

How to Become a Member of the Trade Finance Advisory Council



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their own views and insights and those of the entity or organization and industry sector they represent. Those Members who serve as experts from academia and public policy organizations are subject to ethical standards applicable to special government employees.

What Are the Criteria for TFAC Membership?

The TFAC is seeking executive-level candidates who will reflect a balanced cross-section of U.S. trade finance users, providers, and experts from private, public, and not-for-profit organizations. We are looking for business representatives from diverse industries, regions, and company sizes—including:

- U.S. exporters of goods and services,
- U.S. commercial banks that provide trade finance products, cross-border payment

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Interested in Advising the Secretary of Commerce on Trade Finance Solutions?

I have great news! The U.S. Department of Commerce has announced the re-chartering of its Trade Finance Advisory Council (TFAC or the “Council”). This federal advisory committee advises the Secretary on how to expand access to finance for U.S. exporters and their foreign buyers.

What Does the TFAC Do?

During its first two-year term, the TFAC provided detailed policy and technical recommendations to enhance private and official financing options for U.S. companies—and grew to become a premier platform for government engagement with the private sector on trade finance.

In its renewed charter term, the TFAC will bring together an expanded number of trade finance professionals and thought leaders and will for the first time include, as ex-officio members, representatives from the Export-Import Bank of the United States and the U.S. Small Business Association.

The TFAC works to advance the Department’s strategic goal of increasing U.S. exports and job creation by reducing the costs,

complexities, and risks of exporting. In particular, the Council:

- Evaluates credit conditions and financing challenges faced by U.S. exporters,
- Identifies potential resources for addressing financing gaps,
- Examines how new financial technologies and other innovations could improve the availability and affordability of trade finance solutions,
- Highlights trade finance-related developments in international standard-setting bodies, and
- Addresses other noteworthy concerns raised by Council members and the public.

How Is the TFAC Structured?

The TFAC is comprised of up to 25 members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve for a two-year term. Members do not receive compensation for their service to the Council.

Except for those Members who are trade finance experts from academia and public policy organizations, TFAC Members express

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Aluminum Signs, Asphalt Paving, Biologist, CAS, Clear & Grub, Coldplane AC, Concrete Flatwork, Concrete Structures, Electrical, Traffic Signals, Erosion Control, Fencing, Landscaping/Irrigation, Rebar, RSP, Rumble Strip, Striping, Signage, Survey, Testing

SUPPLIERS

Aggregate Base, Asphalt Concrete, Asphalt and Concrete Dump Fees, Rock, Erosion Control BMPs, Backfill Sand, Concrete, CSP, HDPE, K-Rail, PCMS, Rip Rap/Rock Slope Protection

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN COLUSA COUNTY IN AND NEAR COLUSA FROM MARKET STREET TO 0.1 MILE SOUTH OF BUTTE VISTA DRIVE.

District-County-Route-Post Mile: 03-Col-20-31.7/32.9

Contract No. 03-2F9804 ACSB1NH-P020(187)E

DBE Goal 12%

BID DATE September 26, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sub & Vendor Bids Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Matt Bahnsen

Phone: (714) 540-5351 • Fax: (714) 545-2003 • Email: estimating@sukat.com

Plans/specs are available for viewing at our office by appointment, via Sukut's FTP site, or may be obtained from Owner. Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Sukut Construction will assist Qualified Subcontractors in obtaining bonds, insurance, and/or lines of credit. Please contact Sukut for assistance in responding to this solicitation. Subcontractors/Vendors will be required to sign Sukut's Standard Subcontract/Purchase Order. Copies are available for examination.

Sukat Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

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TAFT ELECTRIC COMPANY

1694 EASTMAN AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93003

Phone: (805) 642-0121 • Fax: (805) 644-1542

Contact: Arnold Tostado • Email: atostado@taftelectric.com

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

Agency: City of Los Angeles/Bureau of Street Lighting

Replace street lighting system

#L1649429

Federal-Aid Project Number: STPL-5006(860)

Location: Ventura Blvd from Amigo Ave to White Oak Ave & from Densmore Ave to Calhoun Ave.

BID DATE: October 3rd, 2018

Trades Seeking: Concrete Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Electrical Material

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

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

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Kiewit

10704 Shoemaker Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Tel: (562) 946-1816, Fax: (562) 946-3823

Contact: Jonathan Moreno at jonathan.moreno@kiewit.com

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. (Kiewit) is seeking sub-quotes from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) firms, including Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Small Business in Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF), Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) firms; and all other business enterprises to perform as Subcontractors and Material Vendors/Suppliers. DBEs must be certified by one of the following agencies prior to bid opening: The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), The Small Business Administration (SBA), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Tribal, State and Local governments, or an independent private certifying organization.

Project Owner: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Project Name: RP-1 1158 Zone Recycled Water Pump Station Upgrades Project EN14042

Project Location: 2662 East Walnut Street, Ontario, CA 91761

Project Bid Date / Time: October 16, 2018 at 2 pm PST.

Project Description:

The work consists of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, transportation, and incidentals necessary to furnish, deliver and install RP-1 1158 Zone Recycled Water Pump Station Upgrades to be included, but not limited to, removal of the existing four (4) 1158 Zone pumps and installation of new four (4) 5,800-gpm capacity pumps and motors, variable frequency drives, and associated appurtenances, one (1) 7,500-gallon surge tank and surge control systems, one (1) 10-inch pressure relief & surge anticipator valve and auxiliary pipelines, and all associated valves and fittings. Project includes replacing the existing transformers with new 3000kVA transformers, upgrades in the existing Power Center Building, switchgear, and MCC panel(s), for accommodating new pump drives.

Kiewit is requesting quotes in the areas described, but not limited to:

Dumpster/trash services, aggregates, site remediation, trucking & hauling, demolition, underground piping sub, plastic pipes (PVC), asphalt paving, curb & gutter, fences/gates/guardrails, lighting & signals, ready mix supplies, concrete reinforcing installation, concrete drilling and saw-cutting, metals, steel pipe, sheet metal roofing, painting & coating, water supply & treatment equipment, supply and treatment pumps, compressor, cathodic protection, storage tanks, bolts & gaskets, mechanical insulation, valves, pipes & tubes and electrical work.

All responsive subcontractors must possess a valid California Contractor's license and provide acceptable insurance. Responsible subcontractors and material contractors will be required to provide bonding for 100% of their contract value. Bond premium will be reimbursed by Kiewit. Plans and specifications are available at the address listed above or provided to you through Kiewit's electronic use of SmartBidNet by contacting Kiewit.

Kiewit intends to conduct itself in good faith with all DBEs and all other business enterprises regarding participation on this project. For further information, assistance or questions regarding the project, to discuss your specialty or scope of work, project schedule, requirements of the contract, licensing, insurance or bonding, equipment, supplies, materials, related assistance or services, please contact the Lead Estimator listed above.

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We encourage qualified women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and others to apply.



California Sub-Bid Request Ads



Requests quotes from qualified and certified **DBE** Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

SUBS

Survey, Electrical, Fencing, Masonry, AC Paving

SUPPLIERS

Aggregate, Rip Rap, Misc Iron & Steel, Sewer Pump Well, Ready Mix Concrete, Pipeline Materials

**HI-Desert Water District Wastewater Reclamation Project
Phase 1 Collection System**

Bid Package B1 Paxton Pump Station
Located in Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County, California

HI-Desert Water District

BID DATE September 25, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sub & Vendor Bids Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Rick Welshiemer

Phone: (714) 540-5351 • Fax: (714) 545-2003 • Email: estimating@sukut.com

Plans/specs are available for viewing at our office by appointment, by Sukut FTP at no cost. Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Sukut Construction will assist qualified subcontractors in obtaining bonds, insurance, and/or lines of credit. Subcontractors/Vendors will be required to sign Sukut's Standard Subcontract/Purchase Order. Copies are available for examination. Please contact Sukut Construction for assistance in responding to this solicitation.

Sukut Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

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Fisher Development, Inc.

We are requesting bids from MEP Subcontractors for the design build of approximately 25,000 sq ft of existing office space for the **440 Turk Street project, Contract 10000009329**, for the San Francisco Department of Public Works. Construction is approximately from 12/15/18, complete 3/31/2019. Precon design responsibility begins immediately after award.

We are looking for subcontractors to fulfill the 30% Local Hire and 20% LBE participation requirements as part of our submission.

Bids due: September 28, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Fisher Development, Inc.

601 California Street, Suite 300

San Francisco, CA 94108

Phone: 415-228-3060 / Fax: 415-228-3028

Interested bidders please contact Maria Juachon at mjuachon@fisherinc.com or call 415-228-3055.



O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

1520 Fourth Street • Berkeley, CA 94710

Phone: 510-526-3424 • FAX: 510-526-0990

Contact: Jean Sicard

REQUEST FOR DBE
SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Shoulder widening

Hwy 175 Lake County

Caltrans #01-0A0404

BID DATE: September 27, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to):

Trucking, Lead Compliance Plan, Develop Water Supply, Construction Area Signs, Flashing Beacon (Portable), Portable Changeable Message Sign, SWPPP, Rain Event Action Plan, Storm Water Sampling and Analysis, Temporary Erosion Control, Permanent Erosion Control Establishment Work, Sweeping, Water Quality Sampling & Analysis, Corrugated Steel Pipe, Relocate Mailbox, Rumble Strip, Treated Wood Waste, Clearing & Grubbing, Erosion Control, Compost, Wood Mulch, Geosynthetic Pavement Interlayer, Data Core, Tack Coat, Cold Plane AC, Structural Concrete, Bar Reinforcing Steel, Concrete Backfill, Underground, Rock Slope Protection, Fencing, Delineator, Pavement Markers, Object Marker, Roadside Signs, Midwest Guardrail System, Vegetation Control (Minor Concrete), Cable Railing, Striping & Marking, Grinding and Construction Materials

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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.



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Phone: 510-526-3424 • FAX: 510-526-0990

Contact: Greg Souder

REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Concrete Median Barrier, Median Lighting

And MGS Railing

Hwy 92 Hayward

Caltrans #04-2J4404

BID DATE: October 4, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to):

Trucking, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Temp. Dewatering and Non-Storm Water Discharge Control System, Treated Wood Waste, Temp. High Visibility Fence, Clearing & Grubbing, Compost, AC Dike, Tack Coat, CIDH Concrete Pile (Light Foundation), Minor Concrete, Underground, Misc. Iron & Steel, Midwest Guardrail System, Vegetation Control (Minor Concrete), Transition Railing, Concrete Barrier, Channelizers, Temporary Crash Modules, Fiber Rolls, Inlet Protection, Drain Inlets, Remove Concrete Barrier, Rebar, Electrical and Construction Materials

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

**Sub-Bids Requested from qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers For:
RP-1 1158 ZONE RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT
PROJECT NO. EN 14042**

**Owner: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Location: Ontario, CA**

Bid Date: October 16, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.

**J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.
667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91789
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:

Demolition, AC Paving, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Miscellaneous Metals, Painting & Coatings, Equipment, Cathodic Protection, Electrical and Instrumentation

Plans and Specifications: Email your request to nicole.uribe@jfshea.com. 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 DBE 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.



Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

**4650 Business Center Drive Fairfield, CA 94534
Attn: Victor Molina • norcal.bids@kiewit.com Fax: 707-439-7301**

Requests sub-bids from qualified California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Subcontractors, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the Construction on State Highway in Modoc County near Adin at Butte Creek Bridge and at Ash Creek Bridge Project.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/obco/index.html>

Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

SR-299 Modoc County Bridges Project

Contract No. 02-4F2104

Federal-Aid Project: ACSB1ST-P299(204)E

Owner: Caltrans

Bid Date: October 11, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

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

AC Paving, Aggregate Supply and Install, Bridge Removal, Bat and Bird Exclusion Device, CIDH Piling, Clear and Grub, Cold Plane AC Pavement, Concrete Barriers, Concrete Pumping, Concrete Reinforcement, Concrete Supply, Concrete Washouts, Concrete Formliners, Concrete Staining, Crash Cushions, Bridge Railing, Earthwork, Erosion Control, Grind Existing Bridge Deck, Grind Existing Concrete Pavement, Guardrail, K-rail, Hydroseed, Joint Seal, Message Signs, Minor Concrete, Misc. Metals, Pavement Markings, Polyester Concrete Overlay, Precast Concrete, Prepare Bridge Deck Surface, Remove/Relocate/Install Sign Structures, Roadside Signs, Structural Shotcrete, Traffic Control, SWPPP, Survey, Biologist, Noise Monitoring, Environmental Compliance, Trucking & Hauling, Sweeping, Water Trucks.

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 certified, DBE suppliers and subcontractors.

Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due October 5, 2018 and Quotes NO LATER THAN October 10, 2018 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 and to be able to receive bidding information, view plans and specifications.

You can view the plans in our office during regular business hours by appointment.

Performance Bond and Payment Bonds may be required for subcontractors and a suppliers bond for suppliers.

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Fax: 707-439-7301**

Requests sub-bids from qualified California Department of General Services (DGS) certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE), Micro SB and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE), Subcontractors, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the Department of Water Resources, Low Water Access Trail Project, Lake Oroville Marina, Lake Oroville, CA.

<http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov>

Subcontractors and Suppliers for the following project:

Low Water Access Trail (Site 9a) Project

Spec. No. 18-17

Contract No. C51579

Owner: Department of Water Resources

Bid Date: October 3, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.

Small Business Enterprises, Micro (SBs) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises

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

Aggregates, Articulated Concrete Block Mats, Concrete Supply, Concrete Reinforcement Supply & Install, Dewatering, Erosion Control, Gabions, Geosynthetic Materials, Misc. Metals, Rock Slope Protection, Trucking & Hauling, Street Sweeping & Water Truck.

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 DGS certified, SBE and Micro SB suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due

September 28, 2018 and

Quotes NO LATER THAN October 2, 2018 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 and to be able to receive bidding information, view plans and specifications.

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Performance Bond and Payment Bonds may be required for subcontractors and a suppliers bond for suppliers.

Prevailing Wages apply.

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Maricopa County, AZ Sub-Bid Request Ad

**Project: Pima Freeway (SR 101) Interstate 17 to Pima Road
Design and Construct General Purpose Lanes**
ADOT Project Number: 101-B-(213)S; TRACS Number: F012101C
PLEASE SUBMIT PROPOSALS BY OCTOBER 1ST, 2018
DBE Goal 8.35%

The Department programmed amount for design and construction of this project is \$185,400,000. The proposed Design-Build project is in Maricopa County on SR 101L, from I-17 to Pima Road. The scope includes design and construction for new general purpose lanes on SR 101L in both travel directions. The work includes constructing pavement, structures, retaining walls, barrier, drainage, signing, pavement markings, street lighting, traffic signals, ITS, utilities relocation, landscape restoration, and AR-ACFC.

For the ADOT Design Concept Report (DCR) and RFP Specifications, please visit:
<https://www.azdot.gov/business/ContractsandSpecifications/AdvertisedAlternativeDeliveryProjects>

Please contact Coffman Ames Joint Venture to receive a sub-quote package when they become available.

Coffman Ames Joint Venture is seeking quotes from small business enterprises, including certified DBE firms to perform work on the project, including, but not limited to, the following items of work:

- Removals
- Bridge Demo
- Traffic Control Services
- Pavement Markings
- Signs and Sign Structures
- Concrete Barrier Rail
- Noise Walls
- Reinforcing Steel
- Electrical and Lighting
- Drainage
- Erosion Control
- Landscaping
- Trucking
- Milling
- Asphalt Paving
- Saw and Seal Joints
- Slope Paving
- Drilled Shaft Foundations
- Aggregate and AC Bases
- Precast Girders
- Post Tensioning
- Concrete Curb and Gutter
- Fencing
- Guardrail
- Miscellaneous Metal
- Deck Joints
- Bearing Pads
- Painting
- Form-liners
- Concrete Pumping
- QC and Material Testing
- Surveying
- Site Biologist

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. Coffman Ames Joint Venture will pay up to 1.5% for the cost of the bond. Waiver of Subrogation will be required. We will provide assistance or advice with obtaining bonds, insurance, lines of credit, and equipment. Subcontractors must provide their AZ contractor's license number with their quote. DCR Plans and RFP Specifications are available at no cost to interested DBE firms from the ADOT website at the web address listed above. Confidential sub-quote bid packages will be available at no cost to interested DBE firms directly from Coffman Ames Joint Venture. You must have a valid AZ UTRACS registration. This project requires Certified Payroll. We are an EOE & seriously intend to negotiate with qualified firms.

If you have questions, please email estimating@coffmanspecialties.com, or contact Ken Bruner at (480) 368-5558 or Gus Rios at (858) 536-3100 x 266



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- services, or foreign exchange solutions,
- Non-bank U.S. financial institutions that provide trade finance products, cross-border payment services, or foreign exchange solutions,
- Associations that represent (i) U.S. exporters, and/or (ii) commercial banks or non-bank financial institutions (or other professionals) that facilitate international trade transactions,
- U.S. companies or entities focused on trade-finance-related activities or services;
- U.S. scholars, academic institutions, or public policy organizations with expertise in global business, trade finance, and international banking related subjects, and
- Economic development organizations and other U.S. regional, state, and local governmental and non-governmental organizations whose missions or activities include the analysis, provision, or facilitation of trade finance products/services.

Members will be selected based on their ability to achieve the Council's objectives, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines and in a manner that ensures a variety and balance of views.

When is the Deadline for Membership Applications?

To be considered, applicants must submit the required documentation by 5:00 p.m. EDT, **Monday, October 15, 2018**, to TFAC@trade.gov.

For full membership criteria and application details, please review the Federal Register notice announcement or the Council's website at www.trade.gov/TFAC/.

For additional information, please contact Ericka Ukrow, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Finance and Insurance Industries, at (202) 482-0405, or at TFAC@trade.gov.

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