

California sides with big utilities, trimming incentives for community solar projects

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By Julie Cart, CalMatters

California's utilities regulator today adopted new rules for community solar projects, despite warnings from clean energy advocates that the move will actually undercut efforts to expand solar power options for low-income customers.

The state's biggest utility companies advocated for the new rules.

Community solar projects are generally small-scale, local solar arrays that can serve renters and homeowners who can't afford to install their own rooftop solar panels. They are one part of the state's overall strategy to eventually run the power grid entirely by renewable energy.

The California Public Utilities Commission's 3-1 ruling preserves and expands programs that will allow any ratepayer to subscribe to a pool of projects and receive a 20% rate reduction, said Commission President Alice Reynolds. But it also reduces future compensation for solar providers and residents.

The commission calculates the benefits derived from distributed, small-scale solar power projects, which provide a "service" by sending clean energy to the power grid and reducing transmission costs by serving nearby communities. Solar developers are compensated for the value of the benefit their project provides.

The formula adopted today essentially reduces the value of distributed small scale renewable energy in the future, providing less of an incentive for new community solar projects to be built.

In the near term, the subsidies and incentives that help promote community solar installation will remain in place, paid for by a recent \$250 million grant California received under the federal Solar For All program.



Solar panels at the Kettleman City Power solar farm on July 25, 2022. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

One of the concerns for solar advocates is what happens after that pot of funding runs out and the financial incentive to develop solar evaporates.

"The foundations of a sustainable program should not be built on one-time money," said Derek Chernow, Western Regional Director for the Coalition for Community Solar Access.

While California has been a leader in promoting solar energy and advocating for an electric grid running carbon-free, the state's efforts to encourage smaller solar projects has been lackluster. One example of a missed opportunity that critics point to is not requiring community solar projects to have battery storage systems that would allow power to flow after the sun sets.

"We are not done here today," Reynolds said, adding the programs can be modified and improved in the future.

With electric bills soaring for many Californians, she also was critical of the impact of "cost shift," the idea that the subsidies provided to community solar projects are costs borne by all ratepay-

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Tech for Field Services: How 3D Can Enable a Remote Workforce

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By Matt Gorniak,

Many industries rely on field services agents to efficiently identify and address any issues with equipment. Without reliable field services, minor issues could develop into more serious ones, and the risk of costly downtime increases dramatically.

To properly mitigate any issues before they have the chance to worsen, field services agents need the right solutions. One technological innovation that can greatly assist field services agents and remote workforces is 3D visualization.

With the help of high-quality 3D visuals of equipment and individual parts, agents will have

the ability to diagnose issues and repair or replace faulty parts quickly. In turn, businesses can benefit from streamlined field services operations that keep facilities up and running the way they should.

The following are some of the specific ways in which today's 3D technology can empower field services reps.

Fully visualize all equipment with explorable images

Using a combination of 3D visualizations and product customization solutions, field services agents can gain more in-depth insight into each piece of equipment in a facility.

Traditional parts ordering systems are more limiting. They don't provide the level of interactiv-

ity needed to optimize the efficiency of service.

With ordinary ordering systems, agents must look through extensive lists of products to find the right replacement to order. They will also need to manually identify the part that requires repair or replacement.

However, with a customizer equipped with high-fidelity 3D visualizations of every system and part, agents can more easily service equipment. 3D visualization capabilities can provide agents with fully interactive 3D images that accurately represent equipment down to the smallest details.

Agents would be able to use a customizer to rotate and zoom in on these visuals. They may also benefit from explosive views. These views sepa-

rate visuals into layers so agents can look at the interior and exterior of each piece of equipment.

This makes accurately diagnosing problems easier than ever.


Also, if there are any updates to equipment over time, it's easy to visualize them and integrate them into a 3D visualization solution. This will ensure digital inventory consistently matches its physical counterpart.

Increased productivity at all levels

The incorporation of high-quality equipment and part visuals can also make it easier for leaders at all levels to agree on the right diagnosis and part replacement.

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:
AIRPORT PERIMETER DIKE PHASE 2 SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS SOUTH FIELD, OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIP 3-06-0170-(FUTURE), Small Business Enterprises Goal Assigned 3%
OWNER: PORT OF OAKLAND – 530 Water St., Oakland, CA 94607
REVISED BID DATE: JUNE 18, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M.


DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Small Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:
Develop Water Supply, Erosion Control, Slurry Wall, Survey/Staking, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Testing, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Erosion Control Material, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 3855 N Freeway Blvd Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the dropbox site at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABrd0ba51_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0 or from the Owner's site at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php

Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 to the attention of Estimator Jack Shewmaker. If you have questions for the Estimator, call at (925) 829-9220. When submitting any public works bid please include your DUNS number and DIR number. For questions regarding registration for DIR use the link at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

If you need SBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies or related assistance or services, for this project call the Estimator at (925) 829-9220, or contact your local Small Business Development Center Network (<http://californiasbdc.org>) or contact the California Southwest Transportation Resource Center (www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs). DGC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the SBE goal.

At our discretion, 100% Payment and 100% Performance bonds may be required as a subcontract condition. This will be a PREVAILING WAGE JOB. DGC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.



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ESTIMATOR: DAVID CZECH
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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:
FRANKLIN BLVD COMPLETE STREET PROJECT (PN: T15165500)
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 23%
OWNER: CITY OF SACRAMENTO – 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
BID DATE: JUNE 12, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.


DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:
Adjust Iron, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Cold Plane, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Fencing, Landscaping, Minor Concrete, Roadside Signs, Sawcutting, Site Furnishings, Striping, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Testing, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material and Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material

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Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 or email to dgcestimating@desilvagates.com to the attention of Estimator David Czech. If you have questions for the Estimator, call at (925) 829-9220. When submitting any public works bid please include your DUNS number and DIR number. For questions regarding registration for DIR use the link at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

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AECOM

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REQUEST FOR DBE/MBE/WBE SUBCONSULTANT INTEREST

AECOM is bidding on the following project as a prime contractor:
City of Elk Grove, Department of Public Works, Capital Improvement Program Division
On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services
Bid Close Date: June 3, 2024 & Proposal Due Date: June 11, 2024


AECOM is seeking qualifications from CUCP-certified (California Unified Certification Program) disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE), minority business enterprise (MBE) and woman-owned business enterprise (WBE) firms for the following service categories:

Service Categories	
Civil Engineering Design NAICS Codes: 541330, 237990 CDOT Codes: C8705, C8710, C8715, C8720	Electrical Engineering NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8740
Bridge Engineering NAICS Codes: 541330, 237310 CDOT Codes: C8706, C8773, C2201	Surveys and Right-of Way Mapping Services NAICS Codes: 541330, 541360, 541370, 541990 CDOT Codes: C8759, C8760, C8765, C9826
Structural Engineering NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Codes: C8746, C8783	Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing NAICS Codes: 541330, 541380 CDOT Codes: C8780, C8723
Architectural Design Services NAICS Codes: 541310, 541330 CDOT Codes: C8704, C8716, C8773	Right-of-Way Engineering NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8721
Mechanical, Electrical, or Plumbing Services NAICS Codes: 541330, 238220 CDOT Codes: C8740, C8742, C9850	Project Cost Estimating NAICS Code: 541611 CDOT Code: C8800
Landscape Architectural Design Services NAICS Code: 541320 CDOT Code: C8744	Community Outreach NAICS Code: 541820 CDOT Code: C8712

This proposal is in alignment with the City of Elk Grove guidelines and CUCP-certified DBEs, MBEs, and WBEs are encouraged to respond.

Interested businesses should email a brief 1 page overview of their previous work with one or several of the service categories above along with CUCP certification by Monday, June 3, 2024, to Debra Rahal at debra.rahal@aecom.com.

If requested, assistance is available in obtaining any necessary lines of credit or insurance; information related to work requirements; and necessary equipment, supplies materials, or related services. Because this is for on-call services, no specific scope of work is provided.



SWINERTON

INVITATION TO BID
CSULB Hillside North Student Housing
1250 North Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90840, USA

DUE DATE BID/PREQUALIFICATIONS:
Bidding documents will be published via BuildingConnected Mid-June.

PROJECT INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION:

CSULB Hillside North Student Housing. Also known as CSULB La Playa is a new development of a student housing project for the CSULB. The proposed new construction is composed of 5-story high building, type 1-B, Full sprinklered with 424-bed student housing units and total building area of 107,483 SF. the building is divided into 3 clusters (A,B and C) that are considered as one building since they are connected with bridges.

The existing site consists of an approximate 111,900 SF landscaped area that includes grass, trees, and underground utilities.

OUTREACH GOALS: DVBE and SBE

DOCUMENTS
 LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS
 Swinerton Builders Public Plan Room (buildingconnected.com)

TRADES:

CSI Divisions 1 thru 33 Including but not limited to: Surveying, Scaffolding, Tower Crane, Man & Material Hoist, Final cleaning, reinforced Concrete, Reinforcing steel, Units Masonry, Structural Steel, Misc. Steel, Millwork, Waterproofing, Roofing, HPL Cladding, Metal Panel, Sheet Metal, DFH, Glass & Glazing, Lath & Plaster, Framing & Drywall, Tiling, Acoustic Ceilings, Acoustic Panels, Flooring, Operable Partitions, Specialties, Signage, Appliances, Window Coverings, Elevators, Trash/Recycling Chutes, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Low Voltage, Site Concrete, AC Paving, Underground Utilities, Landscape & Irrigation, Earthwork, erosion control.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS:
 Swinerton Builders Prequalification
 Swinerton Master Service Agreement (MSA)
 Your Cost proposal
 Complete Swinerton's scope sheet.
 Any voluntary value engineering ideas.

Subcontractors are encouraged to begin the Swinerton Prequalification process at:
<http://www.swinerton.com/subcontractors/subcontractor-prequal>

Prequalification inquiries, please contact Veronica Miguel at vmiguel@swinerton.com or 213.869.3400
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REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE & DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:
Construction on State Highway in the City and County of San Francisco at Third Street Undercrossing and at Twenty Third Street Overcrossing
 Contract No.: 04-2Q4604
 Owner: Caltrans
 Location: San Francisco, CA, HWY 101
 Engineers' Estimate: \$3,740,000
REVISED BID DATE: June 12, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: **Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Type III Barricade, Portable Radar Speed Feedback Sign System, PCMS, Water Pollution Control Program, Street Sweeping, Clearing & Grubbing, Erosion Control including Hydroseed, AC Dike, Tack Coat, Joint Seal, Rebar, Minor Concrete, Miscellaneous Iron & Steel, Electrical, Fence & Railing, Signs, Pavement Marker, Midwest Guardrail System, Alternative Crash Cushion, Concrete Barrier, Striping, Fiber Optic Cable Systems and Trucking.**

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

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REQUEST FOR Sub-Proposals from Certified SB Firms
 Project Name: Uptown Bikeways Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways
 Solicitation Number: 4240341
 Owner: SANDAG
 SBE Goal: 15%
 Subcontractors/Subconsultants/Vendors wanted for:

(Subcontractors): Clear & Grub, Surveying, Trucking, Tree Removal/Arborist, Minor Concrete, Asphalt Paving, Electrical/Traffic Signal, Cold Milling, Signage & Striping, Fencing, Pavers, Lithocrete, Landscaping, Job Coordinator, Traffic Control, Reinforcing Steel, Quality Control, Biologist, Street Sweeping, Utility Adjustments, Hazardous Waste Removal, and Pulverized/Cement Treated Base

(Suppliers): Ready Mix, Aggregates, Signage, RipRap, Biofiltration Unit, Waterworks, RCP, Traffic Control (Materials), Drinking Fountain, Truncated Domes, Mis. Metals, Playground Equipment, Boulder, Tree Grates, Bike Rack, Recycling Receptacles, Bus Stop Bench, and Root Barrier


Project Scope:
 The Eastern Hillcrest Bikeways project is constructing an approximate 1.1-mile of separated bikeways and buffered bike lanes along University Avenue from Ninth Avenue to Normal Street, and on Normal Street from University Avenue to Lincoln Avenue in the Hillcrest community in the City of San Diego. Improvements include a neighborhood traffic circle at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Centre Street; a pedestrian promenade and separated Class IV bikeway on the western half of Normal Street from University Avenue to Lincoln Avenue; reconfiguration of Normal Street from Lincoln Avenue to Washington Street; restriping on Lincoln Avenue, Herbert Street, Park Boulevard, and Robinson Avenue; and reconfiguration of the intersection of Park Boulevard and Robinson Street. Work of the bikeways improvements includes, but is not limited to, controlling of water pollution; traffic control; erosion control; clearing and grubbing; new curb and gutter, cross gutter, bus pad construction, bus benches, installation of new RRFBs, curb ramps, asphalt paving, storm drain installation, concrete driveway installation, traffic signal modifications, and signing and striping. Work of the pedestrian promenade improvements includes, but is not limited to, concrete sidewalk paving, curb ramps, integral colored concrete, concrete benches, concrete paver installation, decorative LithoMosaic paving, construction of decorative concrete steps, playground equipment installation, custom metal shade structures, fabric shade structures, light pole installation, string light installation, installation of new electrical conduits, storm drain installation, potable water main relocation, a new water service, a new sewer service lateral, installing new irrigation, landscape planting, tree grate installation, and installation of a stationary trolley car (provided by others). The work will also include the procurement of all materials and performing all other work necessary to complete the work in accordance with the project plans and specifications. For the SWPPP, this project is a Risk Level 2.

BID DATE: JUNE 20th, 2024 at 3:00PST/PDT
 REYES CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 State License Number 507561
 1383 South Signal Drive, Pomona, CA 91766
 Phone: 909-622-2259 • Fax: 909-622-3053
 Contact: Thien Nguyen Mon-Fri 7:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.

Assistance will be available in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related technical assistance. For information on the availability of scope of work, plans and specifications, and requirements of the contract please contact our office.

1) Via iSqFt – please send an email request to estimating@reyesconstruction.com
 2) Bidnet Direct – <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/private/solicitations/3896380228/abstract>
 3) Via Sharefile – please send an email request to estimating@reyesconstruction.com

Please e-mail Quotes to: Estimating@reyesconstruction.com



Is requesting quotes from certified and qualified DBE (MBE, WBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, HUB Zone) and Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

SUBS/SERVICE PROVIDERS
 Archeology, Construction Engineering & Inspection Services, Construction Project & Document Control, Computer-Aided Design & Drafting (CADD), Environmental Consultant, Geotechnical Engineering, Land Surveyor, Public Relations, Regulatory Environmental, Scheduling, Structural Engineering, Utility Locate & Potholing

HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES FOR THE PHASE II WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT
 YUCCA VALLEY, CA
Proposal Submittal Date: July 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

All Quotes Due Prior
 Sukut Construction, LLC
 4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704
 Contact: Lawrence Damore
 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, or from Owner. Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Sukut 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 Lawrence Damore at 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 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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Southeast Gateway Constructors
 (a Skanska Stacy Witbeck Joint Venture)
 DBE Subcontractor/Supplier Bids/Proposals Requested
 Owner: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
 Southeast Gateway Line, CMGC Project, LACMTA RFP NO. PS119518
 Please Submit Proposals By: **June 17, 2024 at 12:00pm**
 Phase 1 Pre-Construction: **DBE Goal: 28%**

Southeast Gateway Constructors (SGC), a Skanska Stacy Witbeck JV, is interested in soliciting in good faith all service consultants, subcontractors, material suppliers, and vendors, as well as CUCP/Metro Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms related to the scopes of work below for the Southeast Gateway Line- Advanced Works project, Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CMGC) Phase 1 Preconstruction.

Project Documents can be accessed and download online at BuildingConnected: <https://bit.ly/SoutheastPlanRoom>


This advertisement is in response to LACMTA's DBE Program. SGC intends to conduct itself in "Good Faith with DBE firms regarding participation on this project.

Phase 1 – Preconstruction: requested scopes include but are not limited to the following and should be based on Contract and its Amendments: Develop & Maintain Schedules, Temporary Traffic, Planning, Constructability Reviews, Design Support Services, Value Engineering, Third Party Coordination, Project Administration, Subcontractor Outreach and Engagement, Community Outreach, Cultural Competency Consultant, Website implementation, Environmental Studies and plans, Quality Control, Testing, and Document Control.

The Southeast Gateway light rail transit line ("Southeast Gateway Line") is a 14.53-mile LRT corridor, 9 WSAB Stations, 3 River crossings, 4 freeway crossings, and various street crossings that will serve the cities and communities of Artesia, Cerritos, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Vernon, the unincorporated Florence-Graham community, and downtown Los Angeles.

Requirements: Southeast Gateway Constructors (SGC) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages the participation of Small Business Enterprises. We are requesting quotes from all qualified subcontractors and suppliers. **SGC will assist qualified subcontractors, vendors, & suppliers in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies.** All DBE firms must be certified by the proposal due date. Should you have any questions regarding LACMTA's certification process, please contact us or LACMTA's certification Hotline at (213) 922-2600. If you are a DBE Company, please provide your certification letter with your proposal. If you are a Non-DBE, please indicate all lower-tier participation on your quotation as it will be evaluating it with your price. **To assist DBEs subcontractors and suppliers, we will divide total requirements into smaller packages, tasks or quantities & establish delivery & construction schedule, which will permit maximum participation when feasible.** SGC's insurance requirements are Commercial General Liability (GL): \$1M ea. occ., \$1M personal injury, \$2M products & completed operations agg. & general agg.; \$1M Auto Liability; \$5M Excess/Umbrella and \$1M Workers Comp. Endorsements and waivers required are the Additional Insured End., Primary Wording End., & a Waiver of Subrogation (GL & WC). Other insurance requirements may be necessary per scope or RFP requirement. Subcontractors may be required to furnish performance & payment bonds in the full amount of their subcontract by an admitted surety & subject to approval by SGC. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless accepted in writing. SGC is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, & Carpenters Unions. Subcontractors must provide weekly, one original and one copy of all certified payrolls, including non-performance and fringe benefit statements if required by law or by the Prime Contract. Please note that all Contractors and Subcontractors must register with The DIR (Department of Industrial Relations) to bid on public works projects. Include CSLB License Number and DIR Number on All Quotes Submitted.

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 Lead Estimator: Ken Epps



W.A. Rasic Construction is preparing a bid for the following project as a prime contractor and we are interested in receiving sub-contractor quotations for items of work or materials required below from interested Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Small Business in Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF), and a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Business Concern or a concern under a Successor Program.


Hi Desert Water District
Progressive Design-Build Services
Phase II Wastewater Collection System Project
Bid Date: July 3, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
Outreach: DBE/ MBE/WBE
Senior Estimator: Ben Sebat (562) 928-6111
Email: BSebat@WARasic.com

W.A. Rasic is requesting bids for the following trades and/or material supplies:
 Drafting Services, Community Liaison, Construction Engineering Services, Environmental Consulting Services, Geotechnical Services, Inspection Services, Schedule, Structural Engineering, Survey, Utility Potholing, Testing Services

Plans & Specifications are available at no cost to interested firms by either contacting
 W.A. Rasic Construction or the Hi-Desert Water District, or by utilizing the following Dropbox link:
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/xb2f18m00p5z9bcxqvuz/HDWD_Phase_II_PDB_RFP_20240523.pdf?rlkey=6zn1k38n8hfps44eb233npup4&st=zxbdy1e0&dl=0

W.A. Rasic intends to seriously negotiate with qualified firms and will assist in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, supplies and materials upon request. W.A. Rasic will consider all DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, HUD quotes, including those that are broken down into economically feasible tasks or quantities as well as arrange delivery schedules to facilitate and encourage maximum bidding participation. W.A. Rasic also encourages a consortium of DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, HUD firms when a contract portion is too large to handle individually. Subcontractors must have a valid California Contractors License and must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as required by Section 1725.5 of the Public Contract Code. Subcontractors will be required to execute W.A. Rasic's standard subcontract agreement and general insurance requirements. A copy of our subcontract agreement and insurance requirements are available in electronic format upon request. W.A. Rasic reserves the right to require each subcontractor to provide payment and performance bonds in the amount of 100% of the subcontractor's bid. Bond Premium will be reimbursed up to a cost not to exceed 1.5%. W.A. Rasic is an equal opportunity employer and Union signatory Contractor.

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Mountain Cascade Inc.
555 Exchange Court, Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 373-8370, Fax (925) 373-0940

Project: Seacliff Avenue Pump Station & Force Main Upgrade and Seacliff 1 Pump Station Demolition – Contract No. WW-747
Owner: SFPUC
Revised Bid Date: June 13th, 2024 @2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/SF Micro & LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Pipe suppliers, bypass pumping, electrical-building, fencing, pipe supports, valve, VCP pipe, reinforcing steel, traffic control, paintings/coatings, ground vibration, pre-manufactured pump station.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: replace existing Seacliff 1 Pump Station with a new underground pump station, gravity sewer and force main replacement, new mechanical and electrical cabinets along with new fencing.

Engineers Estimate: \$7 mill

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:
<http://www.sfpuc.org/bids.com> or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

Please feel free to contact Mountain Cascade, Inc. at 925.373.8370 with any questions concerning bonding, insurance, lines of credit, and job overview. We look forward to your response.

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This is Part of a Good Faith Outreach. Your response is greatly appreciated

American Modular Systems, Inc.

We are requesting bid quotations from all Subcontractors and Suppliers and DVBE Subcontractor/Supplier for the following:

La Canada Unified School District
BID NO. LCF 23/24-06
MODULAR BUILDINGS PURCHASE, PCY PHASE II
BID DATE: June 18, 2024 at 2:00pm

PLEASE **EMAIL** US YOUR BID PROPOSAL
NO LATER THAN June 11, 2024 at NOON.
THANK YOU!

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Mountain Cascade Inc.
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Project: O'Shaughnessy Dam Drainage and Miscellaneous Improvements
Contract No. HH-1015
Owner: SFPUC
Bid Date: June 6th, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/OBE & SF Micro & LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Concrete materials, low density cellular grout, concrete sealing, dewatering, saw cutting, misc.metals..

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: improving the drainage and access within the O'Shaughnessy dam located in Yosemite National Park, will include cleaning of the existing drainage system, replacing existing platforms in the ladder wells, removing concrete and improving existing steel walkway and platform at the upstream end of diversion tunnel.

Engineers Estimate: \$4.9 mill

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:
<http://www.sfpuc.org/bids.com> or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

Please feel free to contact Mountain Cascade, Inc. at 925.373.8370 with any questions concerning bonding, insurance, lines of credit, and job overview. We look forward to your response.

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Project: 2024 City Wide Roadway Improvements
CIP C2404
Owner: City of Hollister
Bid Date: June 13th, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:
FABRIC & OILS, PIPE SUPPLIERS, CAS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, RAISE IRON-UTILITIES, COLD PLANE, CLEAR & GRUB, SLURRY SEAL, GRINDING, CONCRETE BLOCK & MASONRY RETAINIGN WALL, SIGNS ROADSIDE, CONCRETE CURB & SIDEWALKS, MISC. THERMOPLASTIC/PAINTED TRAFFIC STRIPE& MARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, SIGNAL & LIGHTING, MESSAGE SIGNS/LIGHTING & SIGN ILLUMINATION, SUVEROR, SWPPP, WATER TRUCK, SWEEPER, TRUCKER.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: base failure repair, cold plane and HMA overlay, slurry seal, signing & striping improvements.

Engineers Estimate: \$6.3 million

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:
<http://www.bidnetdirect.com/california/cityofhollister>
estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Project: On-System Roadway Rehabilitation 2024 -REBID
Federal Project No. ER38Y0(012)/HSIPL 5425(041)
Contract No. 7303.3 CON
DBE goal: 17%
Owner: Town of Paradise
Bid Date: June 6th, 2024 @2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:
FABRIC & OILS, CAS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, RAISE IRON UTILITIES, CLEAR& GRUB,LIMETREATMENT, AB/HMA, AC DIKE, CONCRETE CURB & SIDEWALK, MISC. THERMOPLASTIC/PAINTED TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, SURVEYOR, SWPPP, WATER TRUCK, TRUCKER.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: roadway excavation, asphalt concrete overlay, full depth reclamation, clearing & grubbing, removal & construction of concrete , adjusting drainage facilities & utilities to grade, signing & striping.

Engineers Estimate: \$6.3 million

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:
<http://www.townofparadise.com>
estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Sub-Bids Requested from qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for:

RP-1 SOLIDS THICKENING PROJECT
PROJECT NO: EN22044
Owner: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Location: Ontario, CA
Bid Date: July 18, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.



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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: **Aggregates, Demolition, Controlled Low Strength Material, Erosion Control, AC Paving, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Masonry, Structural Steel, Metal Roof Decking, Miscellaneous Metals, Architectural Woodwork, FRP Fabrications, Insulation, Roofing, Joint Sealants, Aluminum Flush Doors, Floor Access Doors, Overhead Coiling Doors, Skylight System, Glazing, Metal Framing & Drywall, Ceramic Tiling, Acoustic Panel Ceilings, Resilient Base, Resilient Tile Flooring, Painting & Coatings, Signage, Toilet Accessories, Fire Protection Specialties, Stainless Steel Lab Cabinets, Pre-Engineered Fiberglass Shelters, Fire Suppression, HVAC, Electrical & Instrumentation, Equipment, Monorail System, and Monorail Hoists.**

Plans and Specifications: Email your request to: elizabeth.pettus@jfshea.com. Plans may also be viewed 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.

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An SBA Public Service Announcement: If You See Something, Say Something

[Article originally appeared in <https://federalconstruction.phslegal.com>]

By Stephen D. Tobin

Sanford Federal, Inc., the selected awardee for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA) contract, learned the hard way that a contractor simply cannot ignore a size protest, regardless of its actual merit.

On August 8, 2023, the VA issued an RFQ for boiler plant safety device testing, calibration and inspection for one of its facilities in Arizona. The RFQ was set aside entirely for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and assigned NAICS code 238290, Other Building Equipment. The corresponding size standard for this code was \$22 million in average annual receipts. The VA received two timely quotes and selected

Sanford for the award. The non-awardee, Caldaia Controls, Inc., filed a protest with the contracting officer asserting that Sanford was not a small business because it received significant contract awards between 2019 and 2023, which, when averaged, exceeded the procurement's applicable size standard. The contracting officer forwarded the protest to the cognizant SBA Area Office (Area Office).

The Area Office notified a Sanford representative of the protest and requested that, within three business days, the company provide certain financial information for the five previously completed fiscal years preceding Sanford's self-certification for the subject procurement. In an accompanying letter, the SBA warned Sanford that if it did not provide the requested informa-

tion by the specified deadline or request a time extension, the SBA may determine Sanford to be other than small. Sanford did not respond. Nor did Sanford respond to a follow-up notification and request the Area Office sent to the company's president. Having heard nothing from Sanford, the Area Office concluded that Sanford did not qualify as small under the applicable size standard. In sum, because Sanford failed to respond, the Area Office drew the adverse inference that had the requested information been provided, it would have shown that Sanford was other than small.

Sanford appealed the Area Office's decision to the SBA's Office of Hearing and Appeals (OHA). Sanford did not dispute that it received the Area Office's emails regarding the size protest and

request for information. Nevertheless, Sanford claimed that Caldaia's protest was non-specific because the publicly available financial information it relied on included contracts awarded in 2023, which would not generate any income until fiscal year 2024. Sanford contended that if the area office had disregarded its 2023 contracts, the analysis would have shown that Sanford did not exceed the applicable size standard.

OHA agreed with Sanford that the size protest was non-specific. OHA concluded that because Sanford self-certified as small for the procurement on October 6, 2023, the applicable period for averaging annual receipts was the five most recently completed fiscal years before self-certification.

Visit the link for the full article: <https://tinyurl.com/24fv2vzj>

Tech for Field Services

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For instance, a field services agent may have identified a particular issue and decided on the proper replacement part with the help of detailed 3D images. Reps can then share the visuals and the desired replacement with clients, managers and others. This more effectively shows them what needs to be done.

Project management teams would be able to confirm the tech's decisions more quickly without the need for detailed text or verbal explanations. As a result, equipment and facilities will benefit from more efficient service.

See how specifications would impact functionality

Interactive 3D visualizations of equipment could assist with product selection by showing how specifications would affect equipment performance. Using animated visuals, techs can see the inner workings of equipment and determine whether selected specifications produce the desired results.

If parts or specs are incompatible with an existing configuration, a product customizer could

also omit or gray out parts that aren't the right fit. This would help guide agents in the right direction when deciding on the appropriate replacement part or machinery.

In addition, a product customizer could show how much each part would cost with a configure price quote (CPQ) feature that updates in real time. This can be invaluable for techs working on a tight budget, as they can balance cost-effectiveness and best practices.

As a result, with 3D visuals and an optimized customizer, field services staff will no longer need to sift through long lists of products to find the right one based on their diagnosis. At the same time, these solutions reduce the risk of making the wrong choice and ensure techs select the most appropriate product on their first visit.

Ensure equipment properly fits with augmented reality

3D visuals in a customization and product ordering solution can help with diagnosis and part ordering. Augmented reality (AR) goes further by confirming if a replacement is the perfect fit.

Online specifications may help traditional processes to an extent, but AR will help further confirm whether a new part or piece of equipment will be the right choice. Through a product customizer with 3D capabilities and a tablet or smartphone, field services agents would be able to view machinery or individual parts in physical space with an AR visualization.

The AR solution would fix a fully explorable and to-scale 3D representation of the part or equipment in the real world. Agents could then walk around and look at it more closely.

Based on how it appears in this projection, reps can get a better feel for how the equipment will fit. If the projection appears too small or bulky, the agent can simply go back into the customizer. Then they can select a different product or make certain modifications to an existing design.

Thanks to this AR innovation, reps won't need to worry about making mistakes and ordering the wrong product. They can get orders right the first time.

In the process, facilities and systems will benefit from faster and more effective repairs and part

replacements. Ultimately, 3D and AR service tools keep systems functioning optimally.

Get the most from field services with 3D and AR

Through the use of 3D and AR capabilities, field services teams will be able to eliminate any guesswork and perform more efficiently. Accurate 3D representations of parts and equipment will allow for more accurate diagnoses and orders. This mitigates the need for techs to pay multiple visits and increases their productivity.

The right solution will easily connect to existing field services apps. This means techs don't need to learn an entirely new program to benefit from the power of 3D visualization.

Ultimately, field services teams and the businesses they service will benefit from the use of 3D and AR. If they aren't implementing these solutions already, they likely will find them worth the investment.

SOURCE: <https://www.constructionexec.com/article/tech-for-field-services-how-3d-can-enable-a-remote-workforce>

California sides with big utilities

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ers. It's a fundamental fairness argument that the commission has applied in other proceedings, to justify reducing subsidies.

But changing or reducing the subsidies and other incentives to a still-maturing industry, advocates argue, will result in fewer solar installations, ultimately cutting out low-income ratepayers from the benefit of renewable energy. Community access solar programs are supposed to ensure that at least 51% of the energy derived from the projects serve disadvantaged customers.

Late last year the commission overhauled incentives for owners of apartment buildings, schools and businesses that install solar panels. Those regulations were another in a string of recent decisions the commission has taken to reduce financial incentives for rooftop solar. In late 2022,

the commission reduced payments to homeowners who sell excess power from newly installed solar panels on single-family homes.

Advocates have been bemoaning what they say is California's lagging clean energy leadership and criticizing Gov. Gavin Newsom, who last week delivered a keynote speech at the Vatican Climate Summit, for not holding the state's powerful utilities and oil companies to account.

The commission's community solar decision was quickly added to the list of what critics say is a concerning pattern of backtracking on critical renewable energy policies.

"The CPUC's recent series of decisions threatens to unravel California's clean energy progress," said the Solar Energy Industries Association in a statement. "It's past time for Governor Newsom and state leaders to reign in the commission

before it inflicts more damage on customers and the state's clean energy economy."

As it had in earlier closely-watched decisions, the commission heard from a myriad of organizations, including the solar industry and environmental justice groups, advocating for programs that would expand access to clean energy and reduce power bills.

There was scant public comment during the morning hearing but at least two state legislators voiced their opposition to the proposal. Assemblymember Christopher Ward noted that the updated proposal had only been released this week and decried it as "fatally flawed."

"This does not reflect the intent of the bill," Ward, a Democrat from San Diego, told commissioners, referring to legislation he authored that required the commission to review its rules.

The unintended result of today's decision, he said, would be to discourage new projects.

An aide to Sen. Josh Becker, a Menlo Park Democrat, read a letter from the lawmaker saying that experts doubt the policies will expand access to clean energy.

In extensive remarks, Commissioner Darcie Houck outlined several concerns about the decision, including her view that it didn't go far enough to benefit ratepayers in low-income communities. Much of the commissioner's dissent centered on provisions that she said will disincentive adoption of solar and won't allow for a "just and equitable energy transition."

SOURCE: <https://calmatters.org/environment/2024/05/california-community-solar-incentives/>