

SBE News Alert

SBA budget sliced and diced by House committee



Maria Contreras-Sweet, President Barack Obama's nominee to head the Small Business Administration, still hasn't been confirmed by the Senate.

If the Small Business Administration actually had an administrator, she wouldn't be happy.

That's because the House Small Business Committee chopped the SBA's budget request into tiny little pieces Tuesday, and told the agency to stop spending money on what it wants to do and instead spend money on what Congress wants it to do.

In the process, the committee also highlighted the leadership void at the SBA, which has been without a permanent administrator since August. President Barack Obama finally got around to naming a new administrator in January, but Maria Contreras-Sweet still hasn't been confirmed by the Senate.

"Due to the president's failure to nominate an administrator in a timely fashion so that the individual could be confirmed by the Senate, the committee has not had the opportunity to hear from a sufficiently senior SBA official on the rationale behind the budget request," said Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo, who chairs the committee.

So the committee took it upon itself to redo the agency's budget, in a letter to the House Budget Committee. It recommends cutting the SBA's \$865 million request by \$50 million, with most of that money coming from new entrepreneurial development programs that the SBA instituted on its own, such as its growth accelerators and regional innovation clusters.

"These initiatives duplicate already existing agency programs and none of these SBA-created programs have proven track records of assistance to small business owners," Graves said.

Some of the savings gained from eliminating these programs should be reallocated to improving the agency's information technology and hiring more officials to help small businesses win federal contracts, according to the committee.

In addition, the SBA's offices of Native American Affairs and International Trade should be terminated because their functions could be handled better by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Commerce, the committee con-

tended. It also recommended transferring the agency's Veterans Business Centers program to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Wait there's more -- the committee also thinks the agency's Women's Business Centers program also should be eliminated, since it provides services that duplicate those of Small Business Development Centers and SCORE. If Congress insists on providing a special entrepreneurial development program for women, then it should insist that any money to go to new Women's Business Centers, since existing centers should have become self-sufficient by now, according to the committee.

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Goal: DBE 4.7%

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Scope of Work: 0.7 Miles of roadway widening, removal of existing bridge & construction of two new pre-stressed concrete cast-in-place bridges.

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or downloaded from <http://www.ciplist.com/plans/?Lincoln/city/11680>. Contact Dave Czech 925-606-2400 david.czech@rgwconstruction.com for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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Engineer Estimate \$44,252,000 - 200 Working Days

Goal: DBE 8%

Bids: April 15, 2014 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Fabric and Oils, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Raise Iron-Utilities, Cold Plane, Demolition/Bridge Removal, Clear & Grub, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Irrigation, Limetreatment, Slurry Seal, AC Dike, Grinding, Pile Driving, Prestressing Concrete Cast-in-Place, Precast Concrete Girders, Joint Seal, Reinforcing Steel, Sign Structure, Signs Roadside, Rock Slope Protection, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc.-Ditches-Textured-Stamped, Fencing, Object Marker, MBGR, Metal Railing, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Signal and Lighting, Message Signs, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Surveyor, SWPPP Planning, Water Truck, Sweeper, Hazardous Substance Removal, Prepare and Paint Concrete, Underground-Sewer-Storm-Water, Stone Veneer, Import Topsoil/Biofiltration Soil, Pipe (Underground) Materials.

Scope of Work: Reconstruct overcrossing, retaining walls, ground improvement.

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the Caltrans website www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/. Contact John Pitsch at 925-606-2400, or e-mail jpitsch@rgwconstruction.com for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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San Francisco, CA 94111

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(Contract No. 7790A)

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Plans and Documents are available at:

Fine Line Construction

42 Dore Street • San Francisco, CA 94103 • (415) 512-7677 & FAX (415) 512-7688 • Contact: Estimating Department

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Hunter's Point Shipyards

350 Friedell Street, San Francisco, CA 94124

Bid Date: 4/21/14 @ 2 PM

Voluntary Pre-bid Meeting on 4/3/14 at 10 AM at Construction Assistance Program Trailer located at 690 Hudson Ave., Trailer "B", San Francisco, CA 94124.

CAHILL CONTRACTORS, INC.

Contact: Julie Park

estimating@cahill-sf.com, (415) 986-0600.

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Some SBA programs would fare better under the committee's recommendations: It thinks SBDCs, which offer technical assistance to small business owners at 900 locations across the country, should get \$2 million more than the SBA's \$113.6 million request.

Plus, the committee recommends increasing the authorization level for the agency's flagship 7(a) loan program to \$16.65 billion, a \$1 billion increase

from the SBA's budget request. This increase would ensure that this program could handle any increase in demand for these government-guaranteed loans.

Contreras-Sweet, meanwhile, better not be planning on bringing on board a lot of people once she is confirmed. The committee recommended that the budget for the administrator's office be cut by 10 percent.

The committee doesn't have the final word on the SBA's budget -- that's up to appropriators and the

full House and Senate. They've been friendlier to the agency than this committee has in recent years. But it's clear that Contreras-Sweet has her work cut out for her --- assuming she ever gets to go to work.

Link: <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/news-wire/2014/03/25/sba-budget-sliced-and-diced-by-house-committee.html?page=all>

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The Work is located along Bartlett, Lilac and Cypress Streets between 21st to 25th Streets consisting of pavement renovation, curb ramp construction, sewer replacement, landscape, electrical and streetlight improvements, traffic routing, and all related and incidental work. The time allowed for completion is 240 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is

in excess of \$1,500,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, John Dennis at 415-558-4495.

This Project shall incorporate the required partnering elements for **Partnering Level 1**. Refer to Section 01 31 33 for more details.

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 With Unit Prices basis. Progressive payments will be made.

Bid discounts may be applied as per SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **25% LBE**. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-558-4059 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 CMD 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 on **April 9, 2014; 1:30 p.m.**, at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor.

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 ac-

company each bid. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction greater than \$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "A" license required to bid.

In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code 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 Section 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 Department of Industrial Relations. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with SFAC Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction ("Policy") as set forth in Section 6.22(G) of the SFAC. Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

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Heart & Vascular Consolidation
Project Number: 13-782
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
SAN FRANCISCO MEDICAL CENTER**

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

The University has determined that bidders who submit bids on this project must be prequalified. Prequalified bidders will be required to have the following California Contractor's license(s): **General Building, B**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Consolidate the UCSF-Parnassus Heart and Vascular services ambulatory programs into one location on the fifth (5th) floor of the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) building. The project area is approximately 13,000 square feet. Approximately 10,000 square feet will be completely gutted and rebuilt for the Heart & Vascular Program; the remaining square footage will receive upgrades to finishes. The project includes clinical space comprised of exam rooms and cardiovascular testing and procedure rooms; patient waiting and reception area; academic and administrative offices; and staff support areas. The scope

of work includes demolition; modifications to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire/life safety and environmental control systems; provision of conduit and cabling for communications connectivity and building controls. Tenant improvements include installation of lighting, casework, fixtures, signage and finishes.

The estimated construction cost range for the project is \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000

Prequalification Documents will be available beginning **Tuesday March 18, 2014 at 10AM** by requesting via e-mail to contractservices@ucsfmedctr.org with the following information: Company name, address, contact name, email address, phone and fax nos. Please reference Project No 13-782 in the subject line. A response via email will be sent with a link to register with the UC Supplier Registration and Sourcing (SRS) system, an University web based procurement platform, to get access to the prequalification document on SRS. Responses to the prequalification questionnaire will be completed in the SRS system.

Prequalification Questionnaires will be submitted and processed electronically through the University's SRS system and must be submitted on or before **Friday April 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM**. No print out of the questionnaire is required to be submitted.

Any person or entity not satisfied with the outcome of the prequalification must file a writ challenging the outcome within 10 calendar days from the date of the University's written notice regarding prequalification determination. Any assertion that the outcome of the prequalification process was improper will not be a ground for a

bid protest. However, the University reserves the right to accept late submissions and to request, receive, and evaluate supplemental information after the above time and date at its sole determination. The dates, times, and location set for receiving and opening of bids will be set forth in the "Announcement to Prequalified Bidders."

The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and any or all bids and to waive non-material irregularities in any response or bid received.

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 lowest responsible bidder will be selected on the basis of best value to the University. The objective criteria and methodology used to determine Best Value will be described in the Bidding Documents. The best value to the University is the selection resulting in the best combination of price and qualifications.

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