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Construction Spending Up 1.8% in January From Year-Earlier Level



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By Tom Ichniowski

Construction spending climbed 1.8% in January on a year-over-year basis, to an annual rate of \$971.4 billion, but it was down 1.1% from December's total, the Commerce Dept. has reported.

The latest monthly report on the value of finished construction projects, which Commerce's U.S. Census Bureau released on March 2, also showed that January's private construction rose 0.5% from its year-earlier level, to a \$697.6-billion annual rate, but slipped 0.5% from December's level.

Public-sector construction put in place in January climbed 5.1% from January 2014's level, to a \$273.8-billion rate, but declined 2.6% from December.

The rates are adjusted for seasonal variations.

The largest segment, private residential construction, totaled \$357.2 billion in January, a 3.2% dip from the year-earlier rate but a 0.6% gain from December's figure.

Other key private-construction segments posting year-over-year increases included commercial buildings, up 14% to \$59.1 billion, and office buildings, up 13.7% to \$46.8 billion. Both sectors were down from their December levels, however.

Major private segments that declined from January 2014 rates included power, down 13.2% to \$93.6 billion, and educational construction, which edged down 0.4%, to \$74.3 billion. Both segments also recorded decreases from December.

In public construction, highways and streets—the category's largest segment—rose 8.4% year over year, to a rate of \$88.3 billion, and also increased a modest 0.6% compared with December's level. Education, the No. 2 public-construction segment, was up 0.6% from its year-earlier rate, hitting \$58.9 billion, but dipped 3.4% from December.

Registering significant declines from January 2014 were public safety, down 15.7% to \$8.1 billion, and power, which fell 11.4% to \$10.8 billion.

Anirban Basu, chief economist for the Associated Builders and Contractors, which focuses on non-residential construction, noted that that sector increased 4.8% in January, year over year, but was down 2% from December. Basu cautioned, "Interpreting January construction statistics is always tricky because the season adjustments can never precisely reflect the impact of any given winter or weather system."

Basu said that snowstorms that hit New England and other areas in January may explain the dip in non-residential volume. He also said the

slowdown at West Coast ports may have hampered construction-materials shipments and also projects' progress.

Ken Simonson, Associated General Contractors chief economist, said, "Construction continues to expand overall but with a lot of variability by month and segment."

Simonson said the overall numbers were pulled down by what he termed an "unreliable estimate" by the Census Bureau showing a sharp drop in the value of residential improvements. He says that falloff is "not credible," because home sales and home-improvement retailers' revenue both are up.

Simonson traces the problem to the Census Bureau's having to drop its own survey of the segment due to budget cuts and rely instead on "very indirect sources" to track improvement work.

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Taber Construction Inc. is requesting proposals from qualified DVEB, DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, SLBE and all other subcontractors and suppliers for the

**Paul Revere Elementary School
Location: San Francisco, CA**

**Bid Date: March 31, 2015 @ 2:00 PM
(Sub bids due by 1:00 PM via fax)**

General school modernization and reconstruction, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other finishes.

Plans and specs can be Viewed in our office during normal working hours. All subcontractors will be required to execute a standard Taber Construction Inc subcontract agreement without modifications. A copy of the standard agreement will be furnished upon written request. Taber Construction Inc is an equal opportunity employer and signatory to the Carpenters and Laborer's Collective Bargaining Agreements. Subcontractor performance and payment bonds will be required from all subcontractors. For assistance with bonds, insurance, lines of credit, material and equipment procurement contact our office. Taber is willing breakdown larger work items into smaller units of work.

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Taber Construction Inc. is requesting proposals from qualified DVEB, DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, SLBE and all other subcontractors and suppliers for the

**Visitacion Valley Middle School
Location: San Francisco, CA**

**Bid Date: March 19, 2015 @ 2:00 PM
(Sub bids due by 1:00 PM via fax)**

General school modernization and reconstruction, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other finishes.

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Taber Construction Inc. is requesting proposals from qualified DVEB, DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, SLBE and all other subcontractors and suppliers for the

**Daniel Webster Elementary School
Location: San Francisco, CA**

**Bid Date: March 24, 2015 @ 2:00 PM
(Sub bids due by 1:00 PM via fax)**

General school modernization and reconstruction, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other finishes.

Plans and specs can be Viewed in our office during normal working hours. All subcontractors will be required to execute a standard Taber Construction Inc subcontract agreement without modifications. A copy of the standard agreement will be furnished upon written request. Taber Construction Inc is an equal opportunity employer and signatory to the Carpenters and Laborer's Collective Bargaining Agreements. Subcontractor performance and payment bonds will be required from all subcontractors. For assistance with bonds, insurance, lines of credit, material and equipment procurement contact our office. Taber is willing breakdown larger work items into smaller units of work.

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Seeking MBE, DVBE, DBE, WBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, HUB subcontractors and suppliers for AGUA HEDIONDA SEWER LIFT STATION, VISTA/CARLSBAD INTERCEPTOR SEWER REACHES VC11B-VC15 AND RECYCLED WATER LINE; CONTRACT NO. PWS13-40UTIL

Project Owner: City of Carlsbad, CA

Project Location: Carlsbad, CA

Bid Date: Wednesday April 1, 2015

Trades: SWPPP, Dewatering/Sewer Bypassing, Shoring/Shafts/Piling, Landscaping & Irrigation, Fencing, AC Paving/Curbs/Stampcrete, Striping/Pavement Markings, Horizontal Directional Drilling, Microtunneling, Reinforcing Steel, Misc. Metal/Structural Steel, HVAC, Electrical & Instrumentation, Supply of Pipe and Valves, Aggregates, Redi-Mix Concrete.

Plans are available to download on City of Carlsbad Bids & Contracts website

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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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified LBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of Pinole - Pinole Skate Park

Location: Pinole, CA

Bid Date: March 10, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: concrete ready-mix; sand & gravel; trucking; storm drain pipe; rebar; fencing; electrical lighting; electrical security camera; and erosion control.

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: **Andy Vasconi**

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Hwy 12 Repair Pavement/Overlay, Terminous • Caltrans #10-0W5604

BID DATE: March 11, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Progress Schedule, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Temp. Fencing, Treated Wood Waste, Adjust Monument to Grade, Cold Plane AC, Dust Suppressant, Shoulder Backing, Crack Treatment, Preparing Inertial Profiler, Grinding, AC Dike, Rumble Strip, Data Core, Tack Coat, Jointed Plane Concrete Pavement (RSC), Midwest Guardrail System, Alt. Flared Terminal System, Striping & Marking, Pavement Marker, Channelizers, Crash Cushions, Remove Guard Rail, Prepave Grind, Modify Vehicle Classification System, Electrical and Construction Materials

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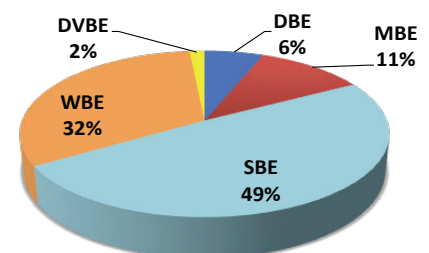
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100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Worker's Compensation Waiver of Subrogation required. Please call OCJ for assistance with bonding, insurance, necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. OCJ is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE Participation. Plans & Specs are available for viewing at our office or through the Caltrans Website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php.

AUDIENCE PROFILE

Small Business Exchange, Inc.



California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Project: PROJECT: RTE 8- WEST OF WARING ROAD TO WEST OF COLLEGE AVE, CALTRANS 11-405504

****THIS PROJECT HAS A 12% DBE Goal ****

BID DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

Please respond by 5:00 p.m., March 10, 2015

We are seeking sub-bids from DBE subcontractors/subconsultants, and material and/or equipment suppliers in the areas of work included in, but not limited to: Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Striping & Marking, PCMS, Prepare SWPPP, Cold Plane Asphalt Concrete, Clear & Grubbing, Landscape/Irrigation, Hot Mix AC, Fog Seal, Crack Treatment, AC Dike, Drill & Bond (Dowels Bar/Tie Bars), Grind Concrete, Joint Seal, Misc Iron & Steel, CL Fence, Guard Railing Delineator, Midwest Guardrail System, Concrete Barrier, Electrical, Trucking, Sweeping, Aggregates.



9685 Via Excelencia, Ste 200 • San Diego, CA 92126

Phone: (858) 536-3100 • Fax: (858) 586-0164

e-mail inquiries to: estimating@coffmanspecialties.com

For any bid proposal submitted on or after March 1, 2015 and any contract for public work entered into on or after April 1, 2015, the following registration requirements apply: Every Subcontractor is required to be registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Public Contract Code. No Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal pursuant to Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. No bid shall be accepted nor any subcontract entered into without proof of the Subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. If used in our Bid, Coffman Specialties requires this proof be submitted w/in 24 hours of Bid Date.

Coffman Specialties, Inc. is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Cement Masons and Carpenters unions. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Insurance and 100% Payment & Performance Bonds will be required. We will provide assistance/advice with obtaining Bonds/Insurance/Credit. Waiver of Subrogation will be required. Plans are available through CALTRANS and our San Diego Office. We are an EOE & seriously intend to negotiate with qualified firms. Non-DBE Subs/Suppliers: Indicate 2nd tier DBE participation offered on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price.

REQUESTING BIDS FROM QUALIFIED DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**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.

C.C. Myers, Inc. is willing to break down items of work into economically feasible units to encourage DBE 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 C.C. Myers, Inc.'s Sharepoint site, please contact us for log in information. Plans and Specs can also be viewed on the City of Tracy website, <http://www.ci.tracy.ca.us/?navid=5177>.

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.



C.C. Myers, Inc.

3286 Fitzgerald Rd. • Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 • 916-635-9370 • Fax 916-635-1527

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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Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc. (PSEC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

Restoration Of San Leandro Creek (LINE P) Between Hegenberger Road And 75 Feet Upstream of 98" Avenue in Oakland, Alameda County California Zone NO. 12 Project

Owner: Alameda County Flood Control Conservation District Hayward, CA

BID DATE: March 11, 2015 at 2pm.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of D/M/WBE's Disadvantaged Minority/Women-Owned Enterprises and solicit their subcontractor materials and/or suppliers for the following types of work including but not limited to:

Concrete, Trucking, Fencing, Hydroseeding

At our discretion, 100% Payment and 100% Performance bonds may be required as a subcontract-condition. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies for this project.

This will be a PREVAILING WAGE JOB.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our office located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA, or by purchasing online www.ipdservices.com/clients/easbay?ALCO

Or by contacting: Central Blue Print at 17132 E. 14th Street Hayward, CA 94541 (510) 276-3375, East Bay Blue Print and Supply at 1745 14th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606 (510) 261-2990 or Custom Blue Print 1944 Mt Diablo Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (925) 932-3113 PSEC is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage D/M/WBE's Disadvantaged Minority/Women-Owned Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers and trucking quotation. If you require any assistance, please contact the Estimator, Keith Donahue email him at kdonahue@pacificstates.net or call (925) 803-4333 and bids may be faxed to us at (925) 803-4334. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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ESTIMATOR: Keith Donahue

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Balfour Beatty Construction

2335 Broadway, Suite #300 • Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 903-2054

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
- Plumbing – Design/Build
- Electrical – Design/Build
- Fire Protection – Design/Build
- Curtainwall Systems – Design/Build
- Elevators – Design/Build
- Shoring Systems – Design/Build
- Excavation, Remediation and Demolition
- Dewatering Systems

Proposing Subcontractor/Supplier

You are hereby invited to submit a bid proposal to provide labor, material and equipment as necessary to perform the Work according to the your respective discipline per the corresponding Bid Package(s) listed above for the **Transbay Block 9** located in San Francisco, California. Your bid is to be in based on the Contract Documents, as prepared by SOM, and other Bid Instructions, Contract Appendices, and Attachments.

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:
<https://bbcus.egnyte.com/fl/3wucvVl4z2>

Link to prequalification site:
www.balfourbeattyus.com

Plans and Specs. are also available at Balfour Beatty Construction office.

RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified Minority Owned Business and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE's) for the following project bidding to Alameda County:

**Restoration of San Leandro Creek (Line P)
Between Hegenberger Road and
75 Feet Upstream of 98th Avenue in Oakland –
Zone No. 12 Project
Alameda County Flood Control and Water
Conservation District
Spec No. FC 12-D-195**

Goals: MBE 15% / WBE 5%

110 working days

Bid Date: 3/11/15 @ 2:00pm

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Fabric and Oils, Clear & Grub, Roadway Excavation, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Aggregate Base, Fencing, Dewatering, SWPPP, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker & Storm Drain (Underground).

Scope of Work: Prepare & implement water pollution control plan, de-watering system, Structure excavation & Backfill, riprap slope protection, clearing & Grubbing, tree removal, furnish & place Class 2 AB, new concrete drain inlet, reconstruct drainage swale, new concrete vertical outfall, drainage flap gates, Hydroseeding, wetland planting, new black vinyl clad chain link fence & gate.

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

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or online at www.ipdservices.com/clients/eastbay?ALCO or contact Central Blue Print 510-276-3375. Contact Dave Czech 925-606-2400 for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation.

RGW Construction, Inc.

Contractors License A/B 591940
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Phone: 925-606-2400 • Fax: 925-961-1925

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

State Highway in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto from Oregon Expressway Overcrossing to 0.3 Mile South of University Avenue Overcrossing

Contract No. 04-235624 • Federal Aid Project ACNHP-000C(366)E

Engineer Estimate \$14,000,000 - 700 Working Days • Goal: DBE 9%

Bids: March 18, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Fabric and Oils, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Cold Plane, Demolition/Bridge Removal, Clear & Grub, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Pile Driving, CIDH Piles, Concrete Block & Masonry Retaining Wall, Joint Seal, Reinforcing Steel, Sign Structure, Signs Roadside, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc., Fencing, Object Marker, MBGR, Metal Railing, Concrete Barrier, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Signal & Lighting, SWPPP Planning, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker.

Scope of Work: Bridge Replacement, HMA paving, drainage, concrete barrier

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 David Aboujudom 925-606-2400 david@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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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for
**City of Yuba City - Garden Highway
Complete Streets Rehabilitation**

Location: Yuba City, CA

Bid Date: March 11, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: trucking; striping; grinding; pavement reinforcing fabric; traffic loops; sawcutting; and concrete.

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

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Phone: (510) 632-7676 • Fax: (510) 562-5209

Contact: Dave Koerber

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Changes to Small Business Health Care Tax Credit

Small employers should be aware of changes to the small business health care tax credit, a provision in the Affordable Care Act that gives a tax credit to eligible small employers who provide health care to their employees.

Beginning in 2014, there are changes to the tax credit that may affect your small business or tax-exempt organization:

- Credit percentage increased from 35 percent to 50 percent of employer-paid premiums; for tax-exempt employers, the percentage increased from 25 percent to 35 percent.
- Small employers may claim the credit for only two consecutive taxable years beginning in tax year 2014 and beyond.
- For 2014, the credit is phased out beginning when average wages equal \$25,400 and is fully phased out when average wages exceed \$50,800. The average wage phase out is adjusted annually for inflation.

- Generally, small employers are required to purchase a Qualified Health Plan from a Small Business Health Options Program Marketplace to be eligible to claim the credit. Transition relief from this requirement is available to certain small employers.

Small employers may still be eligible to claim the tax credit for tax years 2010 through 2013. Employers who were eligible to claim this credit for those prior years – but did not do so – may consider amending prior years' returns if they're eligible to do so in order to claim the credit.

The following information will assist you in completing Form 8941, Credit for Small employer Health Insurance Premiums.

- SHOP QHP documentation or letter of eligibility from SHOP, unless transition relief applies
- Numbers of full-time and part-time employees and numbers of hours worked

- Average annual wages for employees
- Employer premiums paid per employee, if applicable
- Relevant K-1s and other pass-through credit information
- Cost of coverage for each employee
- Payroll tax liability – for tax-exempt organizations only
- Pass-through credit info – for K-1s of other small employers

For more information about the Affordable Care Act and filing your 2014 income tax return, visit IRS.gov/aca.

Originally posted on IRS.gov/aca.

Source: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

The Uber of Equipment Rental Expands Footprint

By Luke Abaffy

On Feb. 25, Getable, an on-demand equipment-rental app previously available only in California, announced its nationwide availability, a \$5-million round of venture-capital financing and an update to its app.

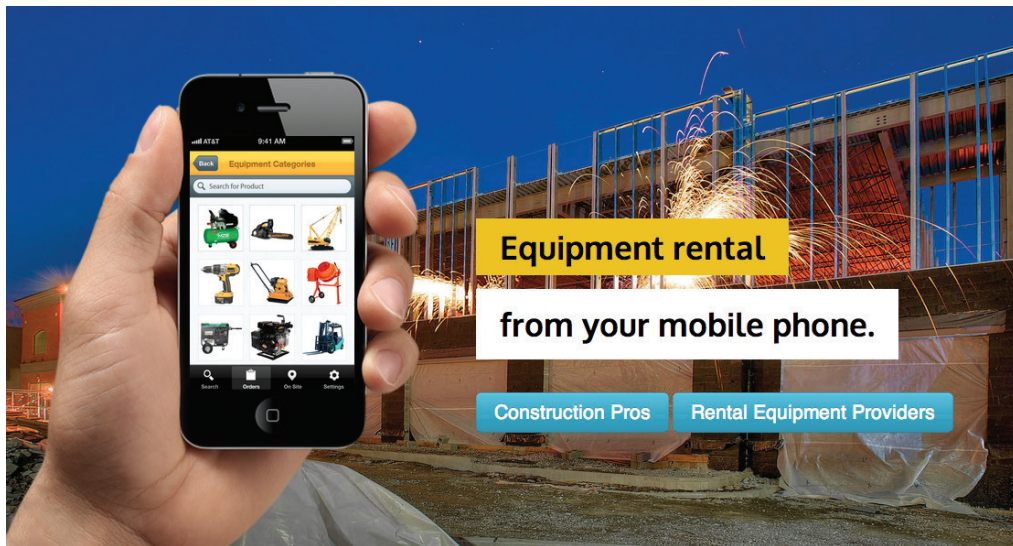
“To date, Getable was the third-party rental-equipment app. Now, it is the equipment app and will track 100% of equipment on a jobsite,” says Tim Hyer, CEO Getable, San Francisco, about the app update that allows users to manage all equipment from within the app, no matter the source.

“It can come from us or be company-owned or come from other rental companies, like H&E Equipment or Caterpillar,” says Hyer. Most rental companies have their own app that allows customers to track equipment from only that one rental house, he adds.

“We want the customer to have one place to track equipment,” says Hyer.

The app's main functionality is connecting construction industry professionals with third-party rental companies that display available stock in the app and offer same-day delivery.

“They've been quick with all their pricing and getting us what we need,” says Thomas Palmieri, project engineer at San Gabriel Trench, Walsh Group, Chicago. He has used the app to get equipment as soon as the same day and as far out as a week, he notes.



“I think for smaller general contractors, the update is a good fit,” says Palmieri about the app's new equipment tracking and management library. “It gives the billing cycle and all the information on your equipment in one place,” he says.

But the app does more than manage equipment, says Hyer: It can be used to settle disputes.

“Before Getable, there was no paper trail of what happened around the life cycle of a rental,” says Hyer. “Who requested the service? When was it delivered? What was wrong with the item, if anything?” All the disputes are logged from within the app, says Hyer. “It really helps settle payment disputes.”

Hyer says a lot of Getable's users are very vocal in their praise, which was valuable feedback for when investors had questions about the service. But some contractors—Zachary Construction, San Antonio, and DPR Construction, Redwood City, Calif., among several others—did more than talk and became investors in the company.

“This recent \$5-million venture capital round saw quite a few users—contractors—turn investor,” says Hyer.

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