

What contractors need to know about OSHA's new silica rule



By *Kim Slowey*,

After a few legal fits and starts, as well as extra time for review and input, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's new silica standard for construction went into effect on Sept. 23.

What that means is contractors who engage in activities that create silica dust — that is, respirable crystalline silica — such as by cutting, grinding or blasting materials like concrete, stone and brick, must meet a stricter standard for how much of that dust workers inhale. The same goes for employers of tradespeople working around such activities.

The new standard also specifies what services employers must make available to workers who are exposed to high levels of silica dust and the training required of those who are at risk.

Inhaling silica dust can lead to silicosis, an incurable lung disease that can be fatal if severe enough. Those with too much silica exposure can also develop lung cancer, kidney disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

This isn't the first time OSHA has attempted to limit exposure to breathable silica. The standard slated to go into effect next month will take over for OSHA's first silica standard, which was issued in 1971 when the Department of Labor

first established the agency. The DOL has been studying silica dust and its relationship to worker deaths since the 1930s.

The existing standard requires that silica dust particles, which are 100 times smaller than sand granules, be limited to 250 micrograms per cubic meter of air over an average of eight hours — the hours of a typical work shift. The new standard reduces that to 50 micrograms over the same time period.

OSHA introduced the new standard in 2013, but some OSHA officials have been advocating for a silica rule change for at least 20 years, according to Joseph Parancac Jr., a Newark, NJ-based attorney with the law firm LeClairRyan. "Sometimes it takes a lot of pressure to get them to issue a new standard," he said.

Those who do not comply with the new standard will be subject to a maximum fine of \$12,675 for a serious or other-than-serious violation; \$12,675 per day past the abatement date for a failure-to-abate violation; and \$126,749 for a repeated or willful violation.

What implementation entails

OSHA has been on the receiving end of pressure from construction industry groups that claim the standard's cost of implementation and techno-

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Owner: City of San Jose

Request for Proposal No. 17-18-05

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Proposal due date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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Contract No. 04-4H2004,

**Federal Aid Project No. ACNHP-P029(134)E
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal
Assigned is 13%**

OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,

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BID DATE: NOVEMBER 8th 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.

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Bids: 11/07/17 @ 2 PM

SUBCONTRACTING GOAL - DBE - 6%

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CALTRAIN CONTRACT #17-J-C-220

Bids: 11/09/2017 @ 2 PM

SUBCONTRACTING GOAL - SBE/DBE - 35%

Demolition; Earthwork; Aggregate Base Courses; Underground Ductwork & Structures; Subdrainage Systems; Station Platforms, Sidewalks, Curbs & Gutters; AC Paving; Micro Surfacing; Pavement Stripes & Markings; Welded Wire Mesh Fence; Concrete Forming/Finishing; Rebar; CIP Concrete; Metal Fabrications; Pedestrian Exit Gates & Guardrails; Joint Sealants; Detectable Warning Tactiles; Signage; Traffic Signals; Ballast & Walkway Aggregate; Timber Crossties & Switch Ties; Rail; Track Removal/Salvage; Track Construction; Concrete Grade Crossings; Thermite Rail Welding.

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Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

**Replacement/Upgrade Pier 2 -
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 Location: Concord, CA

Solicitation No. W9123817R0065
 Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
 Bid Date: November 7, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.
 Quotes Due: October 30, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

Small Business Concerns (SBCs)

Wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to:

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Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes

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 Contract No. 02-0E1804

Owner: Caltrans

Bid Date: November 15, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

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wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to: AC Milling, AC Paving, Aggregates, Asbestos Abatement, Bridge Bearings, Bird Control, Minor Concrete, CIDH, Concrete Supply, Concrete Reinforcement and Dowels, Structural Concrete, Precast Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Concrete Formwork, Concrete Barriers, Concrete Washouts, Clear & Grub, Core Drilling, Crash Cushion, Cable Railing, Demolition, Earthwork, Erosion Control, Fencing, Guardrail, Hydroseeding, Joint Sealant, K-rail, Metals, Pavement Markings, Pipe Supply, Polyester Concrete Overlay, Quality Control, Rock Slope Protection, Street Sweeping, SWPPP, Signage, Survey, Traffic Control, Temp Facilities, Temp Signal System, Trucking & Hauling, Water Truck.

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Solicitation No. W9123817R0065

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CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

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Inspection services will be authorized on an as-needed basis and are contingent upon project approvals, funding and the quality of services delivered by the selected IOR.

Est. Contract Value: \$200,000 or greater

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contract ID No. 1000007419

CONTRACT NO. 34 -

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Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30:00 p.m. on November 8, 2017**, after which they will be publicly opened and read. Digital files of Bid Documents, Plan Holders Lists, and Addenda may be downloaded at no cost from the Public Works Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfpublishworks.org/biddocs. Please visit the Contracts, Bids and Payments webpage at www.sfpublishworks.org for more information (click on Resources > Contractor Resources). Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work is at various intersections located throughout San Francisco, California and consists of traffic signal upgrades, curb ramp, bulb-out and median island construction, drainage work, installation of subsidewalk basement pole foundations, traffic routing and all associated work. The time allowed for completion is 365 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$3,300,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Steven T. Lee at 415-558-5226.

On July 1, 2014, the registration program under section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code went into effect. The program requires that all contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project register and pay an annual fee to the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”).

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the DIR as required by Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

This Project shall incorporate the required partnering elements for **Partnering Level 1**. Refer to Section 01 31 33 for more details.

Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code (“Administrative Code”) Section 6.25 and Chapter 25 of the Environment Code, “Clean Construction” is required for the performance of all work.

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The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Unit Price basis. Progressive payments will be made.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

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Bid discounts may be applied as per Administrative Code Chapter 14B. LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement is 25%. Call Selormey Dzikunu at 415-554-8369 for details. In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids, except those who exceed the above stated LBE Subcontracting Participation Requirement

by 35%. Bidders must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference, if scheduled. Refer to CMD Form 2B.

A pre-bid site visit for sub-sidewalk basement will be held on October 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., at the southwest corner of Battery Street and Pine Street - Lightning Foods, 201 Pine Street, San Francisco, California (Meet outside restaurant).

A pre-bid conference will be held on October 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., at 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Flr.

For information on the City's Surety Bond Program, call Jennifer Elmore at (415) 217-6578.

A corporate surety bond or certified check for ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must accompany each bid. Administrative Code Section 6.22(a) requires all construction greater than \$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

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In accordance with Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$600,000 is awarded by the City and County of San Francisco until such time as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee approves the contract for award, and the Director of Public Works then issues an order of award. Pursuant to Charter Section 3.105, all contract awards are subject to certification by the Controller as to the availability of funds.

Minimum wage rates for this project must comply with the current General Prevailing Wage as determined by the State Department of Industrial Relations. Minimum wage rates other than applicable to General Prevailing Wage must comply with Administrative Code Chapter 12P, Minimum Compensation Ordinance.

This Project is subject to the requirements of the San Francisco Local Hiring Policy for Construction (“Policy”) as set forth in Administrative Code Section 6.22(g). Bidders are hereby advised that the requirements of the Policy will be incorporated as a material term of any contract awarded for the Project. Refer to Section 00 73 30 of the Project Manual for more information.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must be certified by the Contract Monitoring Division as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the Administrative Code within two weeks after notification of award.

If a bidder objects on any ground to any bid specification or legal requirement imposed by this Advertisement for Bids, the bidder shall, no later than the 10th working day prior to the date of Bid opening, provide written notice to the Contract Administration Division, San Francisco Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

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WARM SPRINGS BART WEST ACCESS BRIDGE & PLAZA PROJECT (REBID) • CITY OF FREMONT
Bids: 11/14/2017 @ 2 PM

SUBCONTRACTING GOALS: LBE-60%; SLBE-20%

DEMOLITION - SWPPP - CONCRETE - REBAR - CMU - STRUCTURAL STEEL - STAY CABLE ASSEMBLIES - METAL DECKING - COLD-FORMED METAL FRAMING - METAL FABRICATIONS - BRIDGE RAILING - DECORATIVE METAL - AMPHITHEATER ILLUMINATED HANDRAILS - DEMARCATION STUD - STAINLESS STEEL PLAZA BAND - SPECIALTIES - THERMAL & MOISTURE PROTECTION - FURNISHINGS - BENCHES - TRASH & RECYCLING RECEPTACLES - BIKE LOCKERS - BIKE RACKS - COBBLE - DRINKING FOUNTAIN - TREE GRATES - CONVEYING EQUIPMENT - FIRE SUPPRESSION - PLUMBING - HVAC - ELECTRICAL - COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONIC SAFETY & SECURITY - EARTHWORK - CLEARING & GRUBBING - PILES - INTERLOCKING PAVERS - LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION - HYDROSEED - UTILITIES - SOLAR-POWERED PHONE CHARGING STATION - PLAZA KIOSK - PILE LOAD TESTING

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logical limitations will put too big a burden on contractors. They also argue that some parts of the standard — like measuring the new exposure limit — are nearly impossible to implement.

In addition to the exposure limits, the new rules require contractors to:

1. **Develop a written silica exposure control plan.**
2. **Designate someone to implement the plan.**
3. **Adjust housekeeping practices to maximize control of silica dust.**
4. **Provide medical exams every three years to employees who are exposed to silica to the point of having to wear a respirator for 30 days or more each year. The exams must include lung-function tests and chest X-rays.**
5. **Train workers on how to limit exposure to silica.**
6. **Keep records of workers' silica exposure and related medical treatment.**

Implementing the new rules requires an initial assessment of how much silica dust a company's operations generate, Paranc said. If the reading falls below the level of 25 micrograms, then the company is not required to provide medical tests, develop a written plan or undertake any of the suggested engineering controls. The latter include wearing respirators and either wetting work down with tools like a wet saw or using a vacuum device to reduce the volume of dust.

General contractors take the lead

Industry-wide resistance to the new standard failed to gain enough traction to scuttle it. OSHA did, however, delay the rule's implementation by 90 days. That was intended to give the agency time to offer employers additional guidance on what it called the "unique nature" of the requirements in the construction standard.

Still, the new regulations have the potential to make life a little harder for general contractors, said Don Garvey, construction safety and health specialist at 3M, in Minneapolis. For one thing, OSHA is particularly concerned about subcontractors who might expose workers from other trades to the silica dust they generate, he said. This means electricians, for example, could be exposed to dust even though they don't create it themselves through their operations. General contractors could be left bearing the responsibility of making sure all subcontractors comply with the new standard.

"General contractors will have to be wary of it, [and] they'll need to work with subcontractors to make sure the job site stays safe," Garvey said.

For all the focus on the new rule's objectives, OSHA gives no step-by-step instructions to fulfilling its requirements. "They tell you what to do, not necessarily how to do it," Garvey said.

Getting help understanding the rules

Contractors that need assistance getting their programs up and running can look to trade associations like the Associated General Contractors of America. "They have a lot of good information, and they have a lot of good stuff on their websites," Garvey said.

Workers' compensation insurance carriers are another good resource. "They have loss-control [employees] who are safety and health professionals and who can help contractors review the situation, assess worker exposure and do training," Garvey said. Such services are typically covered as a part of premium payments, he said.

OSHA itself is also a good resource for contractors, particularly small and medium-sized ones. Garvey suggests that company safety officials who are still confused about how to start a safety program aimed at reducing silica exposure download the free Small Entity Compliance Guide from OSHA's website. Additionally, before the silica rule goes into effect, OSHA is expected to publish a compliance officer guidebook, which will also be downloadable and free. That document will explain what a compliance officer will look for and why they will issue a citation.

A company that makes a concerted effort to comply with the new rule's requirements shouldn't be too worried of running afoul of OSHA right off the bat, Paranc said. "[The violation] would probably have to be willful to get the maximum fine," he said. "Unless they can prove that, I don't think [they] would throw the book at the beginning."

That doesn't mean contractors can afford to avoid compliance altogether. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that OSHA is going to be pretty gung-ho on this once it takes effect," Paranc said.

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