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Government Spending Slows, Black and Hispanic Contracts Fall

By Lauren Victoria Burke

Bloomberg News reported this week that "U.S. government contracts awarded to black-and Hispanic-owned small businesses fell last year for the first time in a decade, declining at a sharper rate than awards to all companies."

The report added that contracts to Black and Hispanic firms "fell at a faster pace than all contracts, which dipped 1% as the U.S. government slowed spending to help reduce the federal deficit.

"This is an alarming report and hopefully the people of good will are going to recommit themselves to erasing the vestiges of exclusion which obviously impact small businesses," said Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO). The issue was discussed by member of the Caucus at their weekly meeting.

The information reported by Bloomberg arrives three months after the Obama Administration closed all five minority business development offices. On February 16th, officials from the Commerce Department told minority members of Congress at a evening Capitol Hill meeting of the Obama Administration's plans to close the regional Offices of the Minority Business Development Agency.

Present at the meeting with Commerce officials were Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair Charlie Gonzalez (D-TX), Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Chair Judy Chu (D-CA) and Reps. Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Bobby Scott (D-VA), G.K. Butterfield (D-NC) and Bobby Rush (D-IL) among

Many members who attended the meeting were unhappy with the Administration's decision - but, no one wanted to yet make a direct connection between the office closings and the minority contracting statistics cited by Bloomberg. Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, had not yet seen Bloomberg's report at the time this story was filed.

House Small Business Committee member Rep. Allen West (R-FL), commented on the Bloomberg report saying: "we are heading in the wrong direction, that's something we need to be looking at in the Small Business Committee." West is attempting to move a bill he's sponsoring called the Contractor Opportunity Protection Act. His legislation is designed to prevent contract "bundling," a practice that makes it virtually impossible for small businesses to compete.

Small Business Committee Chairman Graves is a co-sponsor. According to Bloomberg's report, "contracts to blackowned firms dropped 8 percent to \$7.12 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 compared to fiscal 2010. Awards to Hispanic-owned businesses decreased 7 percent to \$7.89 billion." After the regional office closings became known, Minority Business Development Agency National Director David Hinson wrote in a White House blog post that "to put more resources into our business centers, we needed to find savings in other parts of our budget. Like many businesses in the private sector, we looked at our administrative costs and decided on a plan to consolidate our five regional administrative offices. It allows us to cut funding for overhead, while putting more resources into the Business Centers and business development programs that help minority-owned firms land contracts and financing awards."

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REQUESTS FOR BIDS & SUB-BIDS

Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified UDBE Subcontractors & Suppliers:

I-15/I-215 Interchange Improvements – Devore Design-Build Project In San Bernadino County
Contract No.: 08-0K7104, Project No.:08000003664
Subcontractor Proposals Due: August 8, 2012

The SGJV is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors and suppliers, as well as certified UDBE companies for this project. Proposals are requested for supplies and services including, but not limited to: Biological Monitor, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Street Sweeping, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Temporary Fencing, Erosion Control, Temporary Traffic Stripe/Markings, Temporary Railing, Portable Changeable/ Message Signs, Temporary Crash Cushion Module, Metal Beam Guard Railing, Roadside Signs, Abandon Culvert, Cold Place Concrete Pavement, Concrete Barrier, Bridge Removal, Clearing and Grubbing, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation, Structure Excavation (Bridge), Structure Excavation (Retaining Wall), Structure Backfill, Sand Backfill, Imported Borrow, Rock Blanket, Erosion Control, Fiber Rolls, Corrugated Steel Pipe Conduit, Class 2 Aggregate Base, Lean Concrete Base, Hot Mix Asphalt, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Tack Coat, Concrete Pavement, Profile Grinding, Furnish & Drive Steel Pile, CIDH Concrete Piling, Prestressing CIP Concrete, Precast Concrete, Structural Concrete, Bridge Structural Concrete, Retaining Wall, Minor Concrete, Soundwall Barrier, PTFE Bearing, Joint Seal Assembly, Joint Seal, Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge), Bar Reinforcing Steel (Retaining Wall), Furnish Sign Structure, Install Sign Structure, Furnish Laminated Panel, Furnish Single Sheet Aluminum Sign, Metal (Barrier Mounted Sign), Roadside Sign, Install Sign, Alternative Pipe Culvert, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Plastic Pipe, Corrugated Steel Pipe, Welded Steel Pipe Casing, Alternative Flared End Section, Irrigation and Landscaping, Rock Slope Protection, Slope Paving, Minor Concrete, Miscellaneous Metal, Miscellaneous Iron and Steel, Bridge Deck Drainage System, Chain Link Fence, Chain Link Railing, Pipe Handrail, Tubular Handrail, Concrete Barrier, Cable Railing, Transition Railing, Transition Railing, Terminal System, Crash Cushion, Aggregate Bases and Structural Backfill, Pavement Delineation, Concrete Barrier, Signal & Lighting, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Interconnection Conduit & Cable, Fiber Optic Conduit, Electric Service (Irrigation), Traffic Monitoring Station, Closed Circuit TV System, Ramp Metering System, Earth Retaining Structures.

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Gothic Landscape, Inc

27502 Avenue Scott, Valencia CA 91355 Contact : **Bora Demirel** at Tel: (661)257-1266 Ext: 231 Fax: (661)294-2589

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Trades: demolition, abatement, shotcrete, GFRC, concrete, reinforcing steel, masonry, steel/misc metals/stairs, rough carpentry, building insulation, concrete floor sealer, waterproofing, metal wall panels, crystalized glass wall panels, TPO roofing, firestopping, flashing and sheet metal, fire proofing, intumesent fireproofing, expansion joints, doors/frames/hardware, glass and glazing, luminous, plaster, tile, resilient flooring, terrazzo, painting, toilet accessories, lockers, fire protection specialties, site furnishings, signage, elevators/escalators, HVAC, plumbings, fire protection, electrical



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Sub-Bids Requested From All Certified Small Business/Minority Companies
Subcontractors & Suppliers:

San Gabriel Trench Project
Located in the County of Los Angeles and City of San Gabriel
State Project No.: TCIF-6303(037)
ACE Contract No.: 11-02
Bid Date: June 20, 2012 @ 2:00PM

Quotes requested for supplies and services including, but not limited to: Construction Site Management, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Street Sweeping, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Fencing, Erosion Control, Temporary Pavement Marking, Temporary Traffic Stripe, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Metal Beam Guard Railing, Concrete Barrier, Bridge Removal, Clearing and Grubbing, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation, Structure Excavation (Bridge), Structure Excavation (Retaining Wall), Structure Backfill, Sand Backfill, Erosion Control, Fiber Rolls, Class 2 Aggregate Base, Hot Mix Asphalt, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Tack Coat, Seal Pavement Joining, Furnish & Drive Steel Pile CIDH Concrete Piling, Sub Ballast, Structural Concrete, Retaining Wall, Minor Concrete, Soundwall Barrier, PTFE Bearing, Joint Seal Assembly, Joint Seal, Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge), Bar Reinforcing Steel (Retaining Wall), Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Plastic Pipe, Minor Concrete, Miscellaneous Metal, Miscellaneous Iron and Steel, Bridge Deck Drainage System, Wrought Iron Fence, Chain Link Fence, Land Surveying, Chain Link Railing, Pipe Handrail, Concrete Barrier, Cable Railing, Transition Railing, Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Paint Traffic Stripe, Pavement Marker, Signal & Lighting, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Fiber Optic Conduit, Electric Service (Irrigation), Traffic Monitoring Station, Closed Circuit TV System, Storm Drain, Sewer, Vibration Monitoring Sound Monitoring.

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REQUEST FOR DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for:

Lafayette Reservoir Parking Improvements Specification 2043 East Bay Municipal Utility District BID DATE: June 13, 2012 @ 1:30 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Minor Concrete, Striping, Electrical, Wooden Guardrail, Stamped AC, Cold Plane AC, Bollards, Slurry Seal, Underground, Parking Meters, Construction Area Signs and Construction Materials

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Parnassus Heights (PHTS) NGMAN Data Closets Phase 2 - Medical Sciences Building (MSB) S13/S15 Project No.: M1643 / Contract No.: SL0258

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Replace three existing air conditioners in S13/S15. New outdoor units shall be at the same location as existing outdoor units in Saunders Court. New air conditioners shall use variable refrigerant volume technology to improve efficiency and minimize unnecessary cycling. New air conditioning unit controllers shall communicate with campus Andover Continuum energy management system using BACnet interface. Installation of new starline track busway, addition of branch circuits, relocation of a fire alarm device, conduit and wired.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: To be eligible for consideration of award, bidders must have the minimum experience set forth in the Supplementary Instructions To Bidders. Bidders must submit qualification documents as an attachment to the Bid Form.

PROCEDURES:

Bidding Documents will be available at 10:00 AM, May 31, 2012 and will be issued only at:

UCSF Documents, Media & Mail (UCSF-DMM) 1855 Folsom Street, Room 135 San Francisco, CA 94103

Contact Persons: Ben La (415) 476-5030 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mario

Carmona (415) 476-2518 (before & after working hours) Fax No. (415) 476-8278

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A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and mandatory Pre-Bid Job Walk will be conducted on June 6, 2012 beginning promptly at 9:00 AM. Participants shall meet at UCSF Campus – Parnassus Location, Medical Sciences Building, 513 Parnassus Avenue, 1st Floor, Room S-180, San Francisco, CA 94143. Only bidders who participate in both the Conference and the Job Walk in their entirety will be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. For further information, contact University's Project Manager Patrick McGee at (415) 502-6058.

Bids will be received and opened only at Campus Life, Facilities & Administrative Service FAS Finance Service Center, University of California, San Francisco, 654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107. Phone: (415) 476-5343. Bid Deadline: Sealed bids must be received on or before 3:00 PM, June 20, 2012.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons shall have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University, regardless of: race; color; religion; sex; age; ancestry; national origin; sexual orientation; physical or mental disability; veteran's status; medical condition; genetic information; marital status; gender identity; pregnancy; service in the uniformed services; or citizenship within the limits imposed by law or University's policy.

The successful Bidder will be required to have the following California current and active contractor's license at the time of submission of the Bid:

LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: General Building Contractor

LICENSE CODE: B

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Est. Construction Cost: \$320,000

Bid Docs avail. **2PM**, **5/31/12** at American Reprographics Company (ARC), Costa Mesa, CA (714) 751-2680. Planrooms: F.W. Dodge (626) 932-6120 or Reed (800) 424-3996.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: Must have completed three projects within the past three years which were each at least \$250,000 in construction cost as follows: one OSHPD 3 renovation; one OSHPD 3 renovation within an operational/occupied facility; and two built in California. Bidders not meeting the qualifications in the Contract Documents will not be eligible for award.

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