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## Nevada Shines Light Onto America's Future



Twenty-five years ago, non-Hispanic whites made up 80 percent of the Las Vegas population. Now, they're down to 45 percent. (Photos by David Kidd)

By Alan Greenblatt

For years, the Day of the Dead in Las Vegas came and went without most people noticing. The Mexican holiday provides an occasion to honor and pray for departed loved ones, but despite rapid growth in Southern Nevada's Hispanic population, there was no local commemoration. A few individuals went privately to cemeteries and left flowers or set up altars filled with offerings, or ofrendas, but that was about it.

Then a woman working for the state arts council persuaded a Catholic church to host a more formal event. It quickly outgrew the space and moved to Clark County's cultural center, which is housed in an old elementary school. Now the celebration draws 9,000 people annually over the first two nights of November. "That is the biggest event we do each year," says Patrick Gaffey, cultural program supervisor for the Clark County Parks and Recreation Department. "People come here and they bring their traditions."

There are lots of cultural traditions to commemorate in Clark County, and the number gets larger all the time. The center hosts everything from Chinese language summer camps to concerts featuring African, Arabic and Hawaiian musicians. The calendar of events reflects the enormous demographic changes that have come to Nevada in

a relatively short time. Over the past 20 years, the number of Hispanics in the state has more than doubled. Hispanics and Asians are expected to make up half the population of Las Vegas within the next few years. (Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, has more than 2 million residents and accounts for three-quarters of the population of the entire state.)

It used to be neighboring California foreshadowing the ways in which the nation as a whole was heading. Now it's Nevada that, perhaps more than any other state, offers a glimpse into the future. The change that has occurred so rapidly there -- from having a population that was overwhelmingly white to one that will soon be mostly people of color -- is under way in most of the nation, or will be in the coming decades. The Census Bureau has predicted the country as a whole will be majority nonwhite by the year 2043.

The "diversity explosion," as Brookings Institution demographer William Frey calls it, is most pronounced among the young. Already, a majority of K-12 students across the nation belong to minority groups. According to Frey, since 2000 all but four states have actually seen a decline in their population of whites under 20, while all but two states have experienced growth among young people of color. "The continued dispersion of Latinos and Asians into Las Vegas and Nevada is emblematic of what's happening everywhere," Frey says.

You don't have to embrace diversity to recognize that it's coming. In this sense, Nevada might serve as a warning. Although Hispanics have accounted for nearly half the state's growth in recent years, in terms of policy response, they have remained mostly an afterthought. Few government programs have evolved in order to serve a more diverse population. When it comes to social services and education, in particular, Nevada is still catching up. "There's no doubt we're behind," says Dale Erquiaga, the state superintendent of public instruction.

Things are starting to change, but not quickly enough to help many of the new residents succeed. By nearly any measure you can think of -- unemployment, high school graduation rates, use of food stamps -- Hispanics aren't faring as well as Caucasians in Nevada. They also lag behind Hispanics in other Mountain

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**CALTRANS ROUTE 280 – FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM STEVEN CREEK BOULEVARD UNDERCROSSING TO FOOTHILL EXPRESSWAY UNDERCROSSING, Contract No. 04-272054, Federal Aid Project ACNHPI-280-1(143)**

**OWNER:**

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

**BID DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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

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**OWNER:**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,  
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**BID DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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

COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, MARKERS, RUMBLE STRIP, SIGN STRUCTURE, STRIPING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, SHOULDER BACKING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (OPEN GRADE) MATERIAL.

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**GRADE SEPARATION HARNEY LANE AT UPRR OVERHEAD PROJECT, Federal Aid Project No. STPL-5154(040), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal assigned is 11%**

**OWNER:**

CITY OF LODI – 310 West Elm Street, Lodi, CA 95241

**BID DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M.**

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantage Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:

AC DIKE, BRIDGE AND SOUNDWALLS, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, BARRICADE, CHANNELIZER, TRAFFIC DRUM, CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT, DEVELOP WATER SUPPLY, ELECTRICAL, JOINT TRENCH, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, MINOR CONCRETE, TEXTURE CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, OBJECT MARKERS AND DELINEATORS, SLURRY SEAL, STRIPING, SURVEY/STAKING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, SEPTIC TANK ABANDON, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, IMPORTED BORROW, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE B) MATERIAL.

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

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Please contact Cathy Serrano of Townsend Management, Inc.,  
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**CALTRANS ROUTE 24, 580 – CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY IN OAKLAND ON ROUTE 580 FROM FRUITVALE AVENUE UNDERCROSSING TO HOLLIS STREET UNDERCROSSING AND ON ROUTE 24 AT WESTBOUND OFF-RAMP TO MARKET STREET, Contract No. 04-4H2224, Federal Aid Project ACNHP-X001(602)E, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal assigned is 14%**

**OWNER:**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,  
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**BID DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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**AC DIKE, BONDED WEARING COURSE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONCRETE BARRIER, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, CRACK SEALING, ELECTRICAL, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, MISC. IRON AND STEEL, PAVING FABRIC, ROADSIDE SIGNS, STRIPING, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, UNDERGROUND, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT, RUBBERIZED HMA (OPEN GRADE) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.**

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**OWNER:**  
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**BID DATE: 10/29/2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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**AC Dike, Cold Plane, Concrete Barrier, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Guardrail, Treated Wood Waste, Slab Replacement (RSC), Delineators, Markers, Striping, SWPPP Prep/ Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Vegetation Control (Asphalt Composite), Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material, Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material**

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**FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY NEAR SACRAMENTO FROM 0.3 MILE WEST OF POWERLINE ROAD TO 0.1 MILE EAST OF AIRPORT BOULEVARD, ROUTE 5 Contract No. 03-2F6304 Federal Aid Project No. ACIMNHP-0056(344), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal assigned is 17%**

**OWNER:**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,  
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**BID DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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**Clearing & Grubbing, Cold Plane, Construction Area Signs, Electrical, Erosion Control, Guardrail, Roadside Signs, Sign Structures, Striping and Pavement Markers, WPCP Prep, Underground Work, Vegetation Control Concrete, Trucking, Sweeping, Water Trucks, Erosion Control Materials, Aggregate Base Material, HMA Material, RHMA Material and Tack Coat Material.**

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**CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 101 IN MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES NEAR PETALUMA FROM 0.8 MILE SOUTH TO 2.0 MILE NORTH OF THE MARIN-SONOMA COUNTY LINE,  
CONTRACT NO. 04-264094,  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT ACNHP-Q101(261) N,  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal assigned is 8%**

### OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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**BID DATE: November 3rd, 2015 @ 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, ADL Burial Location Report, Bridge, Retaining Wall, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Concrete Barrier, Construction Area Sign, Crack Sealing, Crash Cushion, Electrical, Erosion Control, Fencing, Guardrail, Lead Compliance Plan, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structure, Structural Concrete Box Culvert, Headwall, Lean Concrete Base, Rammed Aggregate Columns, Roadside Signs, Delineator, Markers, Sign Structure, Striping, Survey/Staking, Temporary Erosion Control, Underground, Vegetation Control, Settlement & Monitoring, SWPPP, Well Destroy / Capping, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material, Class 4 Aggregate Base Material, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material, Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material, Hot Mix Asphalt (Open Graded) Material.**

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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT  
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ANODE CABLES, ANODE ARRAY ASSEMBLIES,  
AND CATHODIC PROTECTION SYSTEM  
CONTRACT NO. 09DJ-140**

**Project Bid Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 @ 2 pm**

Manson Construction Co. is seeking qualified MBE and WBE firms preferably already registered with the California Uniform Certification Program (CUCP) for the following classifications including but not limited to: Diving, Underwater Surveying, Towing, Electrical

In general, the project is an on-call, day-rate contract for the repair of the BART underwater anodes and anode arrays. Manson is seeking proposals on the same basis from prospective subcontractors and service firms no later than October 26, 2015 COB. Due to the nature of the project, there are no plans available. For scope clarification and specification review, please contact Bill Cooke at Manson Construction Co. at (510) 232-6319 ext. 8323 or by email at [BCooke@mansonconstruction.com](mailto:BCooke@mansonconstruction.com). Alternatively, Reference Documents if any will be available for examination by prospective Bidders at 300 Lakeside Drive, 17th Floor. Examination shall be during regular business hours and shall be by advance request and arrangement with the District's Contract Administrator, Steve A. Alva at [salva@bart.gov](mailto:salva@bart.gov).

Due to the marine nature of the project, all firms will be required to provide USL&H and Jones Act insurance coverage as well as GL of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate and per occurrence.

100% payment and performance bonds in the amount of the subcontractors bid may be required from a qualified surety company if the bid amount exceeds \$500,000. BART's Small Business Bonding Assistance Program is also available. You can contact Judy Singharath of Merriwether and Williams Insurances Services at 510-740-6922 ext. 205 or via email at [judy@imwis.com](mailto:judy@imwis.com) for assistance.

For questions regarding insurance, bonding, MBE/WBE CUCP certifications and assistance with registration you can contact Renee Williams at Manson Construction at 510-232-6319 ext. 8318 or by email at [rwilliams@mansonconstruction.com](mailto:rwilliams@mansonconstruction.com). Alternatively, Muriel Owens at BART is available at (510) 874-7326 regarding questions on BART Certifications.

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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.**

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and intend to seriously negotiate with qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise subcontractors and suppliers for project participation.

Payment and performance bonds may be required. Please contact us at the above listed number for further information regarding bidding on this project. To the best of our abilities we will help with bonds/insurance/credit. Plans are available for viewing at our office.

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# California Sub-Bid Request Ads



## 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](http://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)**

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF), or Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Businesses wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

Asphalt Paving, Aggregates, Carpentry, Casework, Minor Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Concrete Readymix, Concrete Reinforcement Supply & Install, Concrete Forms, Precast Concrete, Cast in Place Concrete, Clear & Grub, Grouting, Dewatering, Doors Frames & Windows, Electrical, Equipment(Process, Water & Wastewater) Grading, Finishes, Flooring, Fire-Suppression Systems & Protection, HVAC, Masonry, Structural Steel Framing, Steel Joist Framing, Steel Decking, Metal Railing, Gratin, Traffic Control, Paintings & Coatings, Plumbing, Piping & Valves, Process Interconnections, Quality Control, Security & Fire Detection Systems, Signage, Street Sweeping, SWPPP, Support of Excavation, Temp Utilities, Thermal & Moisture Protection( Blanket Insulation, Roof Insulation, Firestopping, Joint Sealant Expansion/Seismic Joint covers), Canopy, Trucking & Hauling.

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.

You can view the plans in our office during regular business hours by appointment. 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bonds are required for this project.

**An Equal Opportunity Employer  
CA Lic. #433176**

## RGW Construction, Inc.

Contractors License A/B 591940  
550 Greenville Road • Livermore, CA 94550 • Phone: 925-606-2400 • Fax: 925-961-1925  
An Equal Opportunity Employer

RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) for the following project:

**State Highway in Alameda County near Livermore from 1.1 Mile to 0.4 Mile East  
of North Flynn Road Overcrossing  
Contract No. 04-1SS034**

**Federal Aid Project No. ACNHPI-580-1(064)E**

**Engineer Estimate: \$9,700,000 – 180 -300 Working Days**

**Goal: DBE 6%**

**Bids: November 5th, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

**Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to):** Fabric & Oils, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Cold Plane, Clear and Grub, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation/backfill, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, AC Dike, Grinding, CIDH Piles, Structural Concrete, Joint Seal, Reinforcing Steel, Signs Roadside, Clean & Paint Steel, Object Marker, MBGR, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Signal and Lighting, SWPPP Planning, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker, Storm Drain (Underground) & Jack & Auger Bore 18" Steel Pipe.

**Scope of Work:** Construct Soldier Pile wall, and Reconstruction of Lanes & Shoulders.

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

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the Caltrans website [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/). Contact Andrew Eldridge 925-606-2400 [andrew.eldridge@rgwconstruction.com](mailto:andrew.eldridge@rgwconstruction.com) for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) for the following project:

**State Highway in Alameda County from Fremont Boulevard in Fremont to High Street in Oakland  
Contract No. 04-2J0704**

**Federal Aid Project No. ACSNHPI-880-1(074)E**

**Engineer Estimate: \$47,000,000 – 570 Working Days**

**Goal: DBE 18%**

**Bids: November 17th, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

**Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to):** Fabric Oils, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Raise Iron Utilities, Cold Plane, Demolition/Bridge Removal, Clear & Grub, Landscaping, Erosion Control, Grinding, Pile Driving, CIDH Piles, Structural Concrete, Precast Concrete Girders, Reinforcing Steel, Sign Structure, Signs Roadside, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc., Fencing, MBGR, Metal Railing, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Message Signs, Lighting & Sign Illumination, SWPPP, & Sweeper.

**Scope of Work:** Concrete median barrier, CIDH foundation and lighting.

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

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the Caltrans website [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/). Contact Mark Bosio 925-606-2400 [mark.bosio@rgwconstruction.com](mailto:mark.bosio@rgwconstruction.com) for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

## Advertise with the Small Business Exchange

Utilize SBE's TARGET DISTRIBUTION to reach the DBEs, SBEs, DVBEs, MBEs, and OBEs that match the trades and goods you need.

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# California Sub-Bid Request Ads

## nibbi

**Project Name: 1300 Fourth Street**

**Location: San Francisco, California**

**Bid Date: November 12, 2015 @2:00 PM**

**Pre-Bid Conference: October 29, 2015 @2pm**

**Location: 1000 Brannan Street, Suite 102, SF, CA**

Nibbi Brothers has been selected as the General Contractor for the 1300 Fourth Street housing project in San Francisco's Mission Bay District. We are in receipt of the 100% DD Set and are currently requesting bids from qualified subcontractors including those certified with the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) for Fire Sprinklers & Indicator Piles. OCII has established a subcontracting participation goal for this project at 50% SBE/LBE goal with first consideration for San Francisco-based MBEs, WBEs and SBEs. The project is located in San Francisco's Mission Bay District and is approximately 63,250sf of mixed-use residential/retail with 143 units of affordable housing. Construction will be five levels of Type III over one level of Type I concrete podium consisting of a parking garage, retail space and common areas.

To obtain bid and contract documents through Building Connected, please email Kristin Medwick in the Precon & Estimating Department, kristinn@nibbi.com.

For specific questions regarding this project please contact Elizabeth Crockett, Preconstruction Manager, via email, elizabethc@nibbi.com

Mission Bay Development Group, LLC is actively seeking DBE, SBE, LBE and/or General Contractors for the upcoming

### **Mission Bay Blocks 11 & 12 Surface Improvements**

**Bids are due at**

**2:00 PM, Thursday, November 12th, 2015.**

The Project is funded by the SFMTA, FTA, and SFDPW. Federal Grant requirements will apply.

The project has been identified as an SFMTA SBE Set Aside Project with a 100% DBE, SBE, and/or LBE participation requirement for construction subcontracting and suppliers for the landscaping & irrigation portions of work. To satisfy the 100% DBE, SBE, and/or LBE requirement, all contractors on the project must be either a DBE (federally certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise), Small Business Enterprises (California state certified Small Business), or LBE (City and County of San Francisco certified Local Business Enterprise).

The project manual and bid documents will be made available to each interested General Contractor.

Please contact **Glenele Oberrich** and/or **Shaula Kumaishi** of

**Alta Engineering Group, Inc.**, at  
Goberrich@AltaEngineeringGroup.com and  
SKumaishi@AltaEngineeringGroup.com  
to pick up a set at the  
Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94158.

## B&W

**BROSAMER & WALL, INC.**

An Equal Opportunity Employer

is requesting quotations from all qualified DBE

Professional services, sub-contractors and/or material suppliers for the following project:

**CITY OF LODI**

**GRADE SEPARATION AT HARNEY LANE AT UPRR OVERHEAD PROJECT**

**Bid Closing Date: October 29, 2015 @ 11:00 AM**

### **Brosamer & Wall Inc.**

1777 Oakland Blvd, Suite 110 • Walnut Creek, California 94596

PH: 925-932-7900 • FAX: 925-279-2269

Contact: Robert Rosas

#### **PROJECT SCOPE:**

The work in this Contract includes but is not limited General work description: Widening and Realignment Harney Lane including the construction of a new three span Cast In Place Post Tensioned Concrete Box Girder approximately 248 feet long and 88 feet wide to grade separate Harney Lane at the Union Pacific Rail Road track. Work includes signal modifications (temporary & permanent), drainage and utility installation, street lighting, landscaping, construction of raised medians, curb & gutter and sidewalk and other incidental and related work.

Duration of Project is 535 Calendar Days.

Please contact Robert Rosas @ rrosas@brosamerwall.com to view plans and specifications.

#### **Subcontractors and Suppliers being solicited include but not limited to:**

Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Reset/Adjust Roadway Items, Plane Asphalt Concrete, Clearing & Grubbing, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Imported Borrow, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Temporary Erosion Control, Seal Coat, Place Asphalt Concrete Dike & Misc., Concrete Structure, Concrete Block & Masonry Retaining Wall, Underground Contractor, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc., Fencing, Temporary Fencing, Object Marker, Traffic Striping & Marking, Signal & Lighting, Land Surveyor, SWPPP Prepare & Maintain (QSP), Construction Scheduling, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Land Surveying, Landscaping Contractor, Demolition, CIDH Concrete Piling, And Structural Concrete; Office Rental Trailers, Portable Restrooms, Concrete Supplies, Concrete Place And Finish, And/Or Any Item Of Work Or Material You Are Qualified To Perform Or Furnish.

**Requirements:** Brosamer & Wall, Inc. will work with interested subcontractors and suppliers to identify opportunities to break down items into economically feasible packages.

Brosamer & Wall, Inc. is a Union signatory contractor. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, DIR number, insurance coverage and worker's compensation for the entire length of the contract. All subcontractors will be required to sign our standard Subcontract Agreement. 100% payment and performance bonds may be required. If you have any questions regarding this project or need assistance in obtaining insurance, bonding, equipment, materials and/or supplies please allow us the opportunity to help your firm and call Chief Estimator - Robert Rosas at (925) 932-7900. Plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1777 Oakland Blvd Suite 110, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94596 or available free electronically. Please email Robert Rosas at rrosas@brosamerwall.com for electronic files. Brosamer & Wall, intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and will work with any interested subcontractor to identify opportunities to break items into economically feasible packages. If you are interested in submitting a subcontractor bid for this project, please call us at 925-932-7900 or fax us your quote at 925-279-2269. PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT CERTIFICATION WITH YOUR BID. Dealers/Suppliers and Brokers please confirm your designation code to us on or before the bid date. Please contact Chief Estimator Robert Rosas with any questions.

## **RGW Construction, Inc.**

Contractors License A/B 591940

550 Greenville Road • Livermore, CA 94550 • Phone: 925-606-2400 • Fax: 925-961-1925

An Equal Opportunity Employer

RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified LBE (Local Business Enterprises) for the following project:

**Diablo Pumping Plant Rehabilitation, Danville, CA**

**East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)**

**Engineer Estimate: \$3,000,000**

**Outreach: White Women/White Men/Ethnic Minorities**

**Bids: November 12, 2015 @ 1:30 PM**

**Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to):** Electrical & Instrumentation, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Reinforcing Steel, Fencing, Asbestos/Lead Abatement, Waterproofing, Painting & Coatings.

Scope of Work: Replacement of electrical systems, mechanical equipment and pipeline. Site improvements at the Diablo Pumping Plant in Danville, CA

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage WW/WM/EM participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or on at <http://www.ebmud.com/current-construction-bids>. Contact Aaron Heppner at 606-2400 aaron.heppner@rgwconstruction.com for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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West states, according to a study published last year by the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities. And, in contrast to the common stereotype, a good share of Nevada's fast-growing Asian population is struggling as well. "Our [service] infrastructure was so poor," says Nancy Brune, the center's executive director. "We were starting at the bottom and you add these demographic pressures, it's not surprising the outcome is what it is."

Back in 1950, when Nevada was the nation's least populous state, it was practically all white. Twenty-five years ago, non-Hispanic whites still made up 70 percent of the Las Vegas population. Now, they're down to 45 percent. Whites are still the single largest group within the city, but many of the county's white residents are in sprawling suburbs such as Henderson, where they constitute three-quarters of the population of 270,000.

Although Latinos are the largest immigrant cohort, Asians and Pacific Islanders are the fastest-growing group. They have settled throughout the area, but many Asian-owned businesses are concentrated along Spring Mountain Road, west of the casino-lined Las Vegas Strip. There's been considerable Chinese investment in local real estate, and Hawaiians sometimes refer to Vegas as "the ninth island," due to their proclivity to vacation and move there. But the dominant group among Asians is Filipinos. They make up more than half of Clark County's Asian population; ballots in the county are now printed in Tagalog, the Filipino language, as well as English and Spanish.

Many of the Asians in Las Vegas have entrepreneurial aspirations. This summer, for example, Raymart Bayanin moved from the Philippines to Vegas to study hospitality management at the College of Southern Nevada, one of the nation's largest community colleges. "If I will be a rich man, I have to have a business," he says.

That type of ambition has brought people to Nevada for generations. People have always believed they could strike it rich there, with old money and institutional ties mattering far less than in most places. The go-west ethos attracted both high rollers and poor people looking for a fresh start. Work in the mines and in unionized resorts, along with cheap housing costs, gave many new residents the chance to live a white-collar lifestyle on a blue-collar salary. "Regardless of your background, you get a chance here," says Betsy Fretwell, Las Vegas' city manager. "That's helped not only minorities, but everyone."

In the 1950s, African-Americans moved to Vegas to escape the cotton fields of the South. Now many of the menial jobs they once held in hotels -- as well as many of their former homes in the historically black section of West Las Vegas -- have been taken over by Hispanics. (African-Americans today make up 11 percent of Clark County's population.) West Las Vegas still has businesses with names like Soul Brothers and Beulah's Kitchen and Community Pantry, but it's become predominantly Hispanic. "It's hard to wrap your head around 89106 being anything but the black community," says Lawrence Weekly, who is African-American and the only non-white serving on the county commission. Hispanics also dominate the east side of town, and much of the eastern valley. Many have roots in the Caribbean or Central America, particularly El Salvador and



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Guatemala. But the majority either arrived directly from Mexico or have ancestry there.

States are often slow to react to demographic change. That's certainly the case in Nevada. The legislature meets for only 120 days every other year and has limited time to be visionary. When Republicans took over the legislature last year -- giving the GOP control of all of Nevada's political branches for the first time since 1929 -- few would have bet they'd spend the next session passing the largest tax increase in history. But that's what happened. Lawmakers recognized that something had to be done about the state's school governance laws, which were written for a very different population back in 1950. The legislature embraced most of a blizzard of education bills proposed by GOP Gov. Brian Sandoval. "This session was an adjustment for public education to who we are today," says Erquiaga, the state schools chief.

The billion-dollar package will modernize the state's education funding formula and offer new help to schools that serve heavily minority and poor populations. Nevada was one of the last states to devote money specifically to teaching English language learners (ELL) -- the term for children growing up in homes where English is not the primary language. There was no money earmarked for ELL until 2013; this year's package doubles the amount the state will spend, to \$100 million over the two-year budget cycle. "We did a lot of catching up in terms of the resources needed for our population today," Erquiaga says.

Still, Latino advocates and educational institutions complain that the increased funds, while certainly welcome, are not nearly enough. The state has long ranked near the bottom in terms of equity and per-pupil school spending. In order to have adequate if not excellent ELL programs, they claim, Nevada would have to spend something more like \$350 million. Miami has about the same number of ELL students as the Las Vegas area, but spends more than twice as much on such programs. In Clark

County, a quarter of the kids are ELL students, but only 5 percent of the teachers are qualified to teach them. Clark County teachers are predominantly white, even as the school population becomes much less so. Given how crowded schools are and how big some class sizes are -- Clark County started the school year some 900 teachers short -- it's easy for a kid with limited language skills to get lost. "Our education system is just starting to adapt to the changes," says Seth Rau, policy director for Nevada Succeeds, an education group backed by businesses. "I would argue that our system is just starting to react, 20 years too late."

One reason policymakers were slow to make adjustments in education, as well as in other program areas, was the sheer speed and volume of population change. The Hispanics who moved to Clark County were part of a huge influx of newly arrived residents of all kinds who came in from California and other states, as well as other countries, in search of year-round sunshine, cheap housing and jobs. There was a boom in casinos that made it easy for people with poor education to find work cleaning rooms and cooking food, and with those people came lots of employment in residential construction.

Through the 1990s and into the first few years of this century, Clark County was consistently the fastest-growing metropolitan area in the country, and policy attention was focused on growth. When it came to education, the primary question was whether schools could be built fast enough. Contracts were being written that allowed a dozen elementary schools to be built at a time. Far less notice was paid to how the characteristics of students within the schools -- and the population in general -- were changing. "When you're tripling the number of park acres and going from eight firehouses to 18," says Fretwell, the city manager, "a lot of attention gets focused on growth and the development needs of the community."

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After that, she notes, the city had to concentrate on slashing its budget some 20 percent. The 2008 economic collapse hit supposedly recession-proof Las Vegas hard. Casinos lost business as most Americans had less money to devote to travel and tourism. The area was also home to several of the nation's most foreclosure-plagued ZIP codes, drying up construction and real estate, which had been mainstays of the local economy. Between 2003 and 2006, one out of every four Hispanics employed in Nevada worked in construction, according to a recent report from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). As construction and hotel jobs went away, the unemployment rate for Hispanics in the state peaked at 18.6 percent in 2010. "When the economy was rocking and rolling, undocumented immigrants were here, but were adding to the economy," says Isaac Barron, a city councilman in North Las Vegas. "When the recession hit, they were someone to blame."

There was an assumption by some that Hispanics would go back to wherever they came from, whether it was California, Cuba or Mexico. That didn't happen. Thousands felt trapped by underwater mortgages. And it's not as if there were a lot of other boom areas to go to. Besides, residents who had arrived during the prosperous years had started to put down roots. "Many did expect people to leave," says Sylvia Lazos, a law professor at UNLV. "They saw a big wave of immigrants and thought it was a migratory population that wouldn't want to settle." By now, it's clear that's not the case.

If the growing size of the minority population has finally gotten policymakers' attention, its growing share of the vote has drawn notice as well. As recently as 1994, whites cast more than 90 percent of the ballots in Nevada. Next year, it will be more like 60 percent. It's probably no coincidence that lawmakers decided to begin funding ELL programs just after Hispanics played a key role in President Obama's 2012 victory in the state.

Hispanics and Asians have gotten more organized in recent years, but they still lag well behind

in political representation. The number of Hispanics who have served on area school boards in recent years can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The first Latinas were elected to the state Assembly just five years ago. Plenty of public officials in Clark County are "firsts" of their ethnicity to serve in such roles in the entire region. "As Hispanics, we've only been taken seriously in recent years," says Barron, one of only a couple of Hispanic officials elected locally in the entire Las Vegas Valley. "The fact that we haven't had that much impact on day-to-day governance is a problem."

Clark County agencies and municipalities in the area have gotten more aggressive about hiring bilingual staff. There are various outreach programs, including a standing quarterly meeting between Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman and minority groups. The county is directing more of its purchasing power toward minority-owned businesses, while Barron and other elected officials are hoping to see more Hispanics and Asians appointed to the numerous advisory boards in the area, which address issues such as libraries, planning and parking, and also serve as training grounds for the local political class. At the state level, Nevada has taken far less of an anti-immigrant stance than neighboring Arizona, allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver authorization cards. This year, Sandoval signed a bill allowing some undocumented immigrants to teach in the public schools.

The expression you'll hear time and again from Latino and Asian advocates is that things are starting to move in the right direction, but the area still has a long way to go. While the increased voting and buying power of minority groups is starting to be recognized, the size and extent of the population change really hasn't sunk in, or at least isn't being reflected in most policy areas. Federally funded job training programs can target veterans or youth, but not members of racial minorities; there doesn't seem to be much local improvising on this score. Areas with predominantly Hispanic populations, such as the eastern part of the Las Vegas Valley, are almost entirely lacking in health services such as primary care clinics. "We've got a lot of work to do," says

Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani. "I would have to say, Hispanics are still vulnerable as a community, as are Asians."

Las Vegas is still a new city. It has the potential -- like older American cities such as Chicago or New York in prior centuries -- to build upon immigrants as an economic engine. But it will have to do a better job nurturing that human capital. Only 30 percent of Nevadans have had a post-secondary education. In order to diversify its economy, the state will have to raise that percentage substantially, particularly among its minority population. "Company after company after company has stated that because of the low quality of education and our workforce, they wouldn't come to Nevada," says Leo Murrieta, executive director of the Center for Latino Prosperity.

This much should be clear about a town built on gambling: Not everyone who comes to Las Vegas wins. Consider the contrasting fortunes of two Hispanic women whose families moved from California during their senior years in high school. Angie Carillo came to Las Vegas in 2005, not long before the air went out of the housing bubble. She finished high school but soon was pregnant with her first child. She recently became homeless, having quit her job for want of child care. On a blazing hot day in August, she was feeding her kids ground beef, rice and bananas, courtesy of a Catholic Charities center. "They said it was cheaper than California and there were more jobs," she says. "It is cheaper, but I don't know about the jobs."

In her 30s, Erika Borges still complains that her parents "dragged me here from L.A." Unlike Carillo, however, she found her footing right away. Out of her group of friends from Los Angeles, Borges is the only one who didn't get pregnant early and the only one to finish college, let alone attain a master's degree. Now she's working for Clark County -- running the annual Day of the Dead celebration, in fact. Borges credits the help and support she received as a teen from a Latino youth group. "I'm living the dream," she says.

Source: <http://www.governing.com>



After working in restaurants and casinos for two decades, Ko Khonsavan, left, hasn't been able to find work for five years. His friend Ray Rosario recently found a job after being laid off, but says state and local workforce programs offered him no help.



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# California Sub-Bid Request Ads



## Blois Construction Co., Inc.

3201 Sturgis Road • Oxnard, CA 93030  
Phone: 805-656-1432 • 805-485-0338

REQUESTING BIDS FROM DBE/MBE/  
WBE/OBE Subcontractors and Vendors

**Project: Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Phase II  
Replacement Project**

**Owner: Webcor/Obayashi/Lyles, a Joint Venture  
for City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power**

**Bid Date: 11/03/2015**

**Please provide scope letters to Blois Construction  
5 days prior to bid date**

**Please submit quotes at least 4 day prior to bid**

Blois Construction is bidding this project as a Prime Contractor and is requesting bids from the following trades and suppliers:

**Trucking - Aggregates - Concrete - Rebar (Reinforcing Steel) - Materials - Shoring - Equipment Rental - Geosynthetic Clay - Liner - Grading - Welding - Prep - Paitning**

For questions regarding the project, contact Crissy Gonzales at 805.656.1432, FAX 805.485.0338 or email deliagonzales@bloisconstruction.com. If interested in bidding this project, Blois Construction is willing to assist all qualified subcontractors/suppliers in obtaining bonding, required insurance, materials, supplies or lines of credit if requested. Blois Construction is signatory to the Laborers and Operating Engineers.

Can be accessed at Blois FTP Server at <ftp://plans.bloisconstruction.com>. Browser Access <http://plans.bloisconstruction.com:8080>.

**User Name:** Headworks Reservoir West

**Password:** DwJs-35c6-A9Mr-CvFh

**Directory:**

[/home/ftp/jHeadworks Reservoir West](http://home/ftp/jHeadworks Reservoir West)

**Expires on:** 2016-01-09 00:00:00

Blois Construction is committed to working with qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/SBE/OBE subcontractors and suppliers who respond. Delivery schedules will be accommodated and categories of work broken down to facilitate maximum participation. Please include any certification you may have when submitting bids. Self Certification is not acceptable.



## Kiewit

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

requests bids from qualified subcontractors, consultants and suppliers to participate in Bridge Replacement of Sidehill Viaduct and Seismic Retrofit of Dog Creek Bridge in Shasta County

**Construction on state highway about 8 miles north of Shasta Lake near Lakehead from Turntable Bay overcrossing to 0.1 mile north of O'Brien safety roadside rest area and from 0.4 mile south to 0.3 mile north of Dog Creek Bridge**

**Owner: Caltrans**

**Contract No. 02-0E0904**

**Bid Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.**

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)**

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe\\_program.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe_program.htm)

certified by California Unified Certification Program wanted for scopes, including, but not limited to:

AC paving, aggregate supply, grading, drainage, bridge bearings, minor concrete, concrete supply, concrete pumping, concrete reinforcing, concrete barriers, demolition, erosion control, cable mesh attenuators & fencing, joint sealant, landscaping, MOT, metals, MBGR, pavement marking, CIDH piling, pipe supply, SWPPP, signage, trucking & hauling, thermal & moisture protection, water quality monitoring planning, reports, and monitoring, temporary engineering, bridge overlay & polyester concrete, composite casing, column jackets, well drilling, clear & grub, water & sweeper truck

**Subcontractor and Supplier Scope Letters due  
NO LATER THAN November 13, 2015 Quotes and  
Proposals due by November 18, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

Bonding, insurance and technical assistance or information related to the plans or specification and requirements for the work will be made available to interested Certified DBE consultants, suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested suppliers and subcontractors.

All subcontractors registered in Kiewit's SmartBidNet database will receive an invitation to bid Visit <http://www.kiewit.com/districts/northern-california/overview.aspx> to register

Plans are available for viewing through SmartBidNet and by appointment during regular business hours at:

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., 4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534

Contact: Victor Molina at victor.molina@kiewit.com

Documents are also available on the Caltrans website at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/oe\\_project.php?q=02-0E0904](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/oe_project.php?q=02-0E0904)

100% performance bonds and payment bonds for subcontractors and supply bonds for permanent materials supply are required for this project. Cost of bond will be reimbursable.

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