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To Combat Potholes, Cities Turn to Technology



By Jenni Bergal,

They are a torment for motorists and a costly headache for transportation departments. Every winter and spring, potholes plague city streets and rural roads, causing drivers to curse and public works officials to shudder.

That's why some local governments are turning to data and technology to find and fix potholes. Some are even trying to predict where they'll open up.

In a growing number of cities, including **Omaha, Nebraska; Hartford, Connecticut; and San Diego**, residents can download an app for reporting potholes. In Houston, residents can check out the Pothole Tracker app or log on to a website and see graphics and charts showing the city's progress in fixing them.

And emerging technologies and data analytics are taking the fight against potholes to a new level. In Syracuse, New York, officials are using data that will track and visualize trends around potholes. And a Kansas City, Missouri, pilot project is using algorithms to try to predict where potholes will show up.

Even companies such as Google and Microsoft have created apps that people can use in their cars that try to detect potholes and alert drivers about damaged roads. "Potholes are a huge problem. The federal government may screw around and not pass a budget and guys will bitch about it on CNN," said Bob Bennett, Kansas City's chief innovation officer. "But if we fail to fill the potholes or pick up the trash, we're going to hear about it. Potholes are one of those things people kvetch about."

No one knows how many potholes are out there, but everyone agrees there are lots of them, especially in areas that have repeated temperature swings below and above the freezing point.

American drivers pay an estimated \$3 billion a year to repair damage caused by potholes, according to AAA. Over a five-year period, 16 million drivers reported their vehicles were damaged by potholes, from tire punctures and bent wheels to suspension damage.

Repair bills for motorists can range from under \$250 to more than \$1,000, said Michael Calkins, AAA's manager of technical services.

And vehicle damage isn't the only threat motorists face.

"There's a potential to lose control of the car," Calkins said. "If it's a big enough pothole and you're going fast enough, you could have the steering wheel jerked out of your hands and end up hitting another car."

Potholes Grow

Potholes form when moisture collects in small holes and cracks in an asphalt road surface and seeps into its lower layers.

As temperatures fluctuate, the moisture freezes and thaws, expanding and contracting, which weakens the roadway and cracks the pavement. With the weight of cars and trucks, the road surface becomes increasingly damaged and eventually breaks apart, resulting in a pothole.

"The bigger potholes get, the faster they grow," Calkins said. "If you can catch it while it's small the repair is easier and the potential for it to grow and the risk of damage to vehicles is reduced."

Although potholes sometimes form on major highways, most appear on city streets and rural roads, which are built to less stringent standards with thinner surfaces.

"Potholes are definitely a local government problem," said Omar Smadi, director of the Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State

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PIPELINE 5 RELINING DELIVERY POINT TO SAGE ROAD Owner: San Diego County Water Authority Location: Fallbrook / San Marcos, CA <u>Bid Date: June 26, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.</u>

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.

667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91789 Phone: (909) 595-4397 • Fax: (909) 444-4268 Contact: Lori Olivas, <u>lori.olivas@ifshea.com</u>

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:

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Plans and Specifications: Contract Documents may be downloaded via The Network or Ebidboard through the Water Authority's Contracting Opportunities page at <u>http://www.sdcwa.org/contracting-opportunities</u>. Plans may also be viewed at the Dodge Plan Rooms or at our Walnut Office.

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FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN NEAR LUDLOW FROM 0.3 MILES EAST OF CRUCERO ROAD TO 0.4 MILE WEST OF BADGER WASH

In District 08 On Route 40 Contract No. 08-0R1604 Federal-Aid Project ACHSIM-040-1(084)E DBE Goal 14%

BID DATE July 10, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sub & Vendor Scopes and Bids Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704 Contact: Jerry Pabbruwee

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

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

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SWINERTON INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON TOCA 090 PROJECT

CSUF Chilled Water Line - New Chiller Project OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS: 8% DVBE and 30% SBE

DUE DATES

Completed Prequalifications Due: Monday July 2, 2018 2:00pm

Proposals Due: Monday July 13, 2018 2:00pm

Design-Build MEP Subcontractor Response (SOQ) to RFQ Due: June 29, 2018 2:00pm

PROJECT INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION:

CSUF Chilled Water Line - New Chiller Project -Estimated Budget: \$2.8 million

The scope of this project is to replace existing aged and inefficient Chiller(s) along with associated chilled and condenser piping and pumps. The provision of new one or two 1200-ton chiller(s) along with associated chilled water piping and pump(s) at the Central plant. Modification of existing sequence of operation to optimize operation of existing central and trigeneration plant. Existing 12kV-480V, 3-phase Distribution substation will be upgraded to meet the demand of the proposed chiller and associated pump. Temporary bypass work in order to facilitate construction will also be by bidders. The project will also include the installation of direct-vented gas-fired boilers, associated heating hot water piping and primary pumps.

This Project is Public Works Project, and is Prevailing Wage with Certified Payroll required. <u>TRADES:</u>

Including but not limited to: Surveying, Abatement, Sawcutting, Demolition, Shoring, Underground Utilities, Roofing, Concrete, A.C. Paving, Misc. Metals, Signage, Floor Covering, Landscape & Irrigation, Fire Sprinklers, Sheet Metal, Striping, Framing & Drywall, Painting, Waterproofing, Clean up.

Design-Build Trades: Electrical, HVAC and Controls, Plumbing (Subcontractor Response (SOQ) to RFQ Due June 29th)

Required Submittals

1. Completion of Swinerton Master Subcontract Agreement (MSA)

2. Swinerton Prequalification (http://www.swinerton. com/subcontractors/subcontractor-prequal)

3. Project List including CSU/ Swinerton projects completed within the past 5 years

4. List of two projects completed in California within the past 5 years

5. Personnel Labor Rates- Apprentice though Project Manager with escalation through 2 years

6. List showing minimum of 8% DVBE and 30% SBE participation

7. Acknowledgment of Prevailing Wage Rates

8. Proof of Registration with DIR

For information on Prequalification, contact us at EstimatingOC@Swinerton.com, or (949)622-7000



CALTRANS 2016 DISPARITY STUDY PUBLIC COMMENT FORUMS



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) conducted a Disparity Study (Study) that Caltrans and local governments will used to refine their implementations of the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26. The Study includes an analysis of whether there is evidence of discrimination or its effects in the transportation contracting industry in California.

Caltrans is hosting a series of Public Comment Forums to obtain comments related to the Study and personal testimony and experiences related to working in the California transportation contracting industry. Information Caltrans is seeking includes, but is not limited to, whether:

- Firms face difficulties or barriers when bidding as prime contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers
- Business owners believe they have been treated fairly or unfairly based on their race, ethnicity, or gender
- · Contractors solicit, or fail to solicit, bids or price quotes from DBEs on projects with no DBE goals
- There is a level playing field for firms in accessing to capital, bonding, and insurance

You are invited to participate in public forums that will be held statewide as follows:

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME	LOCATION
Monday June 18, 2018	District 3	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 3 Office, Cedar Ridge Room, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901
Monday June 18, 2018	District 10	3-5 p.m.	Lodi Community Library, Community Room, 201 W. Locust Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Tuesday June 19, 2018	District 4	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 4 Office, Auditorium, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612
Tuesday June 19, 2018	District 7	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 7 Office, Conference Room 1.037, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Wednesday June 20, 2018	District 8	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 8 Office, 805 Conference Room, 464 W. 4 th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401
Thursday June 21, 2018	District 9	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 9 Office, Mt. Tom Room, 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514
Friday June 22, 2018	Webinar	9-11 a.m.	RSVP to mario.solis@dot.ca.gov if interested in participating.
Monday June 25, 2018	Webinar	3-5 p.m.	RSVP to mario.solis@dot.ca.gov if interested in participating.
Tuesday June 26, 2018	District 5	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 5 Office, Sycamore Room, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Wednesday June 27, 2018	District 1	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 1 Office, Room 59, 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501
Wednesday June 27, 2018	District 6	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 6-Manchester Office, Yosemite Room #145, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93276
Thursday June 28, 2018	District 2	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 2-West Venture Building, Lassen Training Room, 1031 Butte Street, Redding, CA 96001
Friday June 29, 2018	District 11	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 11 Office, Gallegos Room, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110
Friday June 29, 2018	District 12	3-5 p.m.	Caltrans District 12 Office, Room 104, 1750 East 4 th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705

You may also submit testimony electronically, **no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, June 29, 2018, to Mario.solis@dot.ca.gov**, or by U. S. mail to Caltrans Office of Business & Economic Opportunity, Attention: Mario Solis, 1823 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811; or by fax at (916) 324-1949. If you have any questions about the Caltrans Disparity Study, contact Mario Solis, Branch Manager, at (916) 324-1812 or Mario.solis@dot.ca.gov.

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

ANNUAL OVERLAY / REHABILITATION 2017-18, Project No. 2018.0050, Bid No. 17-18.026 Local Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 25%

> OWNER: CITY OF SAN LEANDRO 835 East 14th Street, 2nd Floor, San Leandro, CA 94577

BID DATE: JUNE 21, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.

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

ADJUST IRON, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/ DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, ELECTRICAL, STRIPING, SURVEY/STAKING, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEP-ING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL, AS-PHALT OIL, FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION, COLD CENTRAL PLANT RECYCLED ASPHALT.

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Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 to the attention of Estimator Jim Yackley. 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 LBE 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 LBE 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. AECOM Energy & Construction, Inc. 1 Harbor Center, STE 200 Suisun City, CA 94585 Phone (707) 759-6858 • Fax (510) 777-5099

LBE & DBE Subcontractor/Supplier Bids Requested For:

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant Digester Gas Utilization Upgrades Contract No. WW-639 REVISED BID DATE: June 21, 2018 at 2:00PM Fax all quotes to 510-777-5099 or email to jamie.helmick@aecom.com

Requesting certified LBE & DBE Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes on: Construction Staking, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Seal Coat, Asphalt Concrete, Concrete Structure, Reinforcing Steel, Clean & Paint Steel, Safety, Petroleum, Oil & Lubricants, Doors & Frames, Lumber, Electrical & Signals, Tools, Plastic Pipe, Welded Steel Pipe, Copper Stainless Pipe, PVC Pipe, Pump, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk, Pumping Plant Equipment, Miscellaneous Metal, Signal, Lighting, Surveying, Flat Bed Trucking, Hazardous Substance Removal, Hazardous Waste Trucking, Truck Rental, Trucker Broker, Trucker, Carpentry, Cabinetry, Roofing, Plumbing, Painting Structures, Heating & Air Conditioning, Insulation, Hardware (Finish), Fuel Systems, Coring, Cutting, Construction Equipment Rental, Heavy Equipment Rental, Demolition, Steel Tanks, Instrumentation, Mechanical, Paving, Stray Current, Structural Steel, Utility Work, Welding, Architectural Items, Ready-Mix, Steel Fab, Valves & Fittings

Contract Documents are available by owner after signing a non-disclosure agreement. Please visit www.sfwater. org/bids/bidlist.aspx for more information. You may also contact Jamie Helmick at <u>jamie.helmick@aecom.com</u> for access to the documents.

Subcontractors and Suppliers interested in this project may contact Bill Johnson by email at william.johnson@aecom.com.

100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company subject to approval of AECOM Energy & Construction, Inc. are required of subcontractors for this project. AECOM 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 AECOM Long Form Standard Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. AECOM'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. AECOM requires that Subcontractors and Suppliers price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable a complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Scott Fairgrieve at (510) 777-5000.



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8702 – 2018 San Jose Pavement Project Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal

Assigned is 11.1% OWNER:

CITY OF SAN JOSE

200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113

BID DATE: JUNE 21, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.

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

ADJUST IRON, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUP-PLIER, LIME TREATMENT, MINOR CONCRETE, STRIPING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, TRUCKING, STREET SWEEPING AND RUBBERIED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.

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University. "They will impact the quality of driving. Your tire is going to drop in it; water is going to collect in it. If the local government doesn't take care of it, the problem is just going to get worse."

Pothole Solutions

Some cities are tackling the craters by using technology to find, track and fix them or figure out where they're going to appear.

In Syracuse, city trucks that fill potholes carry GPS units that pull data every time they spray asphalt into one. Instead of workers filling out forms, the data is automatically logged, showing the date, time and location every pothole is filled, said Sam Edelstein, the city's chief data officer.

The city, which started collecting the data in 2016, publishes the information online, showing where and when potholes have been filled.

"We are trying to limit the number of times we're revisiting a street," Edelstein said. "If they've been on a block three times in the last two months, why is that? Is there some underlying condition? Is there something wrong with the fill not lasting?"

The data also may show that a quick fix isn't the answer; that the road needs to be repaved.

"The idea is to have a more holistic view of our infrastructure and say this street is the most at need for a longer-term repair," Edelstein said.

Other local governments also are trying to think ahead. More than 40 of them, from San Joaquin County, California, to Quincy, Massachusetts, contract with a Pittsburgh software company that uses smartphone cameras and algorithms to create color-coded maps of road networks that show not only potholes but the cracks and fissures where they might develop.

The company, RoadBotics, sends out drivers with the phones placed on windshields. Drivers turn on an app that collects video from every street and sends the data to the cloud. The company, which charges \$75 a mile, then uses artificial intelligence to analyze the road surface the same way a trained pavement engineer would, CEO Mark DeSantis said.

"This saves time and effort of having to send people out and inspect the roadways," DeSantis said. "Staring at mile after mile of pavement is difficult, it's tedious, and in some cases, it's dangerous."

Kansas City has gone even further. Its project combines details from weather data, traffic volume and pavement conditions to predict where potholes are most likely to appear. The city would rather save money in the long run by making long-term repairs to likely pothole hotspots than wait to patch them after they've become a problem, said Bennett, the chief innovation officer.

"We can go in where we know a road has got extra stress and put in sealant that keeps it from potholing," Bennett said, adding that it also will reduce the amount of overtime needed to pay workers after hours in a pothole emergency.

So far, the program appears to be a success, Bennett said. Despite the bad winter, the public has reported fewer potholes this spring than last year. But officials won't know for sure until later in the year, he said.

Transportation experts say regardless of how sophisticated the technology is or how many potholes the workers fix, the bottom line is that many U.S. streets are old and in poor condition and need to be rehabbed and rebuilt.

"It's an issue of dollars available," AAA's Calkins said. "A good proportion of America's roads need resurfacing, but transportation departments simply don't have the funding to do that."

SOURCE: http://www.governing.com

California Voters Oust Infrastructure Backer Over Gas Taxes

By Christine Kilpatrick,

Passed in 2017, California Senate Bill 1 has proven adept at generating billions of dollars to improve the state's transportation infrastructure, making the legislation a major focus in both the June 5 primary election and upcoming November balloting.

A proposition guaranteeing that its funds will be spent only on transportation projects passed with 80% support, but one state senator's backing of SB-1 fuel taxes cost him his job in this month's voting. The results now set the stage for a possible November repeal of SB-1, with major gubernatorial candidates firmly established on opposite sides of the issue.

"The construction industry's top priority will continue to be preserving SB-1 and the dollars that are going to support a stronger California," says Associated General Contractors of California CEO Peter Tateishi. "People are seeing it implemented, and they're not looking for roads to become more unsafe or continue to fall into disrepair."

SB-1 has already generated billions in gas tax and vehicle fee revenue, and the new charges

will raise an average \$5.5 billion every year, he says.

Democratic state Sen. Josh Newman's support of SB-1 fuel tax increases in his traditionally Republican Fullerton district led to his recall this month.

However, the easy passage of Proposition 69, which prevents SB-1 money from being diverted for other purposes, bodes well for supporters of SB-1 in the November battle over its repeal, Tateishi says.

The state's candidates for governor have taken strong stands on the issue, with Republican hopeful John Cox involved in a campaign to overturn SB-1 and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Democratic candidate, rejecting repeal.

June 5 also saw the defeat of California's Proposition 70, which would have required a onetime, two-thirds vote in each chamber of the state legislature to use revenue from an antipollution fund.

SOURCE: www.enr.com



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