

SBE NEWS ALERT

The 2014 Takeaways from State and Local Finance

A look back at four of this year's trends in public finance.



California Gov. Jerry Brown signs the 2014-15 state budget. The Golden State ended a decade of budget deficits in 2013 and ended 2014 with a budget surplus.

AP/Gregory Bull

By Liz Farmer

Some threats really are empty.

Remember the threat of the taper? When former Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke hinted at slowing down the Fed's practice of quantitative easing (buying municipal bonds with newly printed money), it prompted a major sell-off in the market and spiked interest rates in the summer of 2013. Then, newly minted Chair Janet Yellen, actually did it after she took over in February of this year. So what happened? The municipal market prepared itself for higher rates, witnessed the successive tapering process, and then was taken by surprise as global weakness and declining inflation drove interest rates lower, noted Loop Capital Markets Strategist Chris Mier in his look back at 2014. Calling the falling interest rates "one of the most durable trends of the year," he said rates fell steadily from 4.75 percent to 3.83 percent, "with barely a glance in the rear-view mirror."

The fear of rising interest rates did have one notable result, however. That prospect, combined with government's reticence to increase debt loads, resulted in a slower municipal market in 2014. Total bond issuance declined nearly 10 percent from 2013.

Pensions aren't sacred. But retirees still have sway.

First Detroit's bankruptcy judge ruled that pensions could take a haircut alongside bondholders in municipal bankruptcies. Then Stockton, Calif.'s judge ruled similarly this year. Both rulings sent shockwaves through the municipal community but the end result was far less dramatic. Stockton, citing cuts already made to retiree healthcare, didn't cut pensions and exited bankruptcy in late October. Detroit did cut pensions -- but far less than the cuts to what it owed bondholders. The Motor City exited bankruptcy in November.

Both cities' final plans caused concern among the credit community -- up until this year, the General Obligation bond was pretty much sacrosanct. And it was just a few years ago that the Rhode Island

town of Central Falls exited bankruptcy keeping bondholders whole while dealing major cuts to pensions. So what's the trend now? Investors are a little unsure and, not surprisingly, the credit ratings agencies have slightly different views. Moody's Investors Service said last month in a credit analysis, "pensions are likely to enjoy better treatment than general government debt in Michigan and California Chapter 9 cases, and potentially in bankruptcies filed in other states. [This has] negative credit implications for local government bond investors in Michigan and California, and the U.S. as a whole."

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. is Prime Contractor seeking quotes from certified Small Business/Very Small Business (SBE/VSBE) Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following project:

**The Port of Long Beach - Pier E Terminal Container Yard/Intermodal Railyard, PH 2
Specification HD-S2367**

Bid date and time: January 27, 2015 @ 10:00am

Subcontractors/Suppliers Requested for, but not limited to, the following trades: Aggregate/Ballast & Base Suppliers, Construction Area Signs, Excavation, Removal of Hazardous Materials, Soil Sample/Testing, Grading, Structure Excavation & Backfill, Site Demolition, Portland Cement & Concrete Pavement, RCC Pavement, Asphalt Paving, Water & Storm Lines (Plastic, HDPE), CIDH Piling, Minor Concrete, Retaining Wall, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Steel Fabrication & Erection, Curb & Gutter, Misc. Metals, Fencing, Electrical Suppliers, Striping & Pavement Marking, Railroad Track, Office Trailers and Trucking.

Items of work may be broken down into economically feasible packages to encourage participation. Shimmick Construction intends to conduct itself in good faith with all firms for participation on this project.

Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.

16481 Scientific Way - Irvine, CA 92618 • Phone (949) 333-1500, FAX (949) 333-1510

For additional project information or to discuss obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, and/or materials, contact Joe Henry jhenry@shimmick.com (949) 398-6062 for additional contract assistance contact Trina Clay tclay@shimmick.com or (949) 333-1517

Contract documents are available at: Copies of Contract Documents in DVD format may be obtained at no cost at the Plans & Specifications Officer, 4th floor, Port of Long Beach, Interim Officer Building, 4801 Airport Plaza Long Beach, CA 90815 during the hours of 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. The office is closed each date from 12pm-1pm. To arrange to receive a DVD by courier at the expense of the bidder please call (562) 283-7353. Shimmick has also made plans and specifications available through our SmartBidNet program, please contact Trina Clay at tclay@shimmick.com for access to these documents or if you require additional assistance with plans, specification or requirements of the contract please.

Any bid submitted will confirm the acceptance of the terms and conditions of SCCI's Standard Long Form Subcontract, available upon request. A Subcontractor providing a proposed bid/price will be viewed as accepting SCCI's Standard Long Form Subcontract. 100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company acceptable to of Shimmick Construction are required of subcontractors. Shimmick Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.0%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest Shimmick Construction Standard Long Form Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions-subcontract draft copy available upon request. Subcontractor must provide insurance coverage for their work as required by the Prime contract or Shimmick minimum - whichever is greatest. Shimmick's minimum insurance requirement is: General Liability \$1M-Per Occurrence/\$2M-Agg/\$2M-Completed Operations; Excess Liability \$5M; Auto Liability \$1M; Workers Comp & Employer Liability \$1M. Shimmick Construction's listing of a Subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote. Shimmick requires that Subcontractor and Supplier price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable a complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Scott Fairgrieve at (510) 777-5000.

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Seeking MBE, DVBE, DBE, WBE, Underutilized/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (U/DBE) subcontractors and suppliers for

SR 15 Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

IFB No. 5007000 (CIP No. 1201507)

Project Owner: San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

Project Location: San Diego, CA

Bid Date: January 28, 2015

Trades: SWPPP, Traffic Control, Striping, Fence, Signage, Landscaping, AC Paving, CIDH, Rebar, Coatings, Glass/Glazing, Jack & Bore, Misc. Metal/Structural Steel, Barrier, Electrical, Elevator, Street Sweeping, Erosion Control, Clear & Grub, Pavement Markings, Irrigation, Architectural Treatment, Staining, Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement, Asphalt Paving, Concrete Barrier, Minor Concrete, Demo, Pavement Grinding, Saw Cutting, Joint Seal, HVAC, Signal/Lighting, Pipe Supply, Aggregate Supply.

Plans are available to download on planetbids.com

Pulice Construction, Inc.

591 Camino de la Reina, Suite 1250 • San Diego, CA 92108

Phone: (619) 814-3705 • Fax: (619) 814-3770

Contact: **Arinda Cale**, acale@pulice.com; **Kimberly Bell**, kbell@pulice.com

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

State Highway in Napa County in and Near St. Helena From Mee Lane

to 0.1 Mile South of Sulphur Creek Bridge

Contract No. 04-259404

Federal Aid Project No. ACSTP-P029 (014)E

Engineer Estimate:

\$12,100,000 - 400 Working Days

Goal: DBE 12%

Bids: January 28, 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, Clear & Grub, Roadway Excavation, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Temporary Fence (ESA), Crack Seal, Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement, Geo-membrane Liner, Aggregate Base, AC Dike, Rebar, Signs Roadside, Rock Slope Protection, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc., MBGR, Thermoplastic and Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Lighting, SWPPP Planning, Remove Concrete Pavement & Minor Concrete, Imported Borrow, Water Truck, Sweeper, Hazardous Substance Removal (type Z-2 soil), Storm Drain & Trucker.

Scope of Work: Overlay, roadway widening and construct two-way left-turn lanes.

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/. Contact John Pitsch 925-606-2400 johnp@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.

RGW Construction, Inc.

Contractors License A/B 591940

550 Greenville Road • Livermore, CA 94550

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1694 EASTMAN AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93003

Contact: Dave Norwine

Phone: (805) 642-0121 • Fax: (805) 650-9015

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

07A3661

Electrical System Restoration to As-Built Condition with Multiple Providers, TAS

Location: Ventura County

BID DATE/TIME: 1/8/2015

SEEKING: Traffic Control, Tamper Resistant Pull Box Covers, Stranded Wire, Conduit

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and intend to seriously negotiate with qualified Disabled Veteran 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

**ATKINSON/CLARK JV
Requests**

Sub-bids from All Qualified DBE Subcontractors/Suppliers
for:

SANDAG

(San Diego Association of Governments IFB 5007000)

**SR 15 Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project
in Mid-City San Diego along SR 15 at El Cajon Blvd & University Ave
Bids Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

Description of Work: Aggregate Supply, Anti-Graffiti Coating, Architectural Surfacing, Asphalt Paving, Bridge/Road Joint Seals, Canopies, Cast-in-Drill Holes, Clear and Grub, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Supply, Construction Area Signs, Demolition, Dowels, Earthwork, Electrical (Roadway & Building), Elevator Work, Erosion Control, Fencing, Handrailing, HVAC, Landscaping, Metal Beam Guard Rail, Minor Concrete, Misc. Iron and Steel, Pavement Grinding, Pavement Markings, Ornamental Fencing, Potholing, Rebar, Roofing, Sawcutting, Signs, Sign Structures, Soundwalls, Station Platform Improvements, Storm Drain System, Striping, SWPPP, Tie Bars, Traffic Control, Trucking, Wet Utilities, Windows.

Atkinson/Clark JV

27422 Portola Parkway, Suite 250. Foothill Ranch, CA 92610
Phone: 949-855-9755 / 949-382-7145. Fax: 949-855-9923
Contact: Curt Waggoner (curt.waggoner@atkn.com)

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Atkinson/Clark JV will assist in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related services. We will split items of work (refer to project specs for full list of bid items) and provide assistance for bonding, LOC and insurance where needed. 100% Performance & Payment Bonds from approved sureties will be required for subcontractors greater than \$100,000. Atkinson/Clark JV will pay the cost of bonds up to 1.5%.

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TO DOWNLOAD BID DOCUMENTS AND PLANS: Please go to the SanDAG Contracts web site:
<http://www.sandag.org/contracts>. Register in SanDAG's online database to download plans and specs.

Sub Bids Requested From Qualified
DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

**City of Modesto
2014 HUD Curb Ramp &
Storm Drain Improvements
Location: Modesto, CA**

Bid Date: January 6, 2014 @ 11:00 AM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: traffic control; sawcutting; striping; construction area signs; and asphalt.

We will pay up to and including one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of your bonding cost. Certification assistance is available, as well as viewing plans and specs.

McGuire and Hester

9009 Railroad Avenue • Oakland, CA 94603
Phone: (510) 632-7676 • Fax: (510) 562-5209

Contact: Robert Herrera

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Proven Management, Inc.

2000 5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
Phone: 415-421-9500 • Fax: 415-421-9600

Requests proposals/quotes from all qualified certified MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractors, suppliers, and truckers for the following project:

**Embankment Restoration Along Line G from
Confluence of Line E to 1300 Feet Upstream
In the City of Fremont, Alameda County, CA,
Zone No. 6 Project
Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation
District #FC 6-M-131**

Bids: January 8, 2015 @ 2pm

Subcontracting Goal: MBE-15% WBE - 5%

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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Sub-Bids Requested from qualified MBE/WBE/SBE/DVBE Subcontractors and Suppliers For:

2013 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Owner: Hilmar County Water District

Location: Hilmar, CA

Bid Date: January 8, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.

667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91788-0489

Phone: (909) 595-4397, Fax: (909) 444-4268

Contact: Lori Olivas, 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: Traffic Control, SWPPP, Demolition, Chain-Link Fencing, AC Paving, Well Drilling & Casing, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Painting, Equipment, Pre-Stressed Concrete Tank, Pre-Engineered Building, Furnish Pipe/Fittings/Valves, Electrical & Instrumentation

Plans & Specifications are available from: Project Engineers FPP & Quad Knopf located at 2816 Park Ave., Merced, CA 95348 for \$35 per set. Phone: (209) 723-2066 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 MBE/WBE/SBE/DVBE 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.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

OLIVER & CO INC

an equal opportunity employer, requesting quotations from all qualified subcontractors, especially Pleasanton small businesses, Tri-Valley businesses, MBE, WBE and DBE contractors to submit bids for the

"Axis Hacienda Clinic"

located at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd Suite 100.
Pleasanton, Ca 94588.

Plans and specifications for the above project will be available on our FTP site
<ftp://axis:9851051322@oandco.ftppstream.com>.

Bids are due on 1/22/2015 @ 5PM.

Non mandatory pre-bid walkthrough onsite on 1/9/2015 @ 2pm-4pm. Bids may be hand delivered, mailed or sent by courier to 1300 South 51st Street in Richmond, CA 94804, faxed to 510-412-9095 or emailed to robert@oliverandco.net or mary@oliverandco.net

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REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED LBE/SLBE/VSLBE/DBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS FOR:
I-880 / SR-92 Reliever Route – Phase 1 Project
City Project No.: 5197
Alameda CTC Project No. 615
Owner: City of Hayward
Engineers' Estimate: \$11,960,000.
BID DATE: January 13, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Minor Concrete, Asphalt Dike, Electrical, Erosion Control, Fencing, Landscape, Lime Treatment, Masonry, Metal Beam Guard Rail, Road Signs, Sheet Pile Shoring, Striping, Tree Removal, Clearing, Underground Sewer / Storm Drain / Water, Joint Trench, SWPPP, Sweeping, Trucking Base Rock, Asphalt, Concrete Off Haul, Dirt Off Haul.

Granite Rock Company 'Graniterock' is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Carpenters and Cement Masons unions. 100% performance and payment bonds will be required from a qualified surety company for the full amount of the subcontract price. Bonding assistance is available. Graniterock will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. In addition to bonding assistance, subcontractors are encouraged to contact Graniterock Estimating with questions regarding obtaining lines of credit, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies, or with any questions you may have. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract. Graniterock intends to work cooperatively with all qualified firms seeking work on this project. Granite Rock Company is an equal opportunity employer.

Granite Rock Company

120 Granite Rock Way, San Jose, CA 95136
 Phone (408) 574-1400 Fax (408) 365-9548
Contact: Randy Bonino
 Email: estimating@graniterock.com
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REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED LBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS FOR:
Twin Peaks Blvd CIP
Recycling Pavement Renovation
Dept. of Public Works Contract No: 2481J
Owner: City and County of San Francisco
Engineers' Estimate: \$660,000.
BID DATE: January 14, 2015 @ 2:30 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Trucking, Traffic Control, Temporary Striping Tape, Temporary Raised Markers, Changeable Message Boards, Cold In-Place Recycling, AC Dike, Wedge Grinding for AC, Minor Concrete, Metal Beam Guard Rail and Permanent Striping, SWPPP, Surveying, Const. Area Signs, Project Signs and Adjust Castings to Grade.

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Contact: Bob Williams
 Email: estimating@graniterock.com
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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for DBEs CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY IN LIVERMORE, PLEASANTON, AND DUBLIN FROM 0.3 MILE EAST OF AIRWAY BOULEVARD OVERCROSSING TO 0.2 MILE WEST OF SAN RAMON/FOOTHILL ROAD OVERCROSSING – ROUTE 580,
 Contract No. 04-2908E4

Federal Aid Project ACIM-580-1(054)E

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

BID DATE: January 7, 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:

PCC PAVING

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates Construction. DeSilva Gates Construction will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction's requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION, L.P.

11555 Dublin Boulevard
 P.O. Box 2909
 Dublin, CA 94568-2909
 (925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263
Estimator: Steve Lippis
 Website: www.desilvagates.com
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REQUEST FOR LBE & SLBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

I-880/SR-92 Reliever Route – Phase 1
City of Hayward
City Project No. 5197, Alameda CTC Project No. 615
BID DATE: January 13, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Construction Staking, Storm Water Pollution Prevention, Storm Drain Inlet Protection, Traffic Control System, Construction Area Signs, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Adjust Utilities, Cold Plane AC, Survey Monuments, Temporary Fencing, Clearing & Grubbing, Tree Removal, Tree Root Pruning (Arborist Directed), Health & Safety Plan, Subgrade Enhancement Geotextile, Lime-Treated Subgrade, Erosion Control (Hydroseed), Underground, Sanitary Sewer, Industrial Waste Monitoring Well, Minor Concrete, Detectable Warning Surface, Sound Wall (Masonry Block), Bollard, Pedestrian Barricade, Fencing & Gates, Wrought Iron Fence, Brick, Joint Trench, Remove Building, Striping & Marking, Roadside Signs, Bioretention Area, Water Main, Fire Hydrant Assembly, Electrical, Landscape and Irrigation, Misc. Iron & Steel, Guard Railing Delineator, Object Marker, Midwest Guardrail System, Vegetation Control (Minor Concrete), End Anchor Assembly, Alternative Inline Terminal System, and Construction Materials

O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

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Contact: Jean Sicard
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Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractor and/or Supplier seeking to participate in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) Flow Equalization (FEQ) Project in Elk Grove, CA.

<http://www.epa.gov> / <http://www.sba.gov> / www.californiaucp.org

Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

Flow Equalization Project –Contract No. 4205

Owner: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Bid Date: February 5, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) 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, Minor Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Concrete Readymix, Concrete Reinforcement Supply & Install, Concrete Forms, Clear & Grub, Grouting, Dewatering, Access Doors & Frames, Grading, Heating, Ventilating, & Air Conditioning (HVAC), Metals, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), Paintings & Coatings, Precast Concrete, Signage, Street Sweeping, SWPPP, Support of Excavation, Temporary Power, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Trucking & Hauling, Water Truck, Quality Control & Demolition.

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, DVBE, 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 Quotes are due NO LATER THAN February 3, 2015 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.

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

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.

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Requests sub-bids from qualified Subcontractor and/or Supplier seeking to participate in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) Site Preparation (SP) Project in Elk Grove, CA.

<http://www.epa.gov> / <http://www.sba.gov> / www.californiaucp.org

Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

Site Preparation Project

Owner: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Bid Date: February 3, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) 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:

Reinforcement Supply & Install, Concrete Forms, Clear & Grub, Grouting, Dewatering, Access Doors & Frames, Grading, Heating, Ventilating, & Air Conditioning (HVAC), Metals, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), Paintings & Coatings, Precast Concrete, Signage, Street Sweeping, SWPPP, Support of Excavation, Temporary Power, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Trucking & Hauling, Water Truck, Quality Control, Demolition, Masonry, Electrical, Communication Towers, Chain Link Fencing, Elevated Water Tanks and Welded Steel Pressure Tanks

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, DVBE, 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 Quotes are due NO LATER THAN January 30, 2015 at 5 PM.

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100% Performance Bond and Payment Bonds are required for this project.

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REQUESTING BIDS FROM QUALIFIED DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:
**Rt. 280 Various Locations Treat Bridge Decks Project
San Mateo County, Caltrans Project No. 04-4H8504
Bid Date: January 7, 2015 at 2:00 pm**

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (5% Goal), and solicit their subcontractor or material quotation for the following types of work. This is a highway project with the typical items of work associated, but not limited to: Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Job Site Management, Prepare Water Pollution Control Program, Temporary Drainage Inlet Protection, Street Sweeping, Temporary Concrete Washout, Remove Yellow Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Public Safety Plan, Remove Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Remove Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, Remove Pavement Marker, Remove Concrete Deck Surface, Cold Plane Asphalt Concrete Pavement, Prepare Concrete Bridge Deck Surface, Furnish Polyester Concrete Overlay, Place Polyester Concrete Overlay, Treat Bridge Deck, Furnish Bridge Deck Treatment Material, Structure Backfill (Slurry Cement), Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A), Tack Coat, Paint Bridge Identification, Clean Expansion Joint, Joint Seal, Striping and Marking, Construction Equipment and Rentals, Trucking.

C.C. Myers, Inc. is willing to break down items of work into economically feasible units to encourage DVBE participation. If you are interested in any of this work, please provide us with a scope letter or contact us immediately. Plans and Specifications are available from the Caltrans website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/contractor_info/.

Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless expressly accepted in writing. Subcontractor and Supplier quotes are required 24 hours prior to the bid date to enable thorough evaluation.



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Each Subcontractor shall be prepared to submit faithful performance and payment bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. The Contractor will pay standard industry rates for these bonds.

Contact C. C. Myers, Inc. for assistance with bonds, insurance, lines of credit, equipment, supplies or project plans and specifications. C.C. Myers, Inc., is a Union Contractor.

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The 2014 Takeaways from State and Local Finance

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Meanwhile, Standard & Poor's said in a presentation this week to investors that city bankruptcies were still too unique to start drawing conclusions that a new trend is emerging. "Despite months of headlines and court battles, ultimately the outcomes of these bankruptcies will not impact our view on GO bond ratings," said Horacio Aldrete, managing director for S&P's U.S. Public Finance-State & Local Government Group.

Management matters. A lot.

Aldrete also noted that investors say a government's financial management is of the biggest difference-makers in S&P's rating assessments. Of the governments that S&P rates AAA (the top rating), 90 percent have either a strong or very strong management score. Conversely, the majority of credits rated BBB or lower got a weak or very weak management score. An analysis this week by the Municipal Market Advisors takes and puts some faces, er, stats, to that story.

At the end of the financial crisis that began in 2008, New Jersey and California were both grabbing headlines for monstrous budget woes. Today, one state is reforming its ways while the other keeps trying to fix problems with the same old tools. California ended a decade of budget deficits in 2013 and took that momentum into this year with a budget surplus. Gov. Jerry Brown throughout his tenure has been keenly focused on reducing the state's debt load and "exuberance over CA's fiscal and rating im-

provements led the state's securities to outperform the market for a second year," notes MMA's Matt Fabian. (In other words, California got good deals on its bond sales.)

Of particular note, the state's voters this fall approved new legislation that will double the size of the state's General Fund reserve, require deposits from capital gains windfalls to address revenue volatility issues and protect the funds from withdrawal. "These are authentic, structural improvements in the state's budget that should not be underappreciated," Fabian wrote. S&P agreed. The agency upgraded California's credit rating one notch to A one day after the voter approval.

Meanwhile, New Jersey has faced multiple bond rating downgrades under Gov. Chris Christie and this year it continued to use one-time fixes to plug its massive budget deficits. Fabian notes the state's lagging economic performance, overly optimistic budget projections and failure to consistently fund pensions, retiree healthcare and transportation has led to a persistent structural imbalance and a deteriorating fiscal position. "The lack of a Rainy Day Fund and thin General Fund balance -- less than 1% of the budget -- limits flexibility and cushion to address any unforeseen circumstances," he added.

This might be as good as it gets.

Two state and local governmental organizations recently released annual reports on government financial health. They both essentially came to the same conclusion: Many governments are past the immediate pains of the recession but are now feel-

ing the duller aches of the slow-growth economy. The National League of Cities' City Fiscal Conditions Survey found that cities made some key gains in fiscal year 2014 although many still can't claim a full recovery from the recession. Mainly, they have started to make up for areas where there were spending cutbacks during the downturn and they are increasing their reserve funds. And the overall positive figures are widespread -- 80 percent of city finance officers reported improved fiscal conditions this year, the highest such number in the 29-year history of the survey.

The National Association of State Budget Officers also released its year-end report on the health of state finances. That analysis found state spending is increasing for the fifth straight year but growth continues to be minimal and the competition for limited dollars remains fierce. That's because much of the projected 3.1 percent spending increase will be gobbled up by rising costs in education and Medicaid, leaving little money available for spending in other areas. Additionally, in no year since the recession has spending growth matched the nearly four-decade average of 5.5 percent. Even more alarming: This year's total general fund spending of \$748 billion is still 2 percent below the pre-recession peak, after accounting for inflation. "If we continue to see this for another two to three fiscal years," said Scott Pattison at the report's release, "we have to assume we are in a new economic era...this 'new normal' that economists talk about."

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Competing to Win: How We Can Help U.S. Exporters Succeed at the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games

Athletes around the world have already begun their preparations for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

For U.S. businesses looking to take advantage of export opportunities, preparations should also begin now.

The good news (for most of us anyway) is that preparations for businesses don't require any sprints, hours in the pool, or extraordinarily difficult-looking skills on a pommel horse.

Actually, the best advantage for a U.S. company looking to win in Brazil is help from the International Trade Administration's Commercial Service. We have teams on the ground in Brazil actively working with U.S. industry to identify opportunities presented by Rio 2016 and overcome challenges to capitalizing on these opportunities.

Opportunity

Rio 2016 presents new opportunities for U.S. exporters in a broad range of sectors. Spending tied to the Games between 2010 and 2016 will reach close to \$50 billion and includes new investments in sectors including:

- Construction and Engineering,
- Transportation,
- Public Security,
- Education and Training,
- Sporting Goods, and
- Telecommunications.

In addition, new infrastructure-related investments for the Rio 2016 Games will reach \$15 billion, targeting major airports throughout the country, new transportation corridors and intelligent transportation systems, and port revitalization. Subcontracting opportunities will also be available to U.S. firms.

The Organizing Committee for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games will also have a separate budget of \$1.3 billion to acquire products and services such as temporary construction for sports venues, mobile equipment, video and broadcasting equipment, marketing, and catering services. U.S. firms, especially those with proven success at previous Olympics and major sporting events are welcome to bid.

What this all adds up to is enormous opportunity for U.S. companies, and the Commercial Service team in Brazil is working closely with the Olympics Organizing Committee to make sure U.S. companies know about all of these opportunities.

Action Plan

The first step for potential suppliers is to register at the Rio 2016 Suppliers Portal website. After registration, U.S. companies will be able to view all available tenders and steps to place a bid.

U.S. companies interested in Rio 2016 opportunities should visit CS Brazil's website for information about the games and bidding opportunities.

U.S. firms can also directly visit the Rio 2016 website as well as the Rio 2016 Committee website for information.

The Commercial Service in Brazil is ready to assist you in this process. Please feel free to reach out directly to CS Rio Principal Commercial Officer Mark Russell, mark.russell@trade.gov, or Commercial Officer Jay Carreiro, jay.carreiro@trade.gov for further information.

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