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Report: Bay Area Reaches Full Employment



By George Avalos

The Bay Area job market is so robust that this region has reached full employment, and California should reach that condition by sometime in the second half of 2016, according to an economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast, which released a new quarterly report Monday.

Jobless rates that have shrinking and employment gains that have expanded steadily, along with a surging economy, are the primary conditions that are pointing to a full employment picture for the nine-county Bay Area, said Jerry Nickelsburg, senior economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast.

"The Bay Area is at full employment," Nickelsburg said. "Look at the unemployment rate in Santa Clara County and the San Francisco metro area. Santa Clara County is at around 4 percent, San Mateo County is at 3.3 percent, San Francisco is at 3.6 percent."

Each of the Bay Area's metro regions have recovered all the jobs they lost during the Great Recession, and some even have set all-time records for employment or are near those peaks.

"The job market in the Bay Area is outstanding," said Scott Anderson, chief economist with San Francisco-based Bank of the West. "The Bay Area employment market is growing much faster than the nation or the state. It's attracting people to the region."

The tech boom is helping to drive the booming economy in the Bay Area.

"The main driver is what we are seeing in Silicon Valley with the growth of the technology sector," Anderson of Bank of the West said. "But this rebound is broader than tech. Health care, leisure and hospitality, retail, construction, and even manufacturing are growing."

Full employment isn't always precisely defined, but the Federal Reserve, the nation's Central Bank, has been using a 5 percent nationwide jobless rate as the target level that defines full employment for the United States, according to Nickelsburg.

"We are very nearly at full employment in California," Nickelsburg said. "We should be at full employment by mid-2016."

In August, California posted a 6.1 percent unemployment rate, slightly better than the July statewide rate of 6.2 percent.

Despite the improving picture, the pace of job growth is expected to slow in California in the next two years, according to the Anderson Forecast.

California employment will increase 2.7 percent in 2015, but slow to 2.2 percent in 2016 and to 1.4 percent in 2017, the forecast stated.

The state's unemployment rate, now at 6.1 percent, will fall to about 4.8 percent over the next two years, the forecast stated. That would be a similar level to the national jobless rate.

With hiring at a brisk pace and the jobless rate improving, analysts believe employers will be forced to dangle pay raises in front of potential re-

cruits as well as existing workers they seek to retain.

"You tend to have wage pressure when there is full employment," Nickelsburg said.

Economists point out, however, that full employment poses significant challenges.

"Full employment means you have to build more housing," said Stephen Levy, director of the Palo Alto-based Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy.

Job seekers often migrate to seek employment opportunities, Levy said.

"When you reach full employment, and companies are still expanding and hiring people in the Bay Area, you need housing that is near job sites" Levy said. "People will move into the area for the jobs that are here."

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California Sub-Bid Request Ads

Mission Bay Development Group, LLC is actively seeking contractors for the upcoming

Mission Bay: Park P23 and P24 Project

This project is subject to the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) Small Business Enterprise (SBE) program which has a 50% participation goal with first consideration for San Francisco-based SBEs.

Proposed scope of work for this project includes but is not limited to demolition, storm drain, sewer and water-line work, grading, landscaping and irrigation, electrical, site furnishings, architectural features, fencing, sports court, decomposed granite surfacing, concrete hardscape and pavers.

One set of bid documents will be distributed to each interested Contractor.

Please contact Cathy Serrano of
Townsend Management, Inc., at
(415) 355-6644 to pick up a set at the
Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street,
San Francisco, CA 94158

D'Arcy & Harty Construction, Inc
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Estimator : willie@darcyhart.com

Rodeo Sanitary District Sewer Year 2 Improvements Bids: October 19th, 2015 at 2:00pm

MBE/DBE/WBE/VOSB
sub-bids requested for:

Saw-cutting, Concrete sidewalk, Trucking, Traffic Control and sewer abandonment

SOMA Hotel LLC – SOMA Mission Bay Hotel, Block 1, San Francisco

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SOMA Hotel LLC will build the new SOMA Mission Bay Hotel on a vacant development site fronting the corner of 3rd and Channel Streets in San Francisco, California. The total site is approximately 23,000 square feet. The hotel will be comprised of 250 guestrooms in a tower of 16 enclosed levels which will include a 3-level podium designed to accommodate parking, public and back-of-house spaces. The total gross area of the SOMA Mission Bay Hotel will be 215,000 GSF.

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. has been selected as the General Contractor and are currently requesting bids from qualified subcontractors for Design-Assist / Design Build Part A - Preconstruction / Design Services and, Part B – Construction Services (Option only). LBEs and SBEs and strongly encouraged to submit. The Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII)/Successor to SFRA has established a subcontracting participation goal for this project at 50% SBE/LBE goal with first consideration for San Francisco-based MBEs, WBEs and SBEs.

This Request for Proposal is issued for qualified Exterior Building Envelope subcontractors as a Part A / Part B subcontract. Part A is to provide full design-assist / design-build preconstruction services to design a complete turn-key exterior envelope system in accordance with the 100% DD Criteria Documents. Part B is for the procurement, fabrication and installation of the building enclosure scope as designed under Part A. Part B is an Owner option to proceed only after the successful completion of Part A services and is solely at the Owners discretion. The exterior envelope consists curtain-wall, storefront, rain-screen, FRP and metal panel systems, including canopies and decorative metal elements.

Prequalification Process:

Each prospective Bidder must complete Part 1 utilizing McCarthy's Prequalification system, answer all questions and provide all required information. Any prospective Bidder failing to do so will be deemed non-responsive and not prequalified with respect to this Prequalification. Complete Part 1 by going to <https://prequalification.mccarthy.com/>. Part 1 includes general questions on company information, type of services, business classifications, bonding limits, and project references, license/claims history/disciplinary measures, safety and health status, and business construction revenue.

For any questions pertaining to this project, please email Dan Crosby, Preconstruction Director via email, dcrosby@mccarthy.com

**Pre-Bid Meeting: October 07, 2015 @ 10:00am – McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.,
1265 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, SF, CA**

Bids are due no later than Thursday, October 22, 2015 @ 5:00pm.

10% Bid Security is required for all Bids submitted

100 % Payment and Performance bonds from a treasury rated surety in the full amount of the subcontract is required for this project.

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EPA Adopts Rules to Limit Oil Refineries' Emissions into Neighborhoods



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted new rules Tuesday intended to clean the air around oil refineries across the nation, including communities near six major refineries in Southern California.

The rules for the first time require refineries to monitor and report levels of benzene, a cancer-causing compound, at the boundaries of their properties and to cut emissions if they are too high.

The rules target about 150 oil refineries across the nation, strengthening standards on storage tanks, coker units, pressure relief devices and flares, which burn off excess gases. The measures are designed to reduce emissions that cause respiratory illness, increase cancer risk and contribute to smog and global warming while making refinery operations more efficient, the EPA said.

Refineries will have to encircle their facilities with one to two dozen canisters that continuously sample the air for benzene, a carcinogen that is considered an indicator of other harmful pollutants.

The so-called fence-line monitoring devices will not provide real-time air quality readings, but if benzene concentrations over time exceed the EPA's limit of 9 micrograms per cubic meter, refiners will have to find the pollution source and fix it.

"This rule creates a kind of neighborhood watch for refinery pollution," EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said in a conference call with reporters. "Refineries can be held accountable for these fugitive emissions and take actions to stop them."

The EPA was required to issue the long-delayed rules under a court-ordered consent decree with environmentalists and community groups in California, Louisiana and Texas, who sued the agency in 2012 for missing deadlines.

The rules drew praise Tuesday from those groups as bringing health benefits to predominately Latino and African American communities near oil refineries that have long fought for stricter regulations to control pollution, noise and smoke from the sprawling operations.

"Communities should finally start to see reductions in the pollution that refinery flares are releasing around the clock into our air," said Jesse Marquez, who heads the group Coalition for a Safe Environment in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Wilmington, where three major refineries operate. More than 6 million people live within three miles of a refinery, according to the EPA, with mi-

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Estimator: Victor Le

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for DBEs for the following project:

**CALTRANS ROUTE 280 – FOR CONSTRUCTION
ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM STEVEN CREEK
BOULEVARD UNDERCROSSING TO FOOTHILL EXPRESSWAY UNDERCROSSING,**

Contract No. 04-272054,

Federal Aid Project ACNHPI-280-1(143)

OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1727 30th Street, Bidders' Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: OCTOBER 14, 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:

AC Dike, Adjust Iron, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Cold Plane, Construction Area Sign, Construction Site Management, Electrical, Lead Compliance Plan, Minor Concrete, PCC Grinding, Striping, SWPPP Prep/ Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material, Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material

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, L.P. DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P.'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.

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Contact: Jean Sicard • An Equal Opportunity Employer

REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Hwy 101 Petaluma – Realign & Bridge

Caltrans #04-264094

REVISED BID DATE: October 20, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Type III Barricade, Portable Changeable Message Sign, SWPPP, Rain Event Action Plan, Storm Water Sampling & Analysis, Water Quality Sampling & Analysis, Temporary Fence, Health & Safety Plan, ADL Burial Location Report, Treated Wood Waste, Abandon Culvert, Destroy Well, Adjust Utilities, Cold Plane AC, Cap Inlet, Culvert Slurry-Cement Backfill, Bridge Removal, Clearing & Grubbing, Develop Water Supply, Dust Palliative, Roadway Excavation (Type Y-1 Aerially Deposited Lead), Settlement and Monitoring, Shoulder Backing, Structure Excavation, Structure Backfill, Pervious Backfill Material, Rammed Aggregate Columns, Imported Biofiltration Soil, Underground, Erosion Control, Hydromulch, Hydroseed, Compost, Lean Concrete Base, Crack Treatment, Prime Coat, AC Dike, Data Core, Tack Coat, Steel Casing, CIDH Concrete Piling, Prestressing CIP Concrete, Structural Concrete, Minor Concrete, Steel Sheet Piling, Architectural Treatment, Joint Seal Assembly, Bar Reinforcing Steel, Sign Structure, Roadside Signs, Bat Habitat, Prepare & Paint Concrete, Temp. Access Pad, Rock Slope Protection, Detectable Warning Surface, Misc. Iron & Steel, Rigid Rail Fall Protection System, Isolation Casing, Bridge Deck Drainage System, Fencing, Delineator, Object Marker, Midwest Guardrail System, Double Thrie Beam Barrier, Cable Railing, End Anchor Assembly, Type SCI 100GM Crash Cushion, Concrete Barrier, Striping & Marking, Traffic Operations System and Construction Materials

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B-Side Inc. is requesting

proposals from all City & County of San Francisco certified DVBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for project:

**Herbert Hoover MS, Ceiling Fans, Window Film Installation and Shades Relocation
(SFUSD Project No.11064)**

Owner: SFUSD

Bid date: October 13, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Trades requested are: DEMO, Hazmat Abatement, Electrical and all other trades, applicable to the project scope of work.

Digital files of bid documents are available at Builder's Exchange of Alameda County Please contact our office for plans and specs help.

B-Side Construction, Inc.

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norities nearly twice as likely as the general population to live near the fence line.

In a statement Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute said refinery air emissions were already at safe levels and have been declining for decades under existing regulations. "Companies have already spent billions of dollars to reduce emissions, and air quality continues to improve as a result of these voluntary programs and existing regulations," said Bob Greco, API's downstream group director.

While the EPA has made substantial improvements since proposing the new standards last year, the API said, the regulations could cost up to \$1 billion.

The EPA said implementing the rules by 2018 will cost \$283 million, with "no noticeable impact" on the cost of gasoline and other petroleum products. Cutting emissions of air toxins, including benzene, toluene and xylene, by 5,200 tons per year will reduce cancer risks for more than 1.4 million people, the agency said.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District does not currently require monitoring at the fence lines of the Los Angeles Basin's six major oil refineries in El Segundo, Torrance, Carson and Wilmington, spokesman Sam Atwood said.

Southern California activists have long demanded fence-line air monitoring because of the large number of families, schoolchildren and other sensitive groups that live in close proximity to refineries and their emissions.

"Southern California is one of the few places in the country where you see daycare centers at the fence line and that's why we pushed really hard," said Jane Williams, who heads California Communities Against Toxics, another group that sued the EPA to issue the new standards. "This is a precedent-setting rule that we fought to get."

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

Indianapolis, IN. Sub-Bid Request Ad

Expand the Indiana Convention Center again?

By Anthony Schoettle

Behind-the-scenes whispers of again enlarging the mammoth Indiana Convention Center are turning into open calls, with some local hospitality leaders musing about locations for an expansion they want to see as soon as 2020.

But skeptics warn that Indianapolis should proceed with caution. Convention center space is on the rise nationwide, they say, and the oversupply is forcing some cities to dole out more incentives to snag big conventions and corporate gatherings.

Expansion supporters acknowledge the trends. However, they note that an addition completed in time for 2012 Super Bowl festivities has a sound record of success.

“We almost doubled the space, and we’ve been able to fill it with meaningful events,” said Barney Levensgood, executive director of the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. “It’s very, very encouraging.”

The convention center opened in 1972 as part of a strategy to revitalize downtown, and has been expanded four times. It now has 937,000 square feet, including parts of nearby Lucas Oil Stadium.

Ever-larger confabs are signing contracts—in the past couple of years, the venue hosted more than 60,000 each for the GenCon gaming convention and the National Rifle Association.

The convention center generates \$800 million a year in economic impact, according to Visit Indy, the city’s convention and tourism marketing arm. In 2014, its 433 meetings, trade shows, conventions and other events generated more than \$32 million in hotel, rental car, and food and beverage taxes and another \$53 million in state sales tax.

Levensgood isn’t the only one talking expansion. So is Visit Indy President Leonard Hoops.

Indeed, the two say the numbers demonstrate the need for an eventual expansion.

In early 2011, Visit Indy and the city’s Capital Improvement Board, which owns the convention center, raised the curtain on a \$275 million, 400,000-square-foot expansion.

Combined with the 2008 opening of the adjacent Lucas Oil Stadium, the expansion rocketed the center from 32nd largest in the nation to 16th.

Trepidation about filling the center coming out of the Great Recession has given way to confidence as the economy grows.

Visit the link below for the full article:

www.sbeinc.com/resources/cms.cfm?fuseaction=news.detail&articleID=1349&pageID=25

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National Women Business Owners Corporation (NWBOC)

United States Department of Veterans Affairs (with certification from DMWBD)

Inviting qualified contractors, specifically MBE/WBE/VBE’s certified by any of the authorities listed above, to contact SKJV (Prime Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shaft project.

The Work under this contract is located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Work consists of the White River Pogues Run Tunnel Project and associated Shafts and Vortex Drop Shaft Structures.

Owner: Citizens Energy Group

Project No. 92TU00126

BID DATE: October 29, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, slurry wall, cased auger shaft construction, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, mechanical equipment – hydraulic, sluice & weir gates, electrical services, pest control, IT services, security, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

Any business seeking to participate as a MBE/WBE/VBE in the Contract that is not currently certified MBE/WBE/VBE’s by one of the above certifying authorities should contact the DMWBD at 1501 City County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; phone (317) 327-5262, any of the other agencies as shown above to obtain current certification.

We have set up an FTP site where you can view all plans and specifications for your convenience. Please contact Aimee Remo at (909) 594-0990 or Brett Campbell at (909) 594-0982 to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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The 2011 expansion added a three-story glass entry pavilion at Capitol Avenue and Georgia Street, and an enclosed walkway between the convention center and Lucas Oil Stadium. (Photo courtesy of Visit Indy)