

# How to Save Billions on Public Construction

The ways we calculate pay scales for labor on government projects dramatically inflate the costs.



#### **By Charles Chieppo**

A recent Wall Street Journal op-ed column called for repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, which sets a floor for wages on federally funded construction projects. Thirty-two states have their own prevailing-wage laws, and while the goal of making sure that those working on public construction projects are fairly compensated is too important for the laws to be repealed, some simple reforms for how prevailing wages are calculated could save state and local taxpayers billions of dollars.

According to a 2008 study by Suffolk University's Beacon Hill Institute, state and local governments spend about \$300 billion annually on public construction. Labor accounts for about half the cost of those projects. How each of the states with prevailing-wage laws calculates the wage, which various by region within states, is determined by state law.

Some, such as Texas and Connecticut, simply use the amounts determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) that are used on federal projects. Five states -- Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ohio -- calculate wages based on the amounts negotiated in local collective-bargaining agreements. The problem is that both approaches dramatically inflate prevailing wages.

WHD determines prevailing wages by surveying construction unions and large employers. But the surveys are so complex and time-consuming that most contractors -- especially small ones -don't complete them.

Unions and union contractors, on the other hand, are far more likely to fill out the surveys. Union wages tend to be above market, and these entities want to see the prevailing wage set as high as possible to minimize their competitive disadvantage (disclosure: an association of open-shop construction contractors is among my clients). As a result, the Beacon Hill Institute study found that the WHD approach inflates wages by an average of about 22 percent, which adds about 10 percent to overall project costs.

The cost problem is even worse in the five states that base prevailing wage on collective-bargaining agreements. In recent years, New York State has debated whether to extend the prevailing wage to cover Industrial Development Agencies, the state's public economic-development authorities. A Center for Governmental Research report estimated that doing so would increase the cost of the agencies' construction projects by 36 percent. Using collective-bargaining agreements to determine prevailing wage is also unfair because such a small portion of construction workers belong to unions. According to Unionstats.com, membership ranges from 2 percent in Alabama to about 38 percent in Hawaii, and the number is in single digits in about half the states.

A far better approach would be to simply base prevailing wage on Bureau of Labor Statistics data. BLS, which like WHD is within the U.S. Department of Labor, is the gold standard for employment data. BLS calculates wage data by industry (including construction) in 80 metropolitan and 170 non-metropolitan areas. It is far more transparent about its methodology than WHD and most states are. In addition, its methodology is more sophisticated and its conclusions are based on

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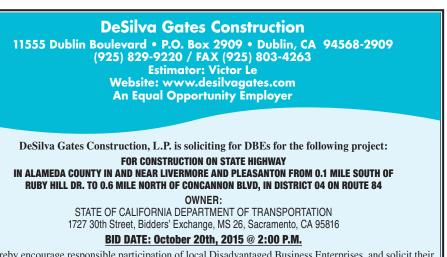
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

#### BID DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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Bid Date 11/3/15 at 2 pm

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San Carlos Transit Center Project Contract No.: 16-S-C-011 Owner: San Mateo County Transit District Engineers' Estimate: \$4 Million BID DATE: October 19, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Asphalt Concrete Paving, Concrete : Removal, Curb, Sidewalk, Gutter, Structural (cast-inplace), Construction Area Signs, Demolition, Fencing, Micropiles, Pavement Marker, Rebar, Signage, Site Preparation : Clearing and Grubbing, Excavation and Backfill, Electrical, Trucking, Stripe, Landscape and Irrigation, WPCP, PCMS, Surveying, Bioretention Basins, Decomposed Granite Paving, Gravel Pavers, Station Furnishings, Traffic Control and Flagging, QCQA Testing & Inspection.

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

Department of Transportation - Replace Retaining Wall Location: Sonoma, CA · Project #04-1J3204

Bid Date: October 29, 2015 @ 2:00PM

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> Sub Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for City of Lodi - Grade Separation Harney Lane at UPRR

> > Location: Lodi, CA

#### Bid Date: October 29, 2015 @ 11:00 AM

**McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades:** land clearing/tree removal; demolition; street sweeping; construction area signs; striping; electrical; joint trench electrical; masonry block walls; cast-in-place-drilled-holes; slurry seal; pavement reinforcing fabric; jack & bore steel casing; landscaping/irrigation; minor concrete; fencing; handrailing; concrete barrier; erosion control; traffic control; reinforcing steel; prestressing steel reinforcement; AC dike; and survey.

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified  $\ensuremath{\textbf{DBE}}$  Subcontractors & Suppliers for

Department of Transportation - Replace Existing Bridge Railing Location: Saratoga/Los Gatos · Project No. 04-1A3404 <u>Bid Date: October 29, 2015 @ 2:00 PM</u>

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: construction area signs; water pollution control; SWPPP; street cleaning/sweeping; metal beam guard rail; grinding; demolition; sign structures; traffic control; fencing; concrete barrier; electrical/signals; AC paving; minor concrete; striping; concrete; and trucking.

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> Mission Bay Development Group, LLC is actively seeking contractors for the upcoming Mission Bay: Park P23 and P24 Project

This project is subject to the

Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program which has a 50% participation goal with first consideration for San Francisco-based SBEs.

Proposed scope of work for this project includesbut is not limited to demolition, storm drain, sewer and waterline work, grading, landscapingand irrigation, electrical, site furnishings, architectural features, fencing, sports court, decomposed granite surfacing, concrete hardscapeand pavers.

One set of bid documents will be distributed toeach interested Contractor.

Please contact Cathy Serrano of Townsend Management, Inc., at(415) 355-6644 to pick up a set at the Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street, San Francisco, CA 94158

# 🛞 Kiewit

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. 4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534 Attn:Victor Molina - victor.molina@kiewit.com

Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractor, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District of Sacramento County, Nitrifying Sidestream Treatment Project (NST) Project in Elk Grove, CA.

http://www.epa.gov / http://www.sba.gov / www.californiaucp.org Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

Nitrifying Sidestream Treatment Project Contract No. 4212 Owner: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

**Bid Date: November 12, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.** Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

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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 CUCP, MBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF or HUB Certified DBE business suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

#### Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due November 6, 2015 and

Quotes NO LATER THAN November 11, 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 http://www. kiewit.com/districts/northern-california/overview.aspx to register your company to be able to receive bidding information.

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Contact Ali Farahani at (510)5252398 with any questions. BIDS SHOULD BE FAXED TO: (510)5252304 or EMAILED to Nema@post.com before 2pm October 13,2015 Scope Of Work Included But not limited to: Painting ,Electrical ,HAZMAT ,window Treatment ,Building suppliers .

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The Work under this contract is located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Work consists of the White River Pogues Run Tunnel Project and associated Shafts and Vortex Drop Shaft Structures.

#### Owner: Citizens Energy Group Project No. 92TU00126 BID DATE: October 29, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

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Any business seeking to participate as a MBE/WBE/VBE in the Contract that is not currently certified MBE/ WBE/VBE's by one of the above certifying authorities should contact the DMWBD at 1501 City County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; phone (317) 327-5262, any of the other agencies as shown above to obtain current certification.

We have set up an FTP site where you can view all plans and specifications for your convenience. Please contact Aimee Remo at (909) 594-0990 or Brett Campbell at (909) 594-0982 to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

## SKJV

An EEO Employer (J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. – Kiewit Infrastructure Co.) 667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 22 • Walnut, CA 91789 909-595-4397 • 909-869-0827 (fax) Attn: Dennis Poulton, EEO Officer

## Shimmick Construction Company Inc.

8201 Edgewater Drive, Suite 202 • Oakland, CA 94621 Phone (510) 777-5000 • Fax (510) 777-<u>5099</u>

LBE Subcontractor/Supplier Bids Requested For: Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant Primary and Secondary Clarifier Upgrades City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Contract No. WW-626 <u>Bid Date: November 12, 2015 until 2:00PM</u> Fax all quotes to 510-777-5099

**Requesting certified LBE Subcontractor and Supplier Quotes on:** Reinforcing Steel Contractor, Sandblasting Contractor, Earthwork & Paving, Painting/Waterproofing, Traffic Control, Concrete Contractors and Suppliers, Trucking & Hauling, Surveying, Fencing, Lumber, Safety & Personal Protection, Pipes & Valves Hard copy versions of plans, specifications and bidding documents are available at 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 1st Floor, Customer Service Desk, San Francisco, CA 94102. Contract documents are also available for viewing by appointment only at Shimmick Construction's Office: 8201 Edgewater Drive, Suite 202, Oakland, CA 94621.

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> TAFT ELECTRIC COMPANY 1694 EASTMAN AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93003 Contact: Tim Herrera Phone: (805) 642-0121 • Fax: (805) 650-9015

Invites sub-bids from qualified DBE businesses for the following project:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Contract No. 07-308504, Federal-aid Project No. ACNHP-X111(074)E FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN VENTURA COUNTY ON ROUTE 23 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND ON ROUTE 118 FROM PRINCETON AVENUE UNDERCROSSING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY LINE In District 07 On Route 23, 118 Under Project No. 50523 Location: Ventura County

**BID DATE: 10/22/2015** 

SEEKING: Mobilization, Demo., Traffic Control & Construction Signing, Aluminum Signs, Pavement, System Testing, Water Pollution Control, Temp. Drainage Inlet Protection, Temporary Concrete Washout, Treated Wood Waste.

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One set of bid documents will be distributed toeach interested Contractor. Please contact Cathy Serrano of Townsend Management, Inc., at (415) 355-6644 to pick up a set at the Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street, San Francisco, CA 94158 Requesting bid quotations from all Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

SFUSD – Herbert Hoover Middle School; Ceiling Fans, Window Film Installation and Shades Relocation SFUSD Project #11064 <u>Bid Date: 10/13/15 at 3:00 P.M.</u> Faxed bids are due 2 hours prior to bid time.

Proposals requested for the following trades: Asbestos Abatement, Window Film Installation, Ceiling Fan Suppliers and Installers, Ceiling Tile, Electrical, Drape/Shade Installer.

Bayview Construction and Painting, Inc. 1329 Marsten Road • Burlingame, CA 94010 Phone: 650-458-6354 • Fax: 650-401-6082

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#### Request for

Minority-Owned Subcontractors for

Design Services for Briones Inlet/Outlet Tower Seismic Retrofit Project, Orinda, CA Bid Date October 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM

**Proposal requested for the following technical services:** geotechnical drilling and sampling, CAD work, Mechanical Engineering, Structural Engineering, and environmental/permitting consulting services.

Please call if interested to learn more about the project. Thank you.

#### Terra Engineers

350 Sansome St, Suite 830 • San Francisco, CA 94104 Phone 888-888-4730 Contact: Robert Kirby BobKirby@terraengineers.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

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And the wage differences are significant. A 2012 Columbia University study found that current New York state prevailing wages ranged from 10 percent to more than 70 percent higher than BLS rates.

Like so much of government, prevailing-wage laws are a balancing act. Done right, they ensure that those who work on public construction projects receive a reasonable wage, and they also are fair to the taxpayers who fund those projects. Using Bureau of Labor Statistics data to determine prevailing wages is the best way to strike that delicate balance.

Source: http://www.governing.com