

SBE NEWS ALERT

Commerce in the Community: Opportunity Nation Works to Expand Economic Mobility and Promote a 21st Century Workforce



Ed. Note: This post is part of the Commerce in the Community series highlighting the work of community leaders and organizations that are strengthening the middle class and providing ladders of opportunity for all Americans.

Below is an interview with Mark Edwards, Executive Director of Opportunity Nation, which he launched in 2011 with a coalition of more than 250 cross-sector partners. This post originally appeared on Commerce.gov

Q1: What is Opportunity Nation?

Opportunity Nation is a national, cross-sector campaign comprised of more than 300 businesses, educational institutions, nonprofits and civic organizations working together to expand economic mobility and close the opportunity gap in the US.

Our work is guided by the belief that the zip code where you are born should not determine your chances in life. If the ability to move up the ladder of opportunity grinds to a halt, we are in grave danger of losing the best of America.

Q2: How is Opportunity Nation working to promote job creation and economic development?

Working closely with nonprofits, community colleges and employers who are committed to helping young Americans gain the skills they need, we advocate for federal policies and public and private sector actions that expand opportunity, outlined in our Shared Plan. We also hold regional and national meetings that bring cross-sector leaders together. Lastly, we've created a first-of-its-kind tool, the Opportunity Index, that's sparked research, national awareness and grassroots activism on opportunity-related issues.

Q3: How has Opportunity Nation utilized Commerce resources to accomplish its mission?

When Opportunity Nation launched, we knew our first job was to measure and define what opportunity means. In partnership with Measure of America, we created the Opportunity Index, a web-based tool that measures 16 key economic, educational and civic indicators of opportunity at the community level. The Opportunity Index provides annual rankings for all 50 states and letter grades for over 3,100 counties.

The sources for the Opportunity Index include the U.S. Census Bureau, the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey, all of which are overseen by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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LOWER SILVER CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION AND CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT, MOSS POINT DRIVE TO CUNNINGHAM AVENUE (REACH 6B)

Project No. 40264008, Contract No. C0594

OWNER: SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Room B108 of the District's Administration Building, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

BID DATE: MAY 7, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.

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Estimator: Frank Augustson

Website: www.desilvagates.com

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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DVBE Subcontractors & Suppliers

Construction on State Highway 111 in Riverside County near and in Palm Springs from 0.1 mile South of Golf Club Drive to 0.6 mile North of Ramon Road.

Caltrans Contract No.: 08-1C1304

DVBE Goal: 3%

Bid Date: May 8, 2014 - 2:00PM

Skanska is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors as well as certified DVBE companies for this project. All interested subcontractors, please indicate all lower tier DVBE participation offered on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price. Please call if we can assist you in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies. Skanska will also review breaking out scope packages and adjusting schedules to help permit maximum participation.

Plans and Specifications are available for view at our main office in Riverside or on the Caltrans website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php

Quotes requested for contractors, suppliers and service providers include, but are not limited to:

LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, CHANNELIZER (SURFACE MOUNTED), PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN (EA), JOB SITE MANAGEMENT, PREPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM, ADJUST WATER VALVE COVER TO GRADE, ADJUST MANHOLE TO GRADE, COLD PLANE ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT, PREPAVING INERTIAL PROFILER, 8" THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE, THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE (SPRAYABLE), PAVEMENT MARKER (NON-REFLECTIVE), PAVEMENT MARKER (RETROREFLECTIVE), MAINT EXIST TRAFF MAN SYS ELEM DURING CONST, INDUCTIVE LOOP DETECTOR (EA).

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). 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.

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Email: tom.mehas@skanska.com

WE ARE REQUESTING QUOTATIONS FROM ALL QUALIFIED MBE/DBE/WBE/LBE/DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND MATERIAL SUPPLIERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**Window, Sliding Glass Door & Siding Replacement
Housing Authority of City of Alameda**

BID DATE & TIME: on or prior to May 20, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.

Scope of work consists of the removal and replacement of exterior siding, trim and aluminum windows, sliding glass doors, gutters, storefront, doors, galvanized sheet metal flashing, shingle siding and fiber cement siding. Work also to include paint.

(The Specifications and Plans will be available in our office 8:30AM - 5PM or at ARC Northern California - Bid Services - 945 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Contact Priyantha De Pinto: 415-537-2235 Fax: 415-348-0684, email: sf@e-arc.com).

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Contact: Paul Hess at ext. 112

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Opportunity Nation Works

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Q4: How have your partners used "Opportunity Index" to improve their communities?

The Opportunity Index provides a framework for community organizations, educational institutions, national, state and local policy makers, and businesses to track progress over time and to understand their role and impact across the opportunity spectrum. Examples include:

- In Iowa, the Des Moines Area Community College and a local foundation have launched "Opportunity Iowa," that aims to raise public awareness about Iowa's disconnected youth. The statewide initiative has launched a worker-training program with a top local employer and convened representatives of 200 community and education organizations to work toward improving county Index Grades.
- Gap, Inc. uses the Index to pinpoint high-need areas that would benefit from its "This Way Ahead" program, which provides students and young adults ages 16-21 with a nine-month job training and leadership development program. By the end of the 2012 fiscal year, more than 1,000 youth had participated in the program.

Q5: If a reader is interested in learning more, what should they do?

Join us! Visit us at OpportunityNation.org to learn more about our coalition, events and advocacy work and sign up to receive more information.

We also invite you to find your community's opportunity score at OpportunityIndex.org. Plug in your zip code and learn about your community rankings in terms of key economic, educational and civic factors that influence the expansion of opportunity and upward mobility for residents.

Website: <http://www.mbda.gov>

Source: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

DeSilva Gates-Flatiron West, a Joint Venture of DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. and Flatiron West, Inc., is soliciting for DBEs for the following project:

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SAN MATEO COUNTY IN BURLINGAME FROM 0.3 MILE NORTH OF ANZA BOULEVARD TO 0.9 MILE SOUTH OF MILLBRAE AVENUE OVERCROSSING - ROUTE 101,

**Contract No. 04-235844
Federal Aid Project ACNHP-Q101(237)E**

Owner: STATE OF CALIFORNIA -
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1727 30th Street, Bidders' Exchange, MS 26,
Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: May 13, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or material quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

**DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION -
Estimator: Victor Le - Phone No. 925-829-9220
Fax No: 925-803-4263:**

ADL BURIAL LOCATION REPORT, AERIALY DEPOSITED LEAD (TYPE Z-3), CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONCRETE BARRIER, EMULSION SUPPLIER, JOINT PLAIN CONCRETE PAVEMENT, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, LEAD CONCRETE BASE, LIME STABILIZATION, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, MISC. IRON AND STEEL, PREPAVING GRINDING, SLURRY SEAL, STRIPING, UNDERGROUND, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, CLASS 4 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (OPEN GRADED) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.

**FLATIRON WEST -
Estimator: Jeff Wells - Phone No. 707-742-6018
Fax No: 707-746-1603:**

CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS/ROADWAY SIGNS, BRIDGE DEMO, EROSION CONTROL, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, CIDH, JOINT SEAL ASSEMBLY, PRESTRESSING, REBAR, OVERHEAD SIGNS, PAINTING/CONCRETE STAIN, FENCING, METAL RAILING, MBGR, BRIDGE CONCRETE BARRIER, ELECTRICAL, CELLULAR CONCRETE, FURNISH/ERECT PRECAST GIRDERS, DSM WALLS SOIL CEMENT, STRUCTURE BACKFILL PERMEABLE MATERIAL, READY MIX, CONCRETE PUMPING, CONCRETE PILING, 24" STEEL PIPE PILE, WELDED STEEL PIPE, MISC. METALS, SWPPP PLAN (ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE), SWPPP MATERIALS, GEOTEXTILE MATERIALS, BRIDGE BEARINGS, FORMLINER, STREET SWEEPING, NOISE MONITORING.

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

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

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY IN AND NEAR SACRAMENTO FROM 5/99 SEPARATION TO 1.3 MILES NORTH OF ELKHORN BOULEVARD OVERCROSSING AND FROM 0.5 MILE NORTH OF ELVERTA ROAD OVERCROSSING TO SUTTER COUNTY LINE, Contract No. 03-4M8204

OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA -
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1727 30th Street, Bidders' Exchange, MS 26,
Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: MAY 14, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

AC DIKE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, ELECTRICAL, EROSION CONTROL, GUARDRAIL, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP PLAN, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (OPEN GRADE) MATERIAL.

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

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**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Pinole Valley High School - Off-Site Parking & Traffic Signal,
Project# 3621377-10,
Bid Date: 5/7/14, Bid Time: 2:00 PM.**

Quotes can be faxed to Leo Serrato at (510) 723-0288 or emailed at leo@americanasphalt.com
Please send in your bid no later than 11:00 AM on or before the bid date Plans, specs and requirements can be viewed at our office at 24200 Clawiter Road, Hayward, CA 94545, or at BPXress at 4903 Central Ave., Richmond, CA or email them at richmond@blueprintexpress.com for a non-refundable fee of \$90 per set. Please contact us for assistance obtaining bonds, line of credit and/or insurance for this project.

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PROJECT NOTICE

McCarthy Building Companies, Incorporated, herein-after called MBC, intends to award lump sum subcontracts to subcontractors by competitive bidding for the following project:

UCSF CLINICAL SCIENCES BUILDING AND OPTIONAL UC HALL SEISMIC RENOVATION PROGRAM

UCSF Project No.: **M2670 CSB DECANT - INTERIM MEASURES FOR UCH TEMP OCCUPANCY (Façade Stabilization Only)**

MBC Project No.: **CM-0021**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

The University and MBC have determined that subcontractors who plan to participate in the bidding process for this project must be prequalified in order to submit bids. Subcontractors who are prequalified for this solicitation of April 28, 2014 will be invited to participate in a competitive bid for their appropriate trade(s) for projects issued for M2670 through June 30, 2016. If the University determines that a Prequalified Subcontractor is performing unsatisfactory work, the contractor shall be removed from the prequalification list for the remainder of the prequalification period. MBC and University reserve the right to continue to solicit bidders during this 2 year period should a necessity arise to include additional bidders to the pool. Prequalified Subcontractors for listed trades in this solicitation will not be required to re-submit prequalification information when new Advertisements are issued. Also, should MBC and University find the need to discontinue using the Prequalified Subcontractors from this solicitation, MBC and University will give notice to the Prequalified Subcontractors.

Prequalified subcontractors are required to have California licenses for the work they plan to perform.

M2670-WC 1: Roofing | C-39

M2670-WC 2: Plaster and Paint | B or (C-35 and C-33)

M2670-WC 3: Design-Build Scaffold | D-39

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

This project consists of providing temporary protection to the exterior of UC HALL to mitigate debris hazards from deteriorating exterior stone and terracotta assemblies falling on adjacent public way and building rooftops, mechanical equipment & skylights. Selective construction and erection of protective assemblies in locations identified according to UC Hall Stabilization Report. Selective demolition to occur as required for installation of protective assemblies. Spot removal and patching of deteriorating exterior finishes at identified points.

UC Hall is located at the Parnassus Campus located at 533 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco CA 94143.

The project is not a LEED project. The construction process will be organized using Lean Construction methods, including pull scheduling, and Last Planner™ production management techniques.

The current estimated construction costs for the following Bid Packages are:

M2670-WC 1: Roofing | \$14,000 to \$17,000

M2670-WC 2: Plaster and Paint | \$60,000 to \$70,000

M2670-WC 3: Design-Build Scaffold | \$280,000 to \$340,000

PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS:

PART 1 – Each prospective Bidder must complete Part 1 using McCarthy's Prequalification system and answer all questions and provide all requested information. Any prospective Bidder failing to do so will be deemed to be not responsive and not prequalified with respect to this Prequalification. Prior to starting the process, contact Judy Gee for Part I Instructions and General Requirements. Complete Part 1 by going to <https://prequalification.mccarthy.com>. All Bidders that have responded to Part 1 will be notified in writing of whether or not they have successfully achieved Part 1 Prequalification status. Only those Bidders that have successfully achieved Part 1 Prequalification status will be permitted to participate in the Part 2 Prequalification process. Part 1 includes general questions on company information, type of services, business classifications, bonding limits, business and project references, license/claims history/disciplinary measures, safety and health status, and business construction revenue.

PART 2 –When deemed necessary by University and MBC, Bidders who have successfully prequalified for Part 1 will be notified to also complete Part 2 process. Part 2 process will utilize University's SRS system (Supplier Registration and Sourcing). Detailed instructions will be sent to Part 1 Prequalified Bidders when Part 2 process is applicable. Part 2 includes Project specific questions.

Only those Bidders that successfully achieve Part 1 and Part 2 (if applicable) Prequalification status will be determined to be prequalified and only those so prequalified will be eligible to submit a bid for this Project.

PREQUALIFICATION SCHEDULE:

Prequalification Documents will be available on MBC's prequalification system beginning **April 28, 2014 at 10AM PST**.

To start the prequalification process and if there are questions regarding access to or navigation of MBC's prequalification system or UCSF's SRS system, send an e-mail to Judy Gee: jgee@mccarthy.com with the following information in the email subject line:

UCSF Project No. M2670 MBC/SRS Prequalification

Any questions or requests for clarifications or interpretation of the Prequalification Documents must be submitted in writing to Kevin Lew, Project Manager, MBC Inc. by EMAIL to klew@mccarthy.com **5 PM PST, May 5, 2014**. Questions received after the above-noted deadline may be answered at the discretion of MBC and the University.

Prequalification via MBC's Prequalification system must be completed on or before **May 19, 2014 at 5 PM PST**. MBC will not accept completed questionnaires via FAX, US Mail or Email.

Bids will only be accepted from prequalified contractors. Bids will be due on **June 26, 2014 at 2:00 PM**, and shall be submitted electronically via the University's web based procurement platform. Bids will be awarded based on the lowest responsible bid.

Prior to the Bid Deadline and after bid opening, the University may establish a new Bid Deadline no earlier than 24 hours from the prior Bid Deadline, if no material changes are made to the Bid documents, and no earlier than 72 hours if material changes are made. In such event the University will, at a minimum, notify all persons or entities known by the University to have received a complete set of Bid Documents and who has provided a street address and/or email address for receipt of any written pre-bid communications.

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 MBC or 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, MBC and the University reserve the right to accept late submissions and to request, receive, and evaluate supplemental information after the above time and date at its sole determination.

This project will be insured under a University Controlled Insurance Program ("UCIP") providing workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance coverage, commercial general liability insurance coverage, and excess liability insurance coverage for Work performed on or at the Project site ("UCIP Coverages"). All insurance policies required to be obtained by Subcontractor shall be subject to approval by MBC and University for form and substance. All such policies shall be issued by a company rated by Best as A- or better with a financial classification of VIII or better, or have equivalent rating by Standard and Poor's or Moody's.

Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the Lump Sum Base Bid shall accompany each Bid. The surety issuing the Bid Bond shall be admitted surety insurer (as defined in California Code Civil Procedure Section 995.12:)

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

If the University deems there is not a sufficient pool of a particular designated subcontractor for competitive bidding, the University reserves the right to withdraw the prequalification requirements for that particular designated subcontractor and to continue to prequalify the other designated subcontractors.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

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

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