

Why You Shouldn't Go Cheap When Filing Your Taxes

Financial Expert Explains Why You Should Hire A Good CPA & Not Part-time Help; Offers Tips



Gary Marriage Jr. is the founder and CEO of Nature Coast Financial Advisors

It's that time of year for part-time help at the local tax-preparation location, when drivers can see seasonal staff standing at busy intersections wearing costumes of the Statue of Liberty or Uncle Sam. But they're not the only ones who are hired part time, says professional advisor to Certified Public Accountants Gary Marriage, Jr.

"I sometimes ask people, 'Do you want a guy in a costume to handle your taxes?' Of course, the guy actually doing the paperwork probably won't be the guy standing near the traffic, but he's also not the person you want dealing with your bottom line," says Marriage, CEO of Nature Coast Financial Advisors (www.naturecoastfinancial.com).

"I know millionaires who go to these pop-up tax firms; they'd rather spend a few hundred dollars on their return than a grand or two with a skilled CPA. But this apparent savings comes at a cost, because a good accountant is likely to find many thousands of dollars in savings in a single tax return, and they are far less liable to make a mistake."

Marriage offers additional tips for consideration this tax season.

- **Have your records handy, and consider a long-term relationship.** Not only is it advantageous to file taxes through a CPA, it's also smart to have all relevant records readily available at your disposal – no matter who is helping you with your return.

"Not only do I strongly advise you to use a reputable CPA that you can trust, I also think you should try to establish a long-term relationship with him or her," Marriage says. "Think of a financial professional as similar to a doctor or lawyer – the better they know you, the better off you'll be. High-net-worth individuals have the most incentive for professional financial services, even if they've made a hobby of saving money by doing things their own way."

- **High-income earners pay the vast majority of income taxes – don't volunteer more.** Taxpayers with incomes exceeding \$100,000 earn 60 percent of the country's income, yet contribute 95.2 percent of the income taxes, according to recent estimates from Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation. Additionally, those earning more than \$100,000 – a bit more than 20 percent of taxpayers – pay for 75.7 percent of total federal taxes, excluding the burden on corporate and investment taxes.

"There are many high-income earners who are passionate about their careers and love what they do; they care more about their work than their income," he says. "These tend to be the folks who need reminders that there are legal avenues available for protecting their hard-earned money."

- **High-net-worth individuals should consider CRAT.** Many people, financial professionals with years of experience, do not know about Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts, a form of financial protection that Marriage often teaches to CPAs. CRATs are a flexible and effective instrument used in financial and estate planning. A CRAT provides a significant tax shelter for any assets and property placed within it. That allows any assets in a charitable remainder annuity trust to increase in value without being taxed on the increase. A well-constructed CRAT can provide financial security for the annuitants.

"CRATs are surprisingly underutilized, but many CPAs I run into simply don't know about it," Marriage says. "It's worth asking your financial advisor about, and if your advisor is unfamiliar with the structure, encourage him or her to look into it."

About Gary Marriage

Gary Marriage Jr. is the founder and CEO of Nature Coast Financial Advisors (www.naturecoastfinancial.com), which educates retirees on how to protect their assets, increase their income and reduce their taxes. Marriage is a national speaker, delivering solutions for pre-retirees, business owners and seniors on

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City of Tracy - CIP 73063

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Goal: DBE 7.1%

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Goal: DVBE 5%

Bids: March 11, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

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Longest Arch Bridges in the World

By Scott Lewis



Chaotianmen Bridge, 552-m main span, China. The Chaotianmen Bridge straddles the mighty Yangtze River in Chongqing in central China, a short distance below where the Jialing River joins the Yangtze. It is a continuous steel truss arch bridge with tie girders, and has a main span of 552 m. It is a real workhorse, carrying six lanes of traffic and two pedestrian walkways on its upper deck, and two light rail lines and four vehicular lanes on its lower deck. It was designed by the design institute of China Railway Major Bridge Engineering Group and the Chongqing Communications Research & Design Institute. It was built by the China Communications 2nd Navigational Bureau 2nd Engineering Co., Ltd., and completed in 2009. [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Arch bridges are one of the oldest types of bridges. The oldest known bridge in the world known to still be in use is the Caravan Bridge, a stone arch bridge across the Meles River in Izmir, Turkey. It was built in 850 B.C.

Roman engineers built many arch bridges, quite a few of which are still standing. Probably the most famous is the Pont du Gard, an aqueduct bridge in southern France. Built in the first century A.D., it features three tiers of limestone arches and stands 48 meters high and 275 m long.

The Alcantara Bridge, a stone arch bridge built by the Romans in Spain in 106 A.D., has been repaired numerous times after suffering damage during various wars, but it is still serving pedestrians. It is 45 m high and 182 m long.

The oldest bridge in the city of Rome itself is the Pons Fabricius, a 62-m-long stone arch bridge over the Tiber River, built in 62 A.D., that is still in use by pedestrians.

Many arch bridges from the Medieval and Renaissance periods are still functioning as well. The Ponte Vecchio in Florence, Italy, consists of three segmental arches: The main arch has a span of 30 m, and each of the two side arches spans 27 m. It was rebuilt in 1345, replacing earlier versions that were destroyed by flooding.

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OWNER: CITY OF TRACY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT 333 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, TRACY, CA 95376

BID DATE: MARCH 3, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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

BID DATE: March 03, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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Lake Chabot Golf Course Driving Range Improvements

City Project No: C322810

Owner: City of Oakland Engineers' Estimate: \$445,000.

BID DATE: February 26, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Demolition & Clearing, Portland Cement Concrete Paving, 4" Subdrain, Geogrid, Rip-Rap Outfall, Hydroseeding, Metal Hand Railing, Infiltration Basin, Erosion Control, Hydroseeding, Trucking, Rebar and Striping.

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Caltrans #10-0W5604

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11th Street East Tracy Overhead Bridge Replacement Project

City of Tracy, CIP No. 73063, Bid Date: March 3, 2015 at 2:00 pm

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (7.1% 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: Track Settlement Monitoring, Ballast Tamping, Construction Staking, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Type III Barricade, Stripe and Markers, K-Rail, Crash Cushion, SWPPP, Temp Hydroseed, Temp Drainage Inlet Protection, Temp Fiber Roll, Temp Silt Fence, Street Sweeping, Temp Fence, Abandon Culvert, Chain Link Fence, MBGR, Irrigation Facility, Remove Stripe and Markers, Remove Pipe, Remove Inlet, Cold Plane Asphalt, Remove Concrete, Sand Backfill, Remove Railing, Bridge Removal, Clear & Grub, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Imported Borrow, Landscaping, Irrigation System, Erosion Control, Class 2 Aggregate Base, Hot Mix Asphalt, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Temp Retaining Walls, Temporary Prefabricated Modular Steel Truss Bridge, Steel Casings, CIDH, Prestressing, Structural Concrete, Minor Concrete, CIP Concrete Collar, Storm Drain Junction, Architectural Treatment, Precast Prestressed Concrete Girder, Joint Seal, Rebar, Roadside Sign, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Drainage Wick, Storm Drain Manhole, Drop Inlet, Rock Slope Protection, Slope Paving, Isolation Casing, Misc Metal, Bridge Deck Drainage System, Sewer Line Modifications, Temporary Fence, Concrete Barrier, Collapsible Bollard, Traffic Signal and Lighting, Street and Bridge Lighting System, Entry Monument Structure, Construction Equipment and Rentals, Trucking.

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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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City of Citrus Heights - Sunrise Blvd. Complete Street Improvements - Phase 3

Location: Citrus Heights, CA

Bid Date: March 5, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

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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.

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for
City of Woodland Downtown Streetscape (Third to Sixth)
CIP# 08-58 / STPL-5046 (40)

Location: Woodland, CA

Bid Date: March 5, 2015 @ 2:30 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: trucking; landscape; concrete; electrical; sawcutting; striping; SWPPP; and micro-surfacing.

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the areas affecting their retirement and estates. He is an approved member of the National Ethics Bureau, and has been featured in "America's Top Hometown Financial Advisors 2011" and most recently selected to co-author a book with Steve Forbes titled, "SuccessOnomics: Power Principles." Marriage is also the founder of Operation Veteran Aid, an advocate for war-time veterans and their families.

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Balfour Beatty Construction

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Contact: Chet Brians • cbrians@balfourbeattyus.com

PROJECT: Transbay Block 9

LOCATION: San Francisco, CA

BID DUE DATE: March 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM

OCII project and 50% SBE / LBE goal

SCOPE OF WORK: Bid Package Group 1:

- Mechanical Systems – Design/Build
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KEY DATES/INFORMATION

PRE-BID MEETING: March 5, 2015 at 2:00PM
LOCATION: San Francisco Branch Library
Park Meeting Room
 1833 Page Street, San Francisco, California
LAST DAY FOR RFI'S: March 18, 2015 at 4:00PM
FINAL ADDENDA: March 20, 2015 at 4:00PM
BID PROPOSALS DUE: March 26, 2015 at 2:00PM

Bid Documents and other pertinent information can also be downloaded directly from Balfour Beatty Construction's **Egnyte** site at the following link:

Link to bid documents:
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REQUESTS QUOTATIONS FROM ALL CERTIFIED DVBE/SBE/DBE/WBE/MBE/LBE and ALL QUALIFIED SUBCONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS FOR ALL TRADES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

VISITACION VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SFUSD PROJECT NO. 11524

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

BID DATE: March 3, 2015 at 2:00PM

ESTIMATE: \$7,000,000

Trades needed but not limited to: Site Demolition, Earthwork, Site Concrete, Structural Concrete, Shotcrete, Rebar, Patching Brick Paving, Structural Steel, Steel Deck, Metal Fabrications, Misc Metals, Finish Carpentry, Gyp Board, Architectural Woodwork, Waterproofing, Insulation, Below Grade Vapor Retarder, Vapor Emission Control System, Built up Roofing, Flashing and Sheetmetal, Roof Hatches, Joint Sealants, Doors Frames and Hardware, Overhead Coiling Doors, Glass, Glazing and Aluminum, Skylights, Drywall and Metal Framing, Plaster, Ceramic Tiling, Refinishing Wood Flooring, Acoustical Ceilings, Epoxy Flooring, FRP Wall Panels, Acoustical Insulation, Painting, Visual Display Surfaces, Signage, Toilet Compartments and Accessories, Wall Louvers, Corner Guards, Evacuation Chairs, Steel Lockers, Fire Protection, Building Specialties, Basketball Goals, Projection Screens, Window Drapes and Valance, Stainless Steel Countertops, Window Shades, Covered Walkway Assembly, Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Systems, Plumbing, HVAC and Hazmat

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Longest Arch Bridges in the World

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One of the architectural icons of Venice, Italy, is the Rialto Bridge, erected in 1591 over the Grand Canal. Built of white marble, it features two ramps leading to a central portico.

The first arch bridge to be made of cast iron, the Iron Bridge in Shropshire, England, opened in 1781 and is still in use by pedestrians today.

There are three major types of arch bridges. The oldest is the deck arch bridge, or common arch bridge, in which the bridge deck is on top of the arch. The stone arch bridges built by the Romans are of this type.

The use of cast iron and steel enabled engineers to develop the through arch bridge, where the bridge deck travels below part of the arch, and is suspended from cables or tie bars. Eight of the ten longest arch bridges in the world (see related slide show) are of this type (the other two bridges are both deck arches).

The third major type of arch bridge is the tied arch (or bowstring arch), where the horizontal forces of the arch are borne as tension by the bottom chord (the deck itself, or tie rods), rather than by the ground or the bridge foundations. The longest tied arch bridge in the world is the Caiyuanba Bridge in China, with a main span of 420 m.

One of the most noteworthy arch bridges built in the U.S. in recent years is the Hoover Dam Bypass (officially named the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge). Completed in 2010, it soars 323 m across the Black Canyon on the Arizona-Nevada border directly downstream from the Hoover Dam. It features a composite design, using concrete for the arch and columns and steel construction for the roadway deck. At a height of 270 m above the Colorado River, it is America's longest single-arch concrete crossing, and also the second highest bridge in the U.S.

It was designed by a team led by HDR Inc., that included Jacobs Engineering unit Sverdrup Civil and T.Y. Lin International. It was built by a joint venture team of Obayashi Corp. and PSM Construction USA Inc., a unit of PS Mitsubishi Construction Co. Ltd. The team erected two 330-m-tall lattice-framed cableway towers that supported 3-in.-dia. cableways that maneuvered the precast concrete arch segments into position.

The world's longest cathedral arch bridge is the Galena Creek Bridge in Nevada. Its main span is 210 m. It opened in 2012. Cathedral arch bridges are structures in which the vertical load bearing occurs only at the peak of the arch.

One of the most significant bridges currently under construction in India is the Chenab Bridge, a railway bridge in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. A 1.3-km-long span, it will consist of two ribbed arches of steel trusses and will have a main span of 469 m. At 359 m above the riverbed, it will be the tallest rail bridge in the world when it is completed in 2016.

In Dubai the United Arab Emirate's Roads and Transport Authority has plans to build a world-record-length arch bridge, to be called the Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Crossing. Its main span will be 609 m, and it will carry six lanes of traffic in each direction and a metro line over Dubai Creek. It has been designed by FXFOWLE. The project has been on hold for several years.

Source: <http://enr.construction.com>



Lupu Bridge, 550-m main span, China. The Lupu Bridge is a through arch bridge over the Huangpu River in Shanghai. It connects the city's Luwan and Pudong districts. It carries six lanes of the North-South Elevated Road, which intersects with the Inner Ring Road on the Puxi side of the river. It was designed by the Shanghai Municipal Engineering Design Institute, and built by the Shanghai Foundation Engineering Co. of the Shanghai Construction Group. It was completed in 2003. It is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors ride an elevator from the bridge's base to the deck, and then climb 327 steps along the arch to an observation deck. Wikimedia Commons



Bayonne Bridge, 510-m main span, New York-New Jersey. A steel arch bridge, the Bayonne Bridge links Bayonne, N.J., with Staten Island, N.Y. It was designed by noted bridge designer Othmar Ammann and architect Cass Gilbert, and opened in 1931. It spans the Kill Van Kull, a tidal strait connecting Newark Bay with Upper New York Bay, which is the main entryway for container ships destined for Port Newark. In order to accommodate larger post-Panamax ships that will be using the newly expanded Panama Canal, the Port of New York and New Jersey, the bridge's owner, is raising the bridge's roadway by 64 ft. A joint venture of Skanska Koch and Kiewit Infrastructure Co. were awarded a \$743 million contract, and work began in 2013. A new roadway will be built above the existing road within the current arch structure, after which the existing roadway will be demolished. The project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2016. Wikimedia Commons

Public Legal Notices

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

For

Collaborative Design-Build Services

Student Recreation and Aquatic Center, Project
Number: SJSU-304

San Jose State University

One Washington Square • San Jose, CA 95192-0010

The Trustees of the California State University (Trustees) are requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from interested and qualified entities herein called Respondents who wish to participate in a competitive selection process for the design and construction of the Student Recreation and Aquatic Center (Project Number SJSU-304). The new Student Recreation and Aquatic Center (SRAC) consists of gymnasiums, weight and fitness center, exercise rooms, rock climbing wall, facilities for sports club organizations, and new competition and recreation pools with support spaces. The project site is located at the south east corner of 7th Street and San Carlos across from the existing Event Center. As part of the project, two existing Residence Halls (Hoover and Royce) and the existing Aquatic Cen-

ter will be demolished to create space for the new Student Recreations and Aquatic Center. The project also includes utility upgrades in the vicinity of the project site. Construction is expected to start in August 2016.

The delivery method for this project is modified from CSU's design-build process and is called Collaborative Design-Build. In this process the design build team, consisting of general contractor and architect, is selected based on qualifications and fees. The schematic design competition is not utilized. A contract will be executed with the successful respondent for schematic design. Upon acceptance of schematic design, a design build contract with a guaranteed maximum price will be executed for completion of the design and for construction of the project. A non-mandatory presentation of this process is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at 10:00am and all interested parties are invited. The presentation will be held on the second floor of the Student Union in the Ballroom Section A. Attendees are asked to pre-register not later than March 11, 2015 by emailing the Facilities Development and Operations' contracts office at sylvia.sosa@sjsu.edu and violet.gonzalez@sjsu.edu.

Respondents must hold a General Building Contractor (B License) and shall be prequalified with the Trustees, and shall submit their prequalification application no less than 10 business days prior to submittal date. For

information regarding prequalification, please go to: http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/cm/contractor_prequal_bidders.shtml.

The SOQ Submittal Due Date is March 27, 2015. The estimated Construction Cost is \$82,721,000.

The RFQ may be obtained by registering at the San Jose state University contract services and procurement website at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=15275#>. Once registration is completed, log into planetbids.com at <http://www.planetbids.com/hub/hub.cfm>, search for "Student Recreation and Aquatic Center (SJSU-304)" and download the RFQ.

The Trustees require a three percent Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise participation. This project is public works project and is subject to prevailing wages rate laws.

Please direct all questions in writing to:

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Facilities Development & Operations
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San Jose, CA 95192-0010
Email: sylvia.sosa@sjsu.edu
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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contract No. 7802A
(ID No. FCA15037)
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POTRERO AVENUE RAMP

Sealed bids will be received at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103 until **2:30 p.m. on 3/25/2015**, 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 Department of Public Works (DPW) Electronic Bid Documents Download site at www.sfdpw.org/biddocs, or purchased on a CD format from 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103, telephone 415-554-6229, for a non-refundable \$ 15.00 fee paid by cash or check to "Department of Public Works". Please visit the DPW's Contracts, Bid Opportunities and Payments webpage at www.sfdpw.org for more information. Notices regarding Addenda and other bid changes will be distributed by email to Plan Holders.

The Work is located at San Francisco General Hospital 1001 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110. This is an ADA barrier removal project to meet accessibility requirements and provide an accessible path of travel on campus between existing buildings and the public way. This project consists of re-grading and paving work, installing new concrete flatwork, curb ramps, striping, landscaping and irrigation, storm drain, site lighting and other related work. The time allowed for completion is 120 consecutive calendar days. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$815,000. For more information, contact the Project Manager, Marilyn Thompson at 415-557-4681.

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").

Effective March 1, 2015, no contractor or subcontractor may be listed in a bid 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)].

Effective April 1, 2015, no contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

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 (SFAC) Section 6.25, "Clean Construction" is required for the performance of all work.

The Specifications include liquidated damages. Contract will be on a Lump Sum Bid Items basis. Progressive payments will be made.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

A bid may be rejected if the City determines that any of the bid item prices are materially unbalanced to the potential detriment of the City.

Bid discounts may be applied as per SFAC Chapter 14B. Subcontracting goal is **25% LBE**. Call Romulus Asenlloo at 415-581-2320 for details. In accordance with SFAC Chapter 14B requirements, all bidders, except those who meet the exception noted below, shall submit documented good faith efforts with their bids and must achieve 80 out of 100 points to be deemed responsive. Bidders will receive 15 points for attending the pre-bid conference. Refer to CMD Form 2B for more details. Exception: Bidders who demonstrate that their total LBE participation exceeds the above subcontracting goal by 35% will not be required to meet the good faith efforts requirements.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the entrance to the Plant Services Building, 22nd Street, San Francisco, CA (Behind Bldg 80/90).

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. SFAC Sec. 6.22(A) requires all construction greater than

\$25,000 to include performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract award.

Class "A" license required to bid.

In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 6, no bid is accepted and no contract in excess of \$400,000 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 SFAC 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 Section 6.22(G) of the SFAC. 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 Human Rights Commission as being in compliance with the Equal Benefits Provisions of Chapter 12B of the City's 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, Department of Public Works, setting forth with specificity the grounds for the objection.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids and waive any minor irregularities.

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Public Legal Notices

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS LIBRARY II RE-ROOF PROJECT #9289 CSU STANISLAUS One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382

The Trustees of the California State University will receive sealed bid proposals in room MSR290, at the above address, for furnishing all labor and materials for construction of the Library II Re-Roof Project Number 9289, for the CSU Stanislaus campus.

Proposals will be received in the above-mentioned room until 2:00 p.m. on March 19, 2015 in accordance with the contract documents, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the work consists of the removal of existing 26,000 sq ft roof, provide and install roof insulation and 60 mil fully adhered PVC membrane with proper accessories in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by CRC Consulting Group, 1400 Easton Dr., Ste 138, Bakersfield, CA 93309 (661) 321-9578; e-mail: crcbake1@creconsult.com.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the University and Plan Rooms. Engineer's construction estimate is \$340,000.

Plans and specifications will be available for review and purchase after February 23, 2015 by requesting them from ARC by going to www.e-ARC.com/ca/modesto then clicking on "Public Planroom" or by calling the ARC Modesto location at (209) 524-2924 asking for the PlanWell Department. Plans and specifications cost approximately \$125 plus tax and shipping payable to ARC and are non-refundable.

Each bidder offering a proposal must comply with bidding provisions of Article 2.00 et seq. in the Contract General Conditions, and should be familiar with all the provisions of the Contract General Conditions and Supplementary General Conditions.

This project is a public works project and is subject to prevailing wage rate laws (see Contract General Conditions, Article 4.02-c). All contractors and all tiers of sub-contractors bidding on this project shall register to bid public works projects with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), and maintain current this registration pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Please go to <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html> for more information and to register.

A mandatory pre-bid walkthrough has been scheduled for March 4, 2015 at 10:00 am. Interested bidders should assemble at Mary Stuart Rogers Building room MSR130 on the campus.

The Trustees require the successful bidder to achieve three percent (3%) DVBE participation in contracting construction projects as established in the bidding documents, and bidders shall identify the DVBEs to be used to satisfy this requirement in their bids. The Trustees are also granting a 1% DVBE bid incentive for DVBE participation of 4%. Bidders shall contact the University's DVBE Program Advocate at (209) 667-3243 or Debbie DaRosa at (209) 667-3987.

It will be the responsibility of each bidder to obtain a bid proposal package in sufficient time to fulfill requirements therein. Bid proposal packages are obtainable only by contractors, licensed in the State of California with a C-39 license, and registered with the DIR to bid public works projects. The bid packages must be requested from the Trustees, located at CSU Stanislaus, One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382, Attention: Debbie DaRosa, (209) 667-3987.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CAFETERIA RE-ROOF PROJECT #9288 CSU STANISLAUS One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382

The Trustees of the California State University will receive sealed bid proposals in room MSR290, at the above address, for furnishing all labor and materials for construction of the Cafeteria Re-Roof Project Number 9288, for the CSU Stanislaus campus.

Proposals will be received in the above-mentioned room until 2:00 p.m. on March 19, 2015 in accordance with the contract documents, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the work consists of the removal of existing 28,200 sq ft roof, provide and install roof insulation and 60 mil fully adhered PVC membrane with proper accessories in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by CRC Consulting Group, 1400 Easton Dr., Ste 138, Bakersfield, CA 93309 (661) 321-9578; e-mail: crcbake1@creconsult.com.

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Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 and Candlestick Point Marketing, Sales, & Other Related Consulting Services

Lennar Urban is soliciting Statements of Interest and Qualifications from qualified individuals and firms to provide services for creative marketing design, graphic work, branding, public relations, event management, and facility services at our sites: Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 and Candlestick Point. Lennar Urban aims to engage locally based, small businesses to join in the endeavor to create a thriving community within the Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick neighborhood. Small businesses are encouraged to submit qualifications. For more information, please visit: <http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication/BidDetail.aspx?K=9144>

Pre-Submission Conference:
March 12th at 3:30pm at Korat Auditorium,
100 Larkin Street, San Francisco

Proposals: Due by April 5th at 5:00pm to
Jackie Spear at Lennar Urban,
Jackie.Spear@Lennar.com



Survey of California Small Businesses 2015



The Center for Economic Development at CSU, Chico and the Northeastern California SBDC network is seeking your help. Each year we work with Small Business California to conduct the largest annual survey of California Small Businesses.

If you are a small business, would you please take 3 minutes complete the survey at the link below.

If you are a regional business association, chamber or other group, could you please forward this survey to your members. The more members who participate, the greater your voice will be heard!

**Your input will be used to
shape policies and
resources to grow a strong
California Economy!**

**Link to the survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBCAL2015**