland, Structural Excavation, Structural Backfill, Slope Protection, Hydroseeding and Turf Installation, Shoring and Underpinning for Safeguarding Structures, Excavation Support and Protection (UPRR), Class 2 Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, Concrete Paving, Decorative Brick Pavement, Concrete Curbs, Gutters, and Walks, Signage and Pavement Markings, Chain Link Fences and Gates, Planting Irrigation, Planting, Precast Concrete Splash Blocks, Support and Protection of Service Utilities, Storm Drainage Utilities 12" Diameter, 4" Column Drain Outfall, Grounding and Bonding for Traction Power, Temporary Fence, Trucking, Portable Toilets, Concrete Supply and Placement.

**Requirements:** Brosamer & Wall, Inc. will work with interested subcontractors/suppliers to identify opportunities to break down items into economically feasible packages to facilitate DBE Participation. Brosamer & Wall, Inc. is a union signatory contractor. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, insurance coverage and worker's compensation for the entire length of the contract.

All subcontractors will be required to sign our standard Subcontract Agreement. 100% payment and performance bonds may be required. If you have any questions regarding this project or need assistance in obtaining insurance, bonding, equipment, materials and/or supplies please call (925) 932-7900.

Plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1777 Oakland Blvd Suite 110, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94596 at the Public Works Department Contra Costa. We will try to make plans electronically. Brosamer & Wall INC., intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project. If you are interested in submitting a subcontractor bid for this project, please call us at 925-932-7900 or fax us your quote at 925-279-2269. Should you have any questions regarding this bid, you may contact Robert Rosas. B&W, INC., IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

## DeSilva Gates Construction

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Dublin, CA 94568-2909  
(925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263  
Estimator: Matt Mascaro  
Website: www.desilvagates.com

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting  
for UDBEs for the following project:

**CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN  
ALAMEDA COUNTY IN AND NEAR LIVERMORE FROM  
1.0 MILE EAST OF NORTH FLYNN ROAD TO  
GREENVILLE ROAD UNDERCROSSING  
ROUTE 580, Contract No. 04-4A07U4,  
Federal Aid Project ACIM-580-1(051)E,  
Job No. 912-110**

### OWNER:

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

**BID DATE: JULY 28, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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of local Underutilized Disadvantaged Business  
Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or ma-  
terials and/or suppliers quotation for the following  
types of work including but not limited to:

**Trucking: Haul HMA Material in Double Bottoms to  
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imately 24,000 tons will be hauled at night during August  
and September 2015. Approximately 4,000 tons will be  
hauled during the day in December 2015.**

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be re-  
quired for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety  
company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates  
Construction. DeSilva Gates Construction will pay  
bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess  
current insurance and worker's compensation coverage  
meeting DeSilva Gates Construction's requirements.  
Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, in-  
surance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and  
specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

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likely will pass. So what could go wrong for business? Two possibilities.

No. 1, Republicans will try to block the Iranian nuclear deal negotiated by the Obama administration, and that could stir up partisan rancor and use up floor time. "Remember that Iran will be huge and will take up most of September," said William Frymoyer, a lobbyist with Stewart and Stewart law firm.

No. 2, the 2015 federal budget ends on Sept. 30 and Congress must pass a new one, as well as raise the nation's debt ceiling this fall to allow more borrowing. Those fiscal tasks can be very time consuming — and could knock everything else off the calendar. Or they could get done quickly in late September should congressional leaders roll everything into one gigantic legislative package — a "monster omnibus," as Miller calls it.

Other big-ticket items for business include broad tax reform, immigration updates and entitlement-program changes. But until voters have elected a new president and another Congress, "the likelihood is very small" for such key issues to get serious attention, he said.

Source: <http://www.npr.org>