

## U.S. October Jobs Growth Not as Underwhelming as First Appears

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By Alex Carrick,

### Revisions to Past Data Paint Better Picture

The headline figure on U.S. net jobs creation in October, as recorded in the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)'s Employment Situation report, was a rather tepid +128,000. But as has occurred on several other recent occasions, there were significant revisions to past data that brighten the picture considerably.

A month ago, September's total employment count was reported as 151.722 million. Now, September is being estimated at 151.817 million, or +95,000. Therefore, October's jobs number of 151.945 million is +223,000 when compared with what was originally reported for the prior period.

Nevertheless, there has been a deceleration in U.S. jobs growth this year. The monthly average increase in employment through the first three quarters of 2018 was +226,000. From January through September of 2019, the monthly average gain has been +167,000, a reduction of one-quarter (-26.0%).

### Jobs, Consumer Spending, and GDP

A slowing of jobs growth has become inevitable given how low the unemployment rate has be-

come. The jobless rate is 3.6% on a seasonally adjusted (SA) basis, and it's even tighter not seasonally adjusted (NSA), at 3.3%. Both figures are near their record all-time bottoms.

The only way to secure further large increases in employment would be for the 'participation rate' (working-age adults actively wanting positions) to climb dramatically. In October, the participation rate did rise, but only marginally, from 63.2% to 63.3%.

By the way, the +95,000 revision to September's jobs count originated in 'retail' work (+23,000) a surprise, given all the closures of 'bricks and mortar' locations and even more impressively in 'leisure and hospitality' work (+63,000). The 'leisure and hospitality' jobs jump was almost all at 'food services and drinking places'. Clearly, the population at large is still on board for expenditures on entertainment.

U.S. 'real' (i.e., after inflation) GDP growth has eased in the latest two quarters to +2.0% (Q2) and +1.9% (Q3). Whatever forward momentum is being maintained is being provided by consumer spending. Consumer spending, in turn, is helped along mightily by jobs growth, which will be hard pressed to stay as dominant a force as it has been.

### Job Creation Winners and Losers Among Industrial Sectors

A comparison of monthly average jobs creation this year versus last year highlights strength in the following industrial sectors: 'education and health' (+54,000, up from +44,000); 'leisure and hospitality' (+29,000, up from +25,000); and 'government' (+15,000, up from +10,000).

Exhibiting weakness have been: 'professional and business services' (+33,000, down from +49,000); 'construction' (+13,000, down from +29,000); 'transportation and warehousing' (+6,000, down from +19,000); and 'manufacturing' (zero, down from +22,000).

Manufacturing's record of no jobs creation so far in 2019 aligns with other indicators pointing to contraction in the sector. The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) of the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) has dropped below 50% and the capacity utilization of production plants continues to languish below 80%.

In 'financial services' monthly average jobs growth this year (+10,000) has been similar to last year (+11,000), while for 'retail' and 'information services', there has been minimal change in staffing over the past two years.

### Feistier Labor Relations and Earnings Impacts

The month-long General Motors strike, with ripple effects throughout the economy (i.e., through supply chains), played some role in keeping the net new jobs count muted in September.

The auto sector work stoppages, along with wildfires in California, also contributed to an elevation in the initial jobless claims number for the week of October 26th, lifting it to 228,000.

Teachers in Chicago have been on the picket lines for a week now. At least so far, however, feistier labor relations have not been leading to more rapid earnings increases. In the latest month, pay hikes for all workers in the U.S. were +3.0% y/y hourly and +2.7% weekly, not much different from where they've been for an extended period of time.

Construction workers, as a subset of 'all jobs', had compensation gains that were less hourly but more weekly, +2.4% and +3.7% respectively.



# California Sub-Bid Request Ads



Requests quotes from qualified and certified **DBE** Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

#### Subs

Striping & Signage, Demolition, Asphalt Paving, Clear & Grub, CIDH, Biologist, SWPPP Prep, Erosion Control, Landscape, Reinforcing Steel, AC Dike, Cured In Place Pipe, Rumble Strips, Monument Sign, Bridge, Abandon Culverts, Guardrail, Asphalt Grinding, Construction Area Signs, Fencing, Electrical, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structures, Sign Structures, Underground Work, Trucking, Water Trucks, Sweeping

#### Suppliers

CSP & RCP, HMA Material, RHMA Material, Tack Coat Material, Concrete, Aggregate, Misc. Metals, Traffic Control Materials, Erosion Control Materials,

## FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN YUBA COUNTY FROM MARYSVILLE ROAD TO THE YUBA RIVER BRIDGE

In District 03 On Route 20

Contract No. 03-0A5704 Federal-Aid Project ACNH- P020 (191)E

DBE Goal 13%

**BID DATE November 20, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.**

All Quotes Due Prior to Bid Date

### Sukut Construction, LLC

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Rick Welshiemer

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

Sukut Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

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

PROJECT NO. P2-122

HEADWORKS MODIFICATIONS AT PLANT 2  
FOR GWRS FINAL EXPANSION

Owner: Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD)

Location: Huntington Beach, CA

**Bid Date: December 17, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.**

### 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, [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:

Demolition, Controlled Low Strength Material, AC Paving, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Miscellaneous Metals, FRP Fabrications, Sealants, Painting & Coatings, ID Devices, Equipment, Pre-Engineered Canopy, HVAC, Electrical and Instrumentation

**Plans and Specifications:** You may obtain a free download through OCSD's Vendor Portal at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=14058#>. 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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#### Skanska-Traylor-Shea JV

5055 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA  
requests sub-bid quotes from all interested firms, including certified DBE's for Terrazzo, Floor and Wall Tile on the

**Westside Subway Extension Section 1 project.**

Owner: LACMTA (Metro).

Contract No. C1045.

**Bid Date: November 15, 2019 at 2:00pm.**

Plans & Specs can be viewed at our office Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm (call for appointment) or downloaded free at the following links:

Link to 096WS Terrazzo RFP:

<https://skanskausa.sharefile.com/i/i0a6f8f1b8c64ffd8>

Link to 097WS Floor and Wall Tile RFP:

<https://skanskausa.sharefile.com/i/i381a7316b3e4fffa>

Pre-bid meetings Thursday, October 31, 2019 9am for 096WS Terrazzo and 10am for 097WS Tile. STS Office, 5055 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended. Please register if attending at [erika.barajas@skanska.com](mailto:erika.barajas@skanska.com)

Should you have any questions or desire to quote on this project, please contact Erika Barajas, DBE Coordinator at 323-852-4220 or [erika.barajas@skanska.com](mailto:erika.barajas@skanska.com). Assistance in bonding, insurance, lines of credit or obtaining equipment, supplies and materials is available upon request. This advertisement is in response to Metro's DBE program. Skanska-Traylor-Shea JV intends to conduct itself in good faith with DBE firms regarding participation on this project. More info about this project is available at [www.skanska-traylor-shea.com](http://www.skanska-traylor-shea.com).

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# California Sub-Bid Request Ads



Date: October 29, 2019 - December 4, 2019

Requests quotes from qualified and certified City of San Diego SLBE-ELBE Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

221310 Water Supply and Irrigation Systems; 237110 Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction; 237310 Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction; 237990 Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction; 238110 Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors; 238120 Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors; 238140 Masonry Contractors; 238190 Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors; 238210 Electrical Contractors; 238910 Site Preparation Contractors; 238990 All Other Specialty Trade Contractors; 332312 Fabricated Structural Metal Manufacturing; 332323 Ornamental and Architectural Metal Work Manufacturing; 423320 Brick, Stone, and Related Construction Material Merchant Wholesalers, 423610 Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers, 423990 Other Miscellaneous Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers, 484110 General Freight Trucking, Local; 484220 Specialized Freight (Except Used Goods) Trucking, Local; 488490 Other Support Activities for Road Transportation; 541330 Engineering Services; 541620 Environmental Consulting Services; 561730 Landscaping Services

**City of San Diego  
Brookfield Land Construction, Inc.**

IMPROVEMENTS: MERGE 56 - TORREY HIGHLANDS PROJECT NO. T-3.1B, 3.2B CAMINO DEL SUR (NORTH); T-3.1A, 3.2A CAMINO DEL SUR SOUTH; T-5.1 & T-5.2 CARMEL MOUNTAIN ROAD SOUTH; P-6 TORREY HIGHLANDS TRAIL AND U-3 16" WATER MAIN, AND RANCHO PENASQUITOS PROJECT NO. T-4B - GRADING, RETAINING WALL, WET & DRY UTILITIES, STREET, STREET LIGHT, LANDSCAPE, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS

**BID DATE December 4, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.**

All Quotes Due Prior to Bid Date

**Sukut Construction, LLC**

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Rick Welshiemer

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

Plans and specs are available at no cost to interested SLBE-ELBE firms and are available for viewing at our office by appointment, via Sukut's FTP site, or by other arrangement. Sukut will assist SLBE-ELBE subcontractors in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, or materials. Sukut will also assist SLBE-ELBE firms in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance. Please contact Rick Welshiemer for assistance in responding to this solicitation.

Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Subcontractors/Vendors will be required to sign Sukut's Standard Subcontract/Purchase Order. Copies are available for examination.

Sukut Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

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Requesting Project Assistance from **DBE/ MBE/WBE and Other Business Enterprises:**

DMZ Builders is bidding the following project as a Prime Contractor and is seeking subcontractors and vendors to assist with the project by submitting quotes for their trades or products.

**Project: A65 and A75 Interlocking Improvement  
Contract: 15CQ-125**

**Owner: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)**

**Bid Date: November 26, 2019 @ 2:00pm**

Services Needed: **Construction Survey, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, SWPPP, Temporary Erosion Control, Site Security, Janitorial, Trucking, Earthwork, Sitework, Underground Utilities, Fencing, Electrical, Traction Power, Train Control, Trackwork, Quality Control, Testing.**

Plans and specifications are available to interested firms via BART's on-line procurement portal or can be viewed at DMZ Builders Concord, CA office by contacting the DMZ office to make an appointment.

DMZ Builders is a union contractor. Subcontractors must provide their active CSLB license number and DIR registration number with their quote. Subcontractors will be required to execute DMZ Builders standard subcontract terms and conditions or purchase order agreement (for suppliers), both available for review upon request, and meet insurance requirements, including waiver of subrogation. Subcontractors, at DMZ's discretion, may be required to provide payment and performance bonds for 100% of the subcontract value. DMZ will reimburse bond premium at actual cost, not to exceed 2.0%. Project requires paying prevailing wages and submitting certified payrolls. All subcontractors must sign BART's project stabilization agreement prior to participating in the project.

For assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, supplies and materials, technical assistance, or any other coordination required for the project, please contact Richard Zito by phone at (925) 826-5387, by fax at (925) 826-5766, or by e-mail at [estimating@dmzbuilders.com](mailto:estimating@dmzbuilders.com). DMZ will work with interested subcontractors and suppliers to identify opportunities to divide the work into economically feasible packages and intends to cooperate with all qualified firms seeking work on the project.

**DMZ BUILDERS**

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## DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION

11555 Dublin Boulevard • P.O. Box 2909  
Dublin, CA 94568-2909  
(925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263  
Estimator: JACK SHEWMAKER  
Website: [www.desilvagates.com](http://www.desilvagates.com)  
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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC)  
is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor  
for the project listed below:

**CALTRANS ROUTE 99 - STATE HIGHWAY IN MERCED COUNTY IN AND NEAR ATWATER FROM 0.4 MILE SOUTH OF BUHACH OVERCROSSING TO 0.8 MILE NORTH OF WEST ATWATER OVERHEAD**

Contract No. 10-3A7204,  
Federal Aid Project No. ACNH-P099(646E)  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal  
Assigned is 17%

### OWNER:

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

**BID DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH, 2019 @ 2:00 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:

**AC DIKE, BRIDGE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONCRETE BARRIER, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, MBGR, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, PCC PAVING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, SIGN STRUCTURE, STRIPING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, UNDERGROUND, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE SUB BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, ASPHALT OIL BINDER.**

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 7700 College Town Drive, Sacramento, CA, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the ftp site at <ftp://ftp%25desilvagates.com:f7pa55wd@pub.desilvagates.com> (if prompted the username is <ftp://ftp%25desilvagates.com> and password is f7pa55wd) or from the Owner's site at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/all\\_adv\\_projects.php](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php)

Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 to the attention of Estimator Jack Shewmaker. 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](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html)

If you need DBE 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](http://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs)). DGC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the DBE 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/Affirmative Action Employer.

### Portrait Construction, Inc.

INVITATION TO BID FOR  
JORDAN DOWNS RESIDENTIAL, AREA H  
LOS ANGELES, CA

Portrait Construction, Inc., General Contractor, is seeking qualified **Section 3 Businesses and/or Non-SBE with SBE participation** and qualified **M/WBE** Subcontractors to submit bids.

**This project is subject to Commercial Prevailing Wages.**

**Scope of work:** Includes, but is not limited to **New Construction** of:

5 story affordable residential apartment building with 80 units and 4 stories of type VA over 1 story of type IA podium. All building trades and CSI code trades are being requested to bid.

Bid assistance and splitting of trade work is available for Section 3 and M/WBE business concerns. Please contact our office for more information.

### Schedule

Construction is expected to commence around December 2019. Construction duration is estimated to be 18 months.

### Local Hire and HUD Section 3 Requirements

The project goal is to provide at least thirty percent (30%) of all construction and post-construction jobs generated by the redevelopment to be set aside first for residents of Jordan Downs, second to residents from other HACL public housing developments in Watts, and third to residents of the City of Los Angeles (the City) to the maximum extent feasible.

Contractor and Subcontractors shall strive and use best efforts to set aside at least **ten percent (10%)** of all construction work hours for Disadvantaged Workers, as defined below.

A Disadvantaged Worker, for purposes of the MDA, means an individual whose primary place of residence is in the City, and who, prior to commencing work on the Site, either: (a) has a household income of less than fifty percent (50%) of Area Median Income or (b) faces at least one of the following barriers to employment: (i) is homeless, (ii) is a custodial single parent, (iii) is receiving public assistance, (iv) lacks a GED or a high school diploma, (v) has a criminal record or other involvement with the criminal justice system, or (vi) suffers from chronic unemployment.

### Davis-Bacon and Prevailing Wage Requirements

Contractor shall comply with all applicable labor standards, including but not limited to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 276a et seq.), State prevailing wage laws, and City of Los Angeles "living wage" laws, as applicable. The Developer and Contractor shall be responsible for determining the applicability of prevailing wages.

This project is subject to **SB-854** - proof of registration with DIR is required to be submitted with your bid to be considered. For more information visit: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/PublicWorksSB854.html>

### OCIP Insurance

The project will be required to maintain an Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) to provide general liability insurance to qualified subcontractors. Please provide your OCIP deduct as a separate line item in your bid.

### Green Building

Jordan Downs is a LEED-ND designated neighborhood; the Developer has committed to achieving LEED Silver certification at minimum. Per LEED requirements, all buildings must exceed Title 24 by 10%; Subcontractors should propose cost effective systems that will improve building performance to meet this requirement.

**DUE DATE: Bids are due on or before Friday, November 22, 2019**

**Send bids to:** David Day at [dday@portraitconstructioninc.com](mailto:dday@portraitconstructioninc.com)  
Mike Coats at [mcoats@portraitconstructioninc.com](mailto:mcoats@portraitconstructioninc.com)

**Prevailing Wage/Section 3 Questions:**

Kelsey Day at [kday@portraitconstructioninc.com](mailto:kday@portraitconstructioninc.com)

**PLANS/SPECS:** Available in Portrait's Corona office and via download link upon request.

### Portrait Construction, Inc.

265 N. Joy Street, Suite 200 • Corona, CA 92879  
(951) 520-8898 • (951) 520-8878 fax  
[www.portraitconstructioninc.com](http://www.portraitconstructioninc.com)

Portrait Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are considered for positions without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other consideration made unlawful by applicable federal, state, or local laws.

### Proven Management, Inc.

225 3rd Street, Oakland, CA 94607 • Phone: 510-671-0000 • Fax: 510-671-1000

PMI requests proposals/quotes from all qualified and certified Local Small Business (LSB), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Women Business Enterprise (WBE) subcontractors, suppliers, and truckers for the following project:

**34.5 KV CABLE REPLACEMENT & FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALL A-LINE, ACO TO AUC**

**BART CONTRACT NO. 15EJ-180**

**Bids: 12/3/2019 @ 2pm**

**LSB GOAL - 8%**

The work includes but is not limited to: Demo; PCC, CIP, and Precast Concrete; Rebar; Concrete Restoration; Mtl Welding; Struct. Stl Framing; Mtl Fab; Metal Railings; Rough Carpentry; Plastic Structural Assemblies; Joint Protection; Expansion Control; Door Hdwr; Painting; Sump Pumps; Facility Services; Electrical; Communications Cables; Earthwork; Clearing & Grubbing; Dewatering; Controlled Fill; Slope Protection; Driven Piles; Ground Screw Anchors; Drilled Concrete Piers & Shafts; Utility Structures; Storm Drainage Utilities; Subdrainage; Asphalt & Concrete Paving; Traffic Barriers; Chain Link Fences & Gates; Ballasted Track; AC Isolation Disconnect Switches; Traction Power Cables; Grounding & Bonding for Traction Power; Hi-Rail Vehicle.

Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans & specifications & requirements for the work will be made available to interested LSB/ MBE/ WBE certified suppliers & subcontractors.

Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services for this project will also be offered to interested LSB/MBE/WBE certified suppliers, subcontractors, truckers. PMI is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Carpenters, and Laborers Collective Bargaining Agreements.

100% Payment & Performance bonds will be required from a single, Treasury-listed surety company subject to PMI's approval. PMI will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors awarded on any project will be on PMI's standard form for subcontract without any modifications. For questions or assistance required on the above, please call. **We are an Equal Opportunity Employer**

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## The Federal Reserve and Interest Rates

The Federal Reserve, for the third time this year, just lowered its trend-setting interest rate. The level of the federal funds rate is now in a range between 1.50% and 1.75%.

There are only two official reasons for the Fed to alter its interest rate policy: (1) to deal with infla-

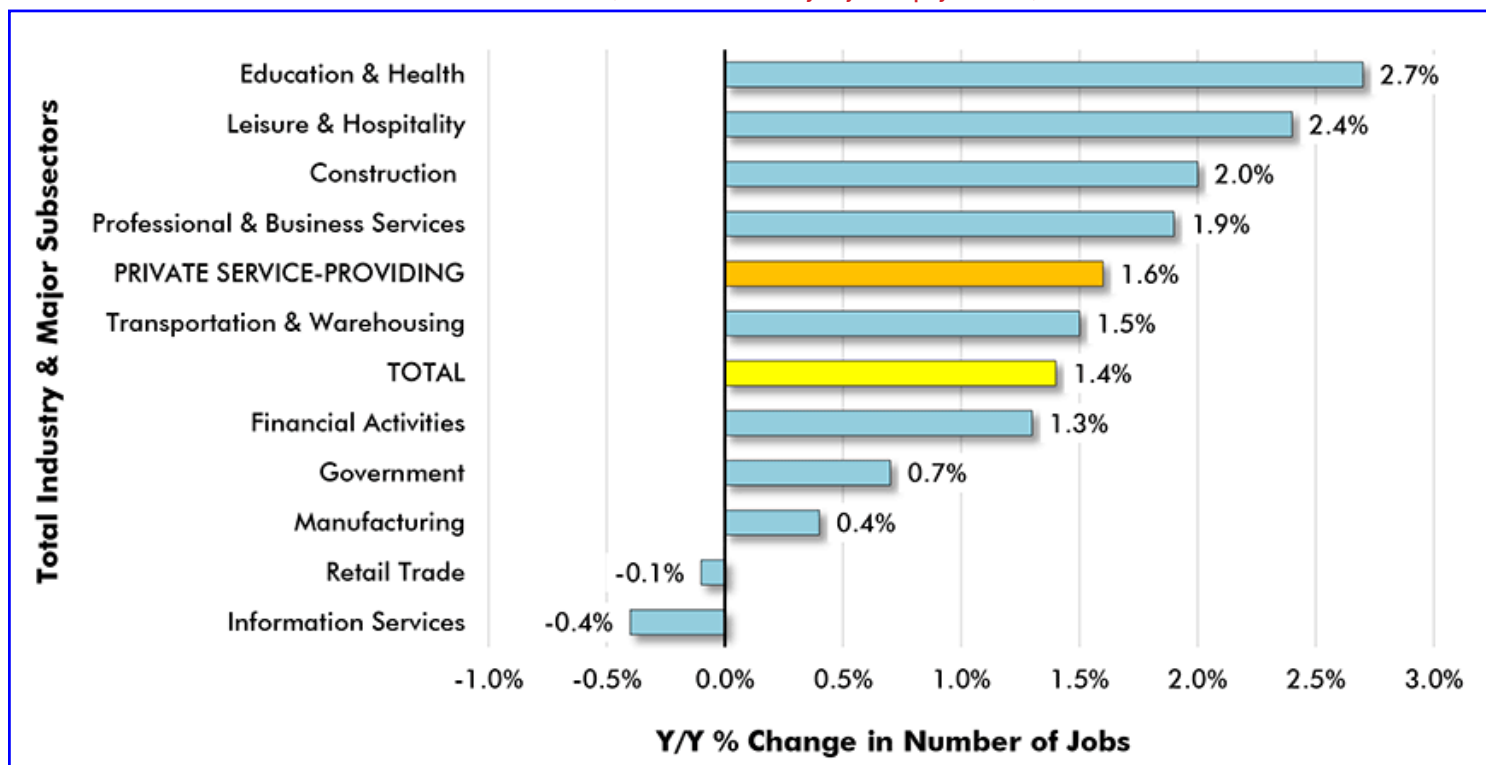
tion (not an issue at this time); and (2) to help with jobs creation (not much more can be done).

But there are also a couple of other 'unofficial' reasons: (3) to change the value of the U.S. dollar (manufacturers would welcome a decline as an aid to export sales); and (4) to avoid the wrath of President Trump (who will always seek stimulus and who is also looking for a 'break' on government debt carrying costs).

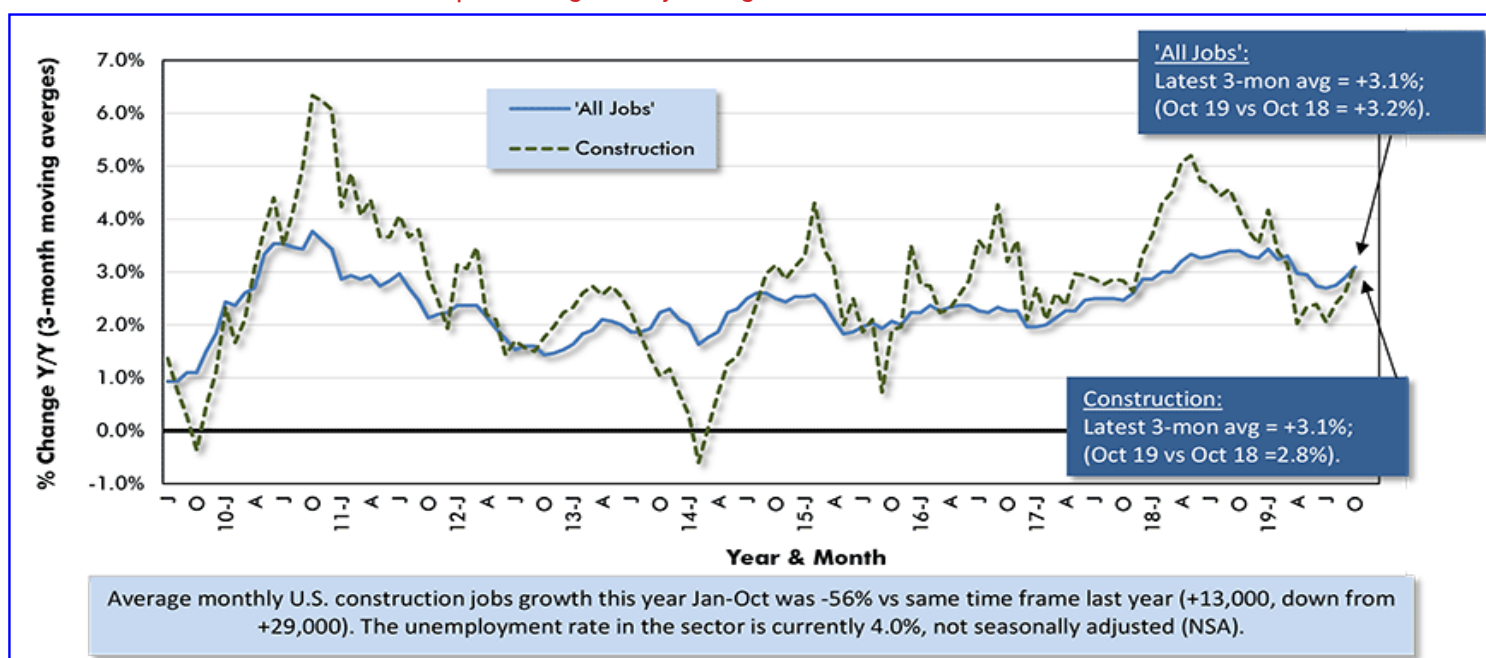
As for (3), the U.S. economy is still performing best among all global economies and the green-back is the 'safe-haven' currency of choice for international investors. No marked decline in its value seems likely.

SOURCE: <https://www.constructconnect.com/blog/u.s.-october-jobs-growth-not-as-underwhelming-as-first-appears>

Graph 1: Y/Y Jobs Growth, U.S. Total Industry & Major Subsectors – October 2019 (based on seasonally adjusted payroll data)



Graph 2: Average Weekly Earnings Y/Y - 'All Jobs' and Construction





# California Sub-Bid Request Ads



## Kiewit

### Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534  
Attn: Victor Molina • norcal.bids@kiewit.com  
Fax: 707-439-7301

Requests sub-bids from qualified California Department of General Services (DGS) certified Local Small Business Enterprises (LSB), Local Micro Small Businesses having a primary business office in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco and California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Subcontractors, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the construction on the Market Street Entry Canopies Project in San Francisco, CA.

<https://cucp.dot.ca.gov/cucp>  
<http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov>  
[www.bart.gov/ocr](http://www.bart.gov/ocr)

Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

**Market Street Entry Canopies**  
Contract No. 15LK-140  
Owner: BART

**Bid Date: November 12, 2019 by 2:00 P.M.**

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Local Small Businesses (LSB)**

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Local Small Business Enterprise (LSB), wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

**AC Paving, Bird Control Devices, CCTV, Concrete - Minor, Concrete Reinforcing, Concrete Supply, Concrete Cast in Place, Concrete Pumping, Demo, Drywall, Electrical, Flooring, Hazardous Abatement, Joint Protection, Masonry, Metals, Metal Decking, Openings, Painting & Coatings, Piping, Plumbing, Quality Control, Roofing, Security, Signage, Structural Steel, Temp Facilities and Traffic Control.**

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 DBE, MBE, WBE and LSB certified suppliers, service providers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers, service providers and subcontractors.

**Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due November 8, 2019 and Quotes NO LATER THAN November 11, 2019 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 <https://www.kiewit.com/districts/northern-california/overview.aspx> to register your company and to be able to receive bidding information, view plans and specifications.

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

Performance Bond and Payment Bonds may be required for subcontractors and a suppliers bond for suppliers.

Project Stabilization Agreement (PLA) applies for SF Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Subcontract work shall be signatory to the applicable local union or willing to sign a one-time agreement.

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Tel: (562) 946-1816, Fax: (562) 946-3823  
Contact : Tanya Stukes  
Email: [SanFernandoGR.Bids@kiewit.com](mailto:SanFernandoGR.Bids@kiewit.com)

### SAN FERNANDO GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROJECT

Owner: LADWP

Progressive Design Builder:  
Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

Anticipated Request for Proposal (RFP)

Release Date: November 18, 2019

Proposal Deadline: December 13, 2019, 2:00 PM

Submit Questions by: December 4, 2019

Seeking qualified firms (including SBEs, DBEs, 8(a)s, SLBs, EBES, SBs, MBs, SMBEs, SWBES, WOSBs, EDWOSBs) to provide a **notice of interest** to receive a bid/RFP package or provide a quote in their respective areas of work or specialty.

### GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FIELD SURVEYING SERVICES POTHOLING INVESTIGATION SERVICES

*Note: services include but are not limited to applicable sampling, testing, permitting, traffic control and written reports/maps by licensed professionals.*

Respond with interest to [SanFernandoGR.Bids@kiewit.com](mailto:SanFernandoGR.Bids@kiewit.com) by November 15, 2019

This is a Public Works Project subject to prevailing wage rates and a **Project Labor Agreement**. For information or questions on the contract requirements, availability of plans and specs and licensing, bonding, insurance, etc., please contact our office.

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**Proven Management, Inc.**

225 3rd Street, Oakland, CA 94607  
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PMI requests proposals/quotes from all qualified and certified Local Small Business (LSB), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Women Business Enterprise (WBE) subcontractors, suppliers, and truckers for the following project:

### 34.5 KV CABLE REPLACEMENT & FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALL A-LINE, ACO TO AUC

**BART CONTRACT NO. 15EJ-180**

**Bids: 12/3/2019 @ 2pm**  
**LSB GOAL - 8%**

The work includes but is not limited to: Demo; PCC, CIP, and Precast Concrete; Rebar; Concrete Restoration; Mtl Welding; Struct. Stl Framing; Mtl Fab; Metal Railings; Rough Carpentry; Plastic Structural Assemblies; Joint Protection; Expansion Control; Door Hdwr; Painting; Sump Pumps; Facility Services; Electrical; Communications Cables; Earthwork; Clearing & Grubbing; Dewatering; Controlled Fill; Slope Protection; Driven Piles; Ground Screw Anchors; Drilled Concrete Piers & Shafts; Utility Structures; Storm Drainage Utilities; Subdrainage; Asphalt & Concrete Paving; Traffic Barriers; Chain Link Fences & Gates; Ballasted Track; AC Isolation Disconnect Switches; Traction Power Cables; Grounding & Bonding for Traction Power; Hi-Rail Vehicle.

Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans & specifications & requirements for the work will be made available to interested LSB/ MBE/ WBE certified suppliers & subcontractors.

Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services for this project will also be offered to interested LSB/MBE/ WBE certified suppliers, subcontractors, truckers. PMI is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Carpenters, and Laborers Collective Bargaining Agreements.

100% Payment & Performance bonds will be required from a single, Treasury-listed surety company subject to PMI's approval. PMI will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors awarded on any project will be on PMI's standard form for subcontract without any modifications. For questions or assistance required on the above, please call.

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Requesting Project Assistance from **DBE/MBE/WBE and Other Business Enterprises:**

DMZ Builders is bidding the following project as a Prime Contractor and is seeking subcontractors and vendors to assist with the project by submitting quotes for their trades or products.

**Project: 34.5kV Cable Replacement and Fiber Optic Cable Installation, A-Line, ACO to AUC**  
Contract: 15EJ-180

Owner: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

**Bid Date: December 3, 2019 @ 2:00pm**

Services Needed: **Construction Survey, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, SWPPP, Temporary Erosion Control, Site Security, Janitorial, Trucking, Earthwork, Sitework, Drainage, Underground Utilities, Fencing, Concrete Foundations, Reinforcing, AC Paving, Electrical, Communication, Fiber Optic, Traction Power, Train Control, Trackwork, Quality Control, Testing.**

Plans and specifications are available to interested firms via BART's on-line procurement portal or can be viewed at DMZ Builders Concord, CA office by contacting the DMZ office to make an appointment.

DMZ Builders is a union contractor. Subcontractors must provide their active CSLB license number and DIR registration number with their quote. Subcontractors will be required to execute DMZ Builders standard subcontract terms and conditions or purchase order agreement (for suppliers), both available for review upon request, and meet insurance requirements, including waiver of subrogation. Subcontractors, at DMZ's discretion, may be required to provide payment and performance bonds for 100% of the subcontract value. DMZ will reimburse bond premium at actual cost, not to exceed 2.0%. Project requires paying prevailing wages and submitting certified payrolls. All subcontractors must sign BART's project stabilization agreement prior to participating in the project.

For assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, supplies and materials, technical assistance, or any other coordination required for the project, please contact Richard Zito by phone at (925) 826-5387, by fax at (925) 826-5766, or by e-mail at [estimating@dmzbuilders.com](mailto:estimating@dmzbuilders.com). DMZ will work with interested subcontractors and suppliers to identify opportunities to divide the work into economically feasible packages and intends to cooperate with all qualified firms seeking work on the project.

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# Tutor Perini/O & G Joint Venture (TPOG)



## SEEKING DBE FIRMS

FOR SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WESTSIDE  
PURPLE LINE EXTENSION SECTION 3 STATIONS PROJECT

**OWNER: LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA)**



### SCOPES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

Security Guards • Dewatering • Community Relations



## INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH TPOG?

TPOG issues Notice of Interest (NOI) Emails to all Tutor Perini/O & G Joint Venture registered vendors notifying them of upcoming 1st tier opportunities on the project. All CUCP certified DBEs vendors based in Southern California are already registered with TPOG. Please contact us if your firm is not receiving TPOG Notices of Interest by sending a note to:

**[Nareg@moderntimesinc.com](mailto:Nareg@moderntimesinc.com)**

### BONDING, LINES OF CREDIT, AND INSURANCE SUPPORT SERVICES:

TPOG is willing to assist DBE Subcontractors and suppliers in obtaining access to bonds, lines of credit and insurance. Please email Nareg Bostanian for your requests for assistance.

TPOG is soliciting in good faith all interested subcontractors as well as certified DBE firms. If you are interested in bidding or have any questions in relation to the scope, please email DBE Project Coordinator: Nareg Bostanian or visit the website below. <http://www.tpojv4purpleline.com/index.html>

# Introducing a risk-conscious mindset outside of your risk team

[ Article was originally posted on <https://blog.buildingconnected.com> ]

By Justin Levine,

Too often, project risk is only considered by risk teams during the preconstruction phase. With increasingly fragmented construction organizations, it's easy for risk data to stay siloed. However, it's been proven that everyone benefits when your entire organization operates with risk in mind.

Case in point: the \$4 billion Pentagon Renovation Program. Completed in 2011, it was one of the largest renovation programs in American history, spanning two decades of planning, design, and construction. Despite numerous setbacks, the project was a massive success — completed both under budget and ahead of schedule — largely because a cross-functional team was organized to identify and address potential risks throughout the construction process.

This sort of proactive, collaborative approach to construction risk management should be adopted on every project. If you aren't sure how to begin evangelizing a risk-conscious mindset outside of your own team, here's a look at how to get started by project phase.

### Before the project begins: Democratize risk data using integrated systems

You can't expect others to proactively consider risk if your data lives in a system no one else can

access. This is where integrations come in: by making your risk data available in the platforms other teams use every day, they can make the most informed decisions possible without any additional legwork.

For example, many of our customers use the TradeTapp API to connect qualification status and limits to their ERP system. By doing so, they prevent their teams from ever issuing a new project that exceeds a single project limit, or aggregate total limit.

### During the bidding phase: Keep risk top of mind for estimators

The most effective way to ensure everyone considers risk during their day-to-day is to insert the information into the systems and workflows that they operate in. Find ways to embed risk into their processes as subtle reminders to your project team.

Ease of discovery is key. For instance, TradeTapp's integration with BC Pro displays qualification details in five different locations within the app. As estimators search for vendors, invite them to bid, review and compare bids, and ultimately award contracts, TradeTapp data remains front and center. This ensures risk stays top of mind as estimators evaluate vendors, pushing them to think beyond just cost and availability.

### During and after construction: Create a feedback loop with field teams

After preconstruction is complete and the project moves into the construction phase, risk data sharing becomes a two-way street. Once projects are underway, it's important to create a feedback loop with your field managers to uncover site-specific risk insights.

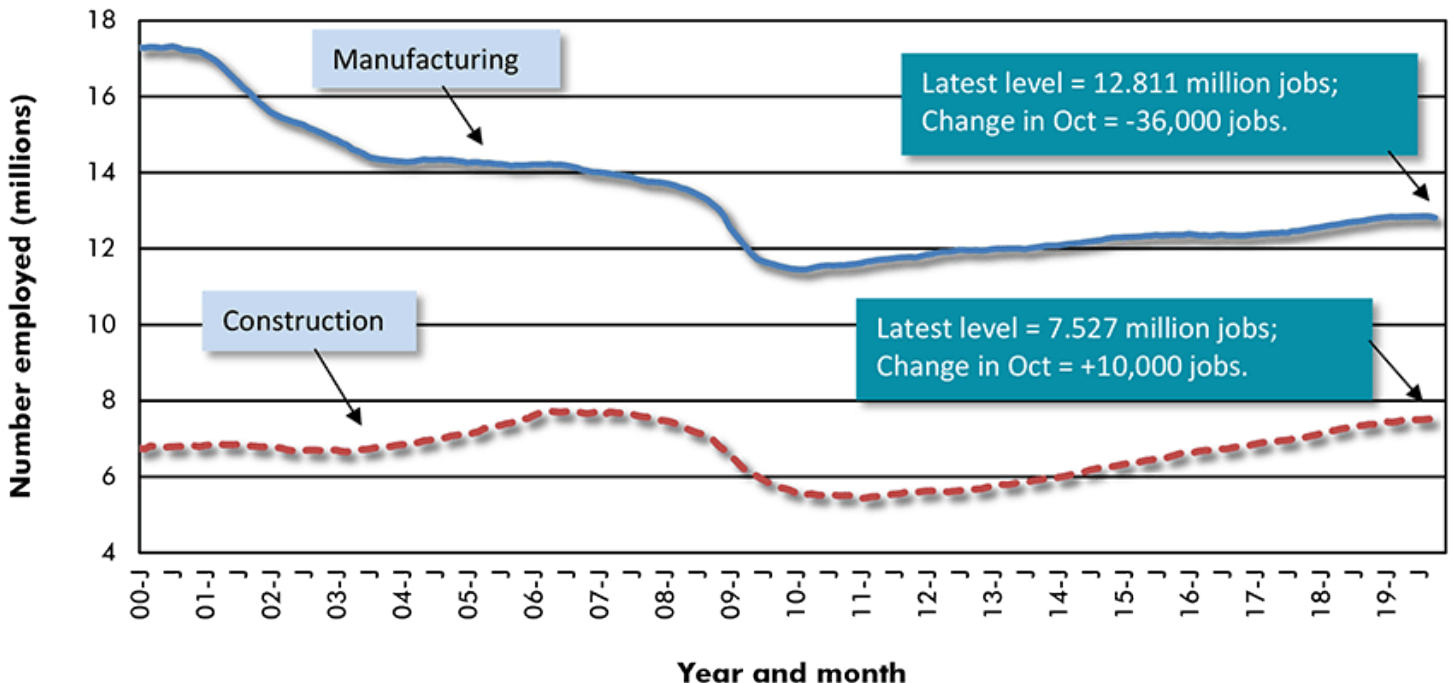
During construction, establish processes to report and track signs of subcontractor distress (e.g. a fluctuating workforce, falling behind schedule, pre-lien notices from their suppliers) and other risk concerns (e.g. data on weather conditions, pollution hazards, project timing). Finally, after project completion, use a detailed subcontractor performance survey to collect risk data for future projects.

I'll be diving into how these feedback loops can be built with technology next month at both Autodesk's Connect & Construct Summit in Las Vegas and IRMI Construction Risk Conference in Seattle.

SOURCE: <https://blog.buildingconnected.com/introducing-a-risk-conscious-mindset-outside-of-your-risk-team/>

## U.S. October Jobs Growth Not as Underwhelming as First Appears

Graph 3: U.S. Manufacturing vs Construction Employment  
Seasonally Adjusted (SA) Payroll Data







# California Sub-Bid Request Ad



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**FINISHING KITCHENS AT BROWNS AND VICHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
NAPA, CA**

**BID DATE: November 14, 2019 @ 2:00pm**

**ESTIMATE: \$1,100,000**

**CONTACT:**

**Kelsey Godfrey [bid@arntzbuilders.com](mailto:bid@arntzbuilders.com)**

Trades needed but not limited to: Building Demolition, Concrete, Metal Fabrications, Stainless Steel Wall Panels at Drinking Fountains, Rough Carpentry, Roof Repairs, Thermal Insulation, Flashing and Sheet Metal, Firestopping, Joint Sealants, Hollow Metal Doors and Frames, Wood Doors, Overhead Coiling Doors, Door Hardware, Louvers, Plaster Patching, Gyp Board, Tiling, Acoustical Ceilings, Resinous Kitchen Flooring, Wall Covering, Fiberglass Wall Panels, Painting and Coating, Signage, Toilet Accessories, Fire Extinguisher Cabinets, Metal Lockers, Food Service Equipment, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Earthwork, Sanitary Sewerage Utilities

All contractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) or be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015). In addition, they are subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code.

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**CULINARY ARTS MODERNIZATION AT JOHN O'CONNELL SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
SFUSD Project #12017**

**BID DATE: November 12, 2019 @ 11:00am**

**ESTIMATE: \$1,700,000**

**CONTACT:**

**Kelsey Godfrey [bid@arntzbuilders.com](mailto:bid@arntzbuilders.com)**

Trades needed but not limited to: Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Steel, Rough Carpentry, Interior Finish Carpentry, Sheet Metal Flashing & Trim, Joint Sealers, Aluminum Fire Frames, Steel Frames, Louvers, and Doors, Door Hardware, Glass & Glazing, Gypsum Wallboard, Acoustical Ceiling, Wall Coverings, Painting, Concrete Coating, Signage, Marker Boards, Louvers and Vents, Fire Extinguishers, Access Panels, Audio Visual Equipment, Food Service Equipment, Modular Casework, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Hazmat

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**TULE ELK PARK EARLY EDUCATION SCHOOL MODERNIZATION  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
SFUSD Project #11904**

**BID DATE: November 19, 2019 @ 2:00pm**

**ESTIMATE: \$11,500,000**

**CONTACT:**

**Kelsey Godfrey [bid@arntzbuilders.com](mailto:bid@arntzbuilders.com)**

Trades needed but not limited to: Tree Protection, Selective Structure Demo, Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Shotcrete, Post Installed Anchors, Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Iron, Metal Fabrication, Finish Carpentry Restoration, Rough Carpentry Landscape Wood Structures, Architectural Woodwork, Building Insulation, Roof Insulation, Modified Bitumen Roofing, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Firestopping, Hollow Metal Doors and Frames, Wood Doors, Access Doors, Coiling Counter Doors, Aluminum-Framed Entrances and Storefronts, Aluminum-Framed Folding Doors, Aluminum Windows, Door Hardware, Glass & Glazing, Metal Framing, Gypsum Board, Ceramic Tile, Acoustical Tile Ceilings, Resilient Flooring, Resinous Epoxy Flooring, Painting, Visual Display Surfaces, Signage, Toilet Compartments & Accessories, Metal Storage Shelving, Flagpoles, Bird Control, Residential Appliances, Roller Window Shades, Entrance Floor Mats, Hydraulic Elevator, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Earthwork, Drilled Piers, Concrete Paving, Chain Link Fences, Site Furnishings, Planting Irrigation, Site Utilities, Hazmat

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