

Unions try to protect jobs in California with legislation to limit use of digital technology

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By Dan Walters, CalMatters

When the industrial revolution erupted in 18th century Britain — replacing handwork with machinery in the manufacture of goods — many of the affected textile workers responded by attacking and disabling the machines.

The rebels became known as Luddites, so named for “General Ned Ludd” or “King Ludd,” a mythical figure living in Sherwood Forest. In the more than 200 years since, the moniker has been applied to anyone who resists introduction of new technology, particularly in the workplace.

Over the last half-century digital technology has driven a new industrial revolution, completely changing the nature of work as it destroyed old economic sectors and created new ones.

When I began my career in journalism 64 years ago, I and other reporters wrote our stories on paper, using cast iron Underwood typewriters, after which the “copy” was read and sometimes altered by an editor with a lead pencil. It was then set in metallic type by a composing room worker and transformed into a metallic printing plate by other workers who installed it on an immense printing press to produce newspapers.

Today I’m writing this column on a Hewlett Packard computer. Virtually all the information being cited in the column was gathered from online sources, including details of a



A self-checkout kiosk at a Walmart Supercenter in Compton in 2017. Union-backed legislation to protect jobs would limit their use in California. Photo by Mike Blake, Reuters

bill from the Legislature’s website and videos from CalMatters’ Digital Democracy archives.

When I’m finished, the column moves electronically to an editor using the same digital technology and the finished product then

is electronically published on the Internet. CalMatters exists because of technology, while newspapers still producing paper copies are struggling due to competition for advertising from digital rivals.

California has played the seminal role in the new technological revolution, but it’s also a center of resistance.

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The Alarming Cost of Labor Productivity Losses in Construction

[Article originally appeared in www.constructionexec.com]

By Sarah Buchner

Skilled construction professionals have mastered the art of balancing construction’s four M’s—money, manpower, machines and materials. Despite advances in capital management, machines and materials, managing construction labor is still a people challenge. This industry relies on manpower to turn blueprints into tangible structures, operate machines and interpret documents. Inefficiencies in labor are the leading cause of recurring waste on construction projects, and the impact continues to grow.

DECLINE IN LABOR PRODUCTIVITY

Labor productivity, crucial for the financial health of labor-intensive contractors, is declining. A University of Chicago examination of Bureau of Economic Analysis data found the value that each additional worker added to construction was 40% lower in 2020 compared to 1970. Polls support this trend: Nearly 50% of construc-

tion professionals believe labor productivity has declined in the past decade. A recent McKinsey study on labor productivity in construction shows that over the past two decades, construction labor productivity has remained stagnant—at 1% annual growth—contributing to high costs and project delays.

This decline suggests underlying systemic issues in planning, communication and collaboration—all of which are crucial for efficient project execution. Furthermore, 79% of contractors believe they could improve labor productivity by at least 6% with better management practices. This improvement could lead to a 50% increase in profitability, highlighting the direct connection between effective labor management and financial success.

THE COST OF LOSSES

In the United States, the construction industry is experiencing a staggering annual loss of \$30 to \$40 billion due to labor inefficiencies, as reported by FMI’s labor productivity study. This

significant loss not only affects the industry’s profitability, but also has a substantial impact on the entire construction ecosystem. In 2022, the labor-intensive construction sector completed projects totaling \$900 billion, resulting in an annual labor cost of \$270 billion, according to FMI. Of this, approximately \$40 billion was wasted due to inefficiencies, leading to considerably reduced profit margins at the individual contractor level.

This also presents a tremendous opportunity for improvement. FMI estimates that a 10% increase in labor productivity adds more than 3% to a company’s bottom line, increasing profitability by 100%. Let that sink in: Improving labor productivity by just 10% can double profit margins.

FMI estimates that \$25 billion could be saved through enhanced management practices. Our recommendations are grouped into three categories: improving planning and management; using new technologies; and developing the workforce.

IMPROVING YOUR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Enhanced planning and preconstruction efforts: Contractors should optimize planning and preconstruction activities. This involves detailed project planning, risk assessment and resource allocation before the project begins. Effective planning can identify potential bottlenecks early and ensure smoother execution. Practices such as target value design and value engineering already emphasize multi-disciplinary approaches to integrated project planning and preconstruction efforts.

Improved communication and collaboration: Establishing clear and consistent communication channels within the project team and with external stakeholders is crucial. This includes transparent information sharing and collaborative decision-making processes between the field and office to ensure everyone is aligned and working towards common goals. It is important to maintain this throughout all stages of the project life cycle.

Visit link for the full article:
<https://tinyurl.com/28vkb44m>

CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS

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

Revised Bid Date: September 26, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.



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: **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.



Bid Request from Certified DBE Subcontractor and Suppliers
Project Name: Heritage Road Bridge Replacement & Main Street
CIP No. STM386 & STM388
Owner: City of Chula Vista
Estimated Project Value: \$48-53.5M
DBE Goal: 21%

Subcontractors: Dewatering, Contaminant Survey, Landscaping, Temp Sound Barrier, Fencing/Guardrail, Traffic Control, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structures, Prestressed Concrete, CIDH Piles, Reinforcing Steel, Retaining Walls, Architectural Treatment, Demolition, Trucking, Asphalt Paving, Asphalt Dikes, Cold Milling, Electrical, Clear & Grub, Sawcutting, Hydroseed/Hydromulch, Signage & Striping Chlorination, Shoring, Cathodic Protection,
Suppliers: Ready Mix Concrete, Dowels, Joint Seal, Aggregates, Geogrid, Geotextiles, Misc. Metals, Softstop Terminal 8" Block, RCP, Concrete Lug, Modular Wetland System, BMP Materials, Traffic Control Materials, Shoring, Cement Mortar Lined pipe, Polyurethane Coated pipes, Valves, Waterworks, Pipe Supports.

Project Scope:

The Project intel's removal of existing bridge over Otay River and replacement with a new 454-ft long, 130-ft wide bridge providing six-lane prime lane geometry including a raised median, dual northbound left-turn lanes, buffered bike lanes, vehicular barriers rated M.A.S.H. TL-3, six-foot wide sidewalks, roadway lighting, and pedestrian railings. Three-span variable depth haunched concrete box girder design supported by high seat abutments over 36-inch cast in drilled hole (CIDH) piles featuring wing walls and 78-inch CIDH piles. The new bridge, wing walls, grading, rock slope protection, a portion of the drainage system, and headwall outfall adjacent to rock slope protection. Heritage Road will be realigned, widened to provide six-lane prime geometry, and reprofiled matching the new bridge. The scope of work consists of roadway, bicycle, ADA pedestrian, drainage, water quality, landscape, and irrigation improvements. Guardrails and M.A.S.H. rated end terminals will be installed on bridge approaches. Traffic improvements along Heritage Road include roadway markings featuring buffered bike lanes, roadway signage, street lighting, signalization of the intersection at Entertainment Circle North, a signal modification at Main Street, and signal interconnect.

REVISED BID DATE: September 04, 2024, at 2PM (PST)

REYES CONSTRUCTION, INC.
 State License Number 507561
 1383 South Signal Drive, Pomona, CA 91766
 State License Number 507561
 Contact: Brenda Martinez PH: 909.622.2259
 Email: Estimating@reyesconstruction.com

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, please contact our office. Plans, Specifications, and Contract requirements can be viewed online at no additional cost.

- 1) Via Construct Connect - please send an email request to estimating@reyesconstruction.com
- 2) PlanetBids - City of Chula Vista

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



P.O. BOX 100 Folsom, CA 95763
 Phone: (916) 351-0457 Fax: (916) 351-1674
 Contact: Brad Schieckoff
 Email: BradS@srco.com & estimating@srco.com

Sub-Bids Requested From MBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, Hub Zone Subcontractors & Suppliers for:

OWNER: GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY,
ROBBINS SYSTEM – JAMES SITE WELL, TREATMENT & SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
BIDDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, AT 4 PM

Seeking out MBE, SBE, SBRA, LSAF, and Hub Zone quotes for well drilling, earthwork, cast-in-place concrete, asphalt placement, rebar supply, electrical, aggregate supply, concrete supply, pipe/valve/fitting supply, masonry, roofing, misc. Metals, fencing, gates, painting, clear & grub, trucking, water trucking, SWPPP, Survey, and Concrete Pumping.

If a portion of the work is too large for you to handle, contact us and we will try and break it into smaller portions. Subcontractors and suppliers must be licensed to conduct business in the state of California. Must be able to provide payment and performance bonds provided by approved surety company. SRC will pay bond premium up to 1.5% of subcontract amount and will assist with insurance compliance. SRC will work with subcontractors on joint check agreements. Plans and specs are available for viewing at our Folsom office and upon request will provide FTP site for electronic viewing of project. Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specifications for the work will be made available. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services for this project will also be offered.



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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONSULTANT INTEREST

AECOM is bidding on the following project as a prime contractor:
SANDAG, SR 76 Roadway Straightening (Task Order)
On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services
Bid Close Date: August 21, 2024 & Proposal Due Date: August 28, 2024

AECOM is seeking qualifications from CUCP-certified (California Unified Certification Program) disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) for the following service categories:

Service Categories	
Public Relations NAICS Code: 541820 CDOT Code: C8712	Consultant, Environmental NAICS Code: 541620 CDOT Code: C8713
Consulting, Engineering NAICS Code: 541620 CDOT Code: C8715	Civil Engineer NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8720
Right-of-Way Engineering NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8721	Environmental Engineer NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8722
Structural Engineer NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8746	Land Surveyor NAICS Codes: 541330, 541360 CDOT Code: C8760
Engineering - Geotechnical NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8780	Engineering - Hydrology NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8781
Landscape Architectural Design Services NAICS Code: 541320 CDOT Code: C8744	Community Outreach NAICS Code: 541820 CDOT Code: C8712
Engineering - Structural NAICS Code: 541330 CDOT Code: C8783	

This proposal is in alignment with SANDAG guidelines and CUCP-certified DBEs 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 Wednesday, August 21, 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.

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With 1.5 million businesses in our database, SBE is California's #1 source for diversity outreach.
Advertisements - Placed in the Small Business Exchange newspaper, SBE Today newsletter, and online at www.sbeinc.com
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Telemarketing - Telephone follow-up calls that follow a script of 5 questions you create.
Computer Generated Reports - Will fit right into your proposal, along with a list of interested firms to contact.

Contact Info:

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CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



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

SUBCONTRACTORS / SERVICE PROVIDERS

Asphalt Paving, Cathodic Protection, CCTV Video Inspection, Cold-Planing, Concrete Flatwork, Dewatering, Electrical, Fencing, Ground Penetrating Devices, Hazardous Material Disposal, Manholes, Manhole/Utility Adjusting, Monitoring of Contaminated Soil, Potholing, Project Scheduler (CPM), Safety Representative, Saw Cutting, Shoring, Signage, Street Lighting, Street Sweeping, Striping, Survey, SWPPP, Systems Integration, Traffic Control, Traffic Signal, Trenchless Installation, Trucking, Video Recording of Existing Conditions, Water Treatment, Welding, Welding Inspection

SUPPLIERS

Aggregates, Asphalt Concrete, BMP's, Cathodic Protection, Conduit, Diesel Fuel, Equipment Rentals, Erosion Control, Fiber Optic Cable, Miscellaneous Metals, Pipeline Materials, Precast Concrete Structures, Pump Rentals, Ready Mix Concrete, Shoring, Traffic Control

Morena Pipeline, San Diego, CA Bid No. K-25-2169-DBB-3-A-C

California State Water Resources Control Board - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

	MBE*	WBE*
1. Construction	2%	1%
2. Supplies	1%	1%
3. Services	1%	1%
4. Equipment (combined in above)	1%	1%

NOTE: MBEs and WBEs must be certified by EPA, SBA, DOT or by state, local, Tribal, or private entities whose certification criteria match EPAs in order to be counted toward MBE/WBE accomplishments. MBEs and WBEs are a part of the larger universe of DBEs.

BID DATE September 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

All Quotes Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC
4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Robbie Zwick
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 Robbie Zwick 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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Is requesting quotes from certified and qualified DVBE and Small Business Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

SUBS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

Air-Blown Mortar, Asphalt Concrete, Concrete Barrier (Permanent), Concrete Pumping, Construction Area Signs, Develop/Test/Drill/Maintain Wells, Erosion Control, Fencing, Furnish and Drive Piling, Furnish Precast Concrete Member, Highway Planting, Hydroseeding, Irrigation System, Joint Seal - Water Stop, Mobile Barrier System, Metal Beam Guard Railing, Metal Railing, Movable Barrier System, Paving Asphalt, Painted Traffic Striping & Marking, Pavement Marker, Reinforcing Steel, Remove Pavement Marking & Traffic Stripes, Roadside Sign, Saw Cutting, Signal & Lighting, SWPPP, Temporary Erosion Control, Temporary Fencing, Temporary Railing (K), Thermoplastic Traffic Striping & Marking, Traffic Control System, Traffic Flagger, Welding.

SUPPLIERS

Asphalt, Concrete and Cement, Drainage Systems, Lumber, Petroleum/Oil/Lubricants, Pipe, Sand and Gravel, Safety Equipment

EMERGENCY RELEASE FACILITY LAKE PERRIS STATE WATER FACILITIES CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT EAST BRANCH SANTA ANA DIVISION RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Specification No. 22-09
Contract No. C51632

SMALL BUSINESS GOAL 25%

REVISED BID DATE August 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

All Quotes Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC
4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Contact: Nathan Rodriguez
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 Nathan Rodriguez at Sukut Construction for assistance in responding to this solicitation.

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James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corporation is seeking proposals from all interested subcontractors and suppliers for the:

Legacy Court Townhomes

Project Location: Richmond CA (several addresses, see plans)

Bid Date: August 26th at 2:00pm

Start Date: October 2024 (Duration 13 months)

This project includes 43 residential townhomes (rentals).

The work performed on this project is subject to Prevailing Wages, State & Federal contracting and Section 3 requirements.

MBE/WBE/DVBE/LGBT owned businesses are encouraged to bid

Please refer to our Instruction to Bidders and Document List for more information

If interested in bidding this work please contact Robert Blake via email @ rblake@jerocorp.com



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Phone: (925) 829-9220 / Fax: (925) 803-4263

Website: www.desilvagates.com

ESTIMATOR: DEVIN DHALIWAL
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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

**CALTRANS ROUTE 99 – CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SUTTER COUNTY
NEAR YUBA CITY FROM 0.6 MILE SOUTH TO 0.6 MILE NORTH OF OSWALD ROAD
Contract No. 03-4H8704, Federal Aid Project No. ACHSNH-P099(686)E
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 22%**

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

REVISED BID DATE: AUGUST 28, 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:

BIOLOGIST CONSULTANT, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, EROSION CONTROL, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, PCC PAVING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA and 3855 North Freeway Boulevard, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the dropbox site at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvc1bwfbasgl9/AAABrd0ba51_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 or email to dgcestimating@desilvagates.com to the attention of Estimator Devin Dhaliwal. 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 DBE 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 DBE 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.



JOINT VENTURE
INVITATION TO BID
PROJECT: 1515 SOUTH VAN NESS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
GMP
08.12.2024

The Guzman Construction Group, Inc. (GCG) & Maranship JV team is requesting bids for All Trades Include not limited to (Concrete, Metals, Waterproofing, Roofing, Finish Carpentry, Thin Brick, Windows, Storefronts, Doors, MEP, Drywall, Painting, Flashing, Landscape, Site Concrete, Earthwork, Elevator, etc. for our 1515 S Van Ness project. Trades/scopes shall be considered Final Hard Bid and are anticipated to be awarded on this round of pricing.

Address: 1515 S Van Ness, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Project Description: 1515 South Van Ness is a 100% affordable housing project. Demolish Existing Commercial Building and Construct a Building Consisting of 9 Stories of Type IA Construction. The Ground Floor Will Host Residential Service, Common Spaces, An Early Learning Center, and A Community Serving Nonprofit Retail Space. Floors 2-9 Will Contain Residential Units, Yielding 168 Units. Outdoor Space Include a Large Courtyard on The Ground Floor and A Terrace on Level 9. Please note Demo Phase 1 is completed.

Labor Requirements: This is a prevailing wage project. All carpenter and laborer trades must be union.

Sub-Contracting Goal: 25% SBE participation goal and 5% DVBE participation goal. All SBE firms must submit completed SBE Form 2 with the proposal.

Schedule:

08/12/24 – Start of Advertisement 08/26/24 – RFI Deadline

08/20/24 – Prebid Meeting Conference @ 10:00 AM. (Email for Teams Meeting Invite)

09/11/24 – Bids Due 02:00PM Wednesday

01/02/25 – Tentative Construction Start (Refer to Exhibit C)

Contractor Contacts:

Chandu Malladi cmalladi@guzmangc.com

Hasan Demirkol hdemirkol@guzmangc.com

Bid Documents: All documents for this bid can be downloaded from the project site on Building Connected, which you have access to via the email invite you received. Also, the project information is available at the following Box link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/rom6nwc3t4xl15gbr7jnn/AAKQ8yqHL6puBz5tqivn2U?rkey=9mzqawf85hgrqd2h8ocxfv1f&dl=0>



CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



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

Project: Construction on State Highway in Sutter County Near Yuba City from 0.6 Mile South to 0.6 Mile North of Oswald Road
Contract No. 03-4H8704
Owner: Caltrans

Revised Bid Date: August 28th, 2024 @ 2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DBE Goal: 22%

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, PIPE SUPPLIERS, DRAINING SYSTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, STORM WATER SYSTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS, AC OILS, AC DIKES, ADJUST MH/ WW, ANALYTICAL TESTING, ASPHALT GRINDING, ASPHALT PAVING/ ASPHALT STAMPED, CONCRETE FLATWORK, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONCRETE STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/ LOOPS, ERSION CONTROL, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, HYDROSEEDING, K-RAILS, REINFORCING STEEL, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TREE REMOVAL/ ARBORIST, TRUCKING, BIOLOGIST, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN

Project Description: The project includes, but not limited to, Roadway Excavation, HMA-A and CRCP, install signal and lighting

Engineers Estimate: \$9,600,000

Plans and specs can be obtained at : <http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads>
Or contact: 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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California License # 422496

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



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

Project: Fay Hill Pumping Plant Replacement; Rheem & Scenic East Pumping Plants Improvements, and Fay Hill Road & Right of Way 3363 Pipeline Improvements; and Ridgewood Regulator Installation, Pumping Plant & Pressure Tank Demolition- Spec. No. 2183
Owner: EBMUD

Bid Date: Sept. 11th, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/ Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Pipe Suppliers, Electrical-Building, Fencing, Hydroseeding, Misc. Metals, Bridge Crane, Doors, Acoustical Panels, Paintings/Coatings, Roofing, Stucco, Valves/Water Main/ Temp Facilities, Pumping Plant Electrical Equipment.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: demo & replace pipe, concrete pumping plants, pressure tanks, valves, steel water main, flow control valves in 4 different locations in Contra Costa.

Engineers Estimate between: \$17 - \$20 Million

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:

<http://www.ebmud.com/current-construction-bids> or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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W.A. RASIC CONSTRUCTION
GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR

W.A. Rasic Construction is preparing a bid for the following project as a prime contractor and we are interested in receiving subcontractor quotations for items of work or materials required below from interested Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

City of San Diego

Morena Pipeline

Bid No. K-25-2169-DBB-3-A-C

Bid Date: September 19, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

Engineer's Estimate: \$ 59.8 Million Outreach: DBE/ MBE/WBE

Senior Estimators: Ben Sebat (562) 928-6111

Email: bsebat@warasic.com

W.A. Rasic is requesting bids for the following trades and/or material supplies:

Aggregate Supply, Install Pipeline, AC Cold Milling & Asphalt Cap Paving, Striping, Minor Concrete (Flatwork), Cathodic Protection, Traffic Signals, Dewatering, Equipment Rental, Shoring Rental Services Waterworks Supply, Furnish Welded Steel Pipe, Trucking & Disposal, Traffic Control Equipment

NAICS Codes:

212321, 237110, 237310, 238110, 238190, 238210, 238910, 238990, 331210, 332996, 484110, 532490

Plans & Specifications are available at no cost to interested firms by either contacting W.A. Rasic Construction, downloading from the City of San Diego's Planet Bids Portal or by utilizing the following FTP link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/d5ve3j71pe2h-r44o5mqoj/ACffYHHbFaYatnu289MAdWk?rlkey=w6l8vb2yjkznp1ygbq6jreh&st=z1ozmpoi&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, and WBE 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 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 subcontractor agreement and insurance requirements is 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.



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

Project: Biola CSD Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
Owner: Biola Community Services District

Revised Bid Date: August 28, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials, EROS materials, Misc. metals, Cathodic Protection, Concrete Structures, Electrical-Building, Shotcrete, Handrailing, Steel Pipe, Reinforcing Steel, Doors/hardware/hatches, Acoustical, Bldg. masonry, Pumping Plant Electrical, Drywall, Generators/Switchgear, HVAC/Mechanical, Drainage Pumping Equipment, Plumbing, Roofing, Wood Truss, Valves/Water Main/Temp Facilities, Building Insulation.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: replacement of existing aerated lagoon wastewater treatment plant with a new packaged extended aeration treatment facility.

Engineers Estimate between: \$22 M

Plans and specs can be obtained at : 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: Procurement & Installation of Medium & Large Diameter Valves for Regional Pipelines
Contract No. WD-2910
Owner: SFPUC

Bid Date: August 29th, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

***** PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ELECTRONIC BDI - TO ENSURE YOUR QUOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED HAVE ALL QUOTES TO ESTIMATING BY 12:00PM *******

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/OBE & SF Micro & LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

PIPE SUPPLIERS, CATHODIC PROTECTION, WELDED STEEL PIPE, CRANE RENTAL, PAINTINGS/COATINGS, VALVES/WATER MAIN/TEMP FACILITIES.

Project Description: The objective of the project is to fabricate valves and install them as part of a future pipeline lining repair project along the Peninsula for safe pipeline entry. The work to be performed in San Mateo & Santa Clara Counties.

Engineers Estimate between: \$7 mill

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:

<http://www.sfpuc.org/bids.com> or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Unions try to protect jobs in California with legislation to limit use of digital technology

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The bill to which I referred earlier is Senate Bill 1446, which sailed through the Senate earlier this year but is now enmeshed in a clash between labor unions and retailers, particularly grocers, in the Assembly.

In recent years, supermarket operators have introduced kiosks in which customers can check out themselves without lining up to have a clerk physically process the contents of their carts.

In years past, checkout clerks would have to know the price of each item, if it wasn't marked, or refer to a paper price list. Technology, in the form of barcodes, sped up checkouts by cashiers, but also allows customers to scan their own items and pay with credit cards.

Some stores have experimented with having scanners determine total purchases without processing individual items and/or identifying customers by scanning their hands and linking them to a pre-designated credit card.

Supermarket technology has reduced the numbers of workers needed to process checkouts, and SB 1446 aims to protect unionized jobs by limiting use of self-service kiosks and setting specific staffing levels. It also requires grocers and other retailers to give 60-day notice before introducing new technology, such as "self-checkout robotics, wearable sensors, and scanners that eliminate, automate, or electronically monitor the core job functions of an employee."

The legislation's author, Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, a Los Angeles Democrat and former union organizer, and the bill's sponsors contended during an online news conference Wednesday that it's needed to protect the safety of employees from thieves and aggressive customers, but it's clearly aimed at protecting store workers from being replaced with machines.

Visit link for the full article

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2024/08/unions-protect-jobs-technology-legislation/>



PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENTS

UCI Health

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Under the guidelines of CA PCC 10510.4 – 10510.9, the UC Irvine Medical Center (UCIMC) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from the best qualified firm to provide IT/Construction Project Management and Activation Services at the UCIH Irvine & Orange Medical Complexes.

The selected consulting firm will work under the direction and supervision of the Director of Planning, Design & Construction at the UCIMC. Services shall include, but not limited to, leading large-scale projects with full responsibility and accountability for the outcomes and developing project plans which include schedule and budget/resource forecast. Also, Consultant is responsible and in support of the transition, activation and training of IT workflow and change management.

Obtaining the RFQ: Questionnaire will be available on 8/19/24 and will be issued electronically. RFQ's can be requested by contacting Kim Kerwin at khau@hs.uci.edu.

Submittal Deadline: Statement of Qualifications will be received only at: UC Irvine Medical Center, Planning, Design & Construction, 101 The City Drive, Bldg. 27, Rm. 136, Orange, CA 92868. Sealed submittals must be received **on or before 2pm (PST), 9/13/24.**

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy.

Estimated Contract Value: Greater than (>) \$250,000

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
University of California, Irvine Medical Center
August 19, 2024

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

INVITATION TO BID

Various Sites Elevator Wheelchair Repairs & Maintenance Contract No. 24147

1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Oakland Unified School District ("District" or "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the following contract:

Various Sites Elevator Wheelchair Repairs & Maintenance Services ("Contract")

to be performed at the following District site(s):

- Various sites – District-Wide

2. Sealed Bids will be received until **2:00 PM on 21st day, August 2024, at the District Office, located at 955 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601, at the Receptionist's desk**, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.

3. The Contract consists of:

To provide the labor and materials for emergency callback service, equipment repairs, and to assist with State compliance for elevators and wheelchair lifts located at various District schools and facilities on an as-needed basis. Dispatch a qualified elevator service mechanic to troubleshoot and repair the elevator or lift in order to place it back into service. Have a 24 hour dispatch available for service, entrapments for District Rep to call for emergencies priority of 1 hour response. If the elevator or lift has not been serviced within the

prior six (6) months, the mechanic will examine and lubricate the components. If a hydraulic elevator, the mechanic will check the reservoir tank for unaccounted fluid loss; any unaccounted fluid loss will be reported to the District. If the elevator is equipped with Fire Service, the mechanic will test the fire service and log it. The District callback log, fluid-loss log, and fire service test logs will be filled out as needed.

4. **Contract Estimate:** The District estimates the not-to-exceed amount of the Contract at **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS NO/100 (\$500,000.00)** for duration of the entire Contract. The estimated amount is determined by the services performed in last year's scope of work.

5. The Project Manager for this Contract is John Esposito, who can be reached at 510-535-7049 or email: john.esposito@ousd.org. Bidders can obtain a complete set of contract documents from the OUSD's website.

6. The full version of Contract & Bid Documents can be uploaded by clicking on the link provided:

<https://www.ousd.org/facilities-planning-management/opportunities/contract-opportunities/bids>

7. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

8. To bid on this Contract, the Bidder is required to possess the following State of California Contractor Licenses:

o C11- Elevator Installation – Contractors' License

The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.

9. **Prevailing Wages.** Pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, Bidder and all Subcontractors

under the Bidder shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to the Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by the DIR are available from the District or on the internet (<http://www.dir.ca.gov>).

10. Contractor Registration. Bidder shall ensure that Bidder and its Subcontractors comply with the registration and compliance monitoring provisions of Labor Code section 1771.4, including furnishing its CPRs to the Labor Commissioner, and are registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Labor Code section 1771.1(a) states the following:

"A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded."

A full copy of the bid form must be submitted at time of Bid Opening, 21st day, Aug, 2024, @ 2:00 p.m. A copy must be downloaded with this link:

<https://www.ousd.org/facilities-planning-management/opportunities/contract-opportunities/bids>

If you want to improve project performance, focus on improving information flow

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

By Doanh Do

Information is the lifeblood of all project delivery. You can't effectively work as a team to deliver a complex project without good, reliable, and accurate information. In this blog post, I will highlight the importance of information flow and what teams can do to ensure that they have the right information for the people doing the work.

Before any physical labor can take place, several prerequisite steps must be completed, including material, decisions, labor, and information. Without these prerequisites, work cannot proceed. That's why it's crucial to focus on improving the prerequisite steps, starting with information.

Although the lean construction community understands the importance of material, equipment, and labor flow; information and decision-making flow is not well-utilized. In this blog post we will explain how to improve information flow within your team and ensure the success of your project.

What are the sources of information on a project?

Information is key when it comes to project management, but where does it come from? Owners, contractors, architects, laborers, equipment, materials, and the physical project itself are all sources of information that need to communicate with each

other. This means that people, equipment, software, and the project itself should all be in sync.

How do you keep information flowing?

In order to keep information flowing, the first step is to make the information transparent and available. Lean practices such as pull planning, make ready, daily huddles, and huddle boards are practices that we use to make information available. Visual management and visual boards are examples of how we can improve information transparency.

Once we have all the information available and transparent, effective collaboration becomes possible. This is because everyone on the project can be on the same page and have a clear understanding of what is missing and deficient. Information transparency is, therefore, a prerequisite step for effective collaboration. It enables team members to add their own thoughts and ideas to the project, leading to better outcomes.

Some lean project examples

In the lean construction community, we have many practices that we use which focus on information flow. For example, the tracking of the target cost and spending during design and construction serve as a financial dashboard for the project. Look ahead planning, master planning, the make ready process, daily huddle boards all improve information flow and communication.

Visit link for the full article:
<https://tinyurl.com/282uz7u5>

Why should you use Visual Management in Construction?



1. To communicate who is doing **WHAT**, **WHERE**, and **WHEN**.
2. To allow everyone to **see** the work and be able to **improve** it.
3. To help identify **risk** and **opportunities**.
4. To have **short meetings** rather than long meetings.
5. Humans are **visual**. We can see and process information faster when it is color coded and visual.

What should be included in your visual board?



1. **Production plan** - Ideally the plans should be broken and labeled into zones, each trade should have their own color.
2. **Lookahead and constraint removal** (constraint logs) - Constraints are assumed to still exist until they have been explicitly marked as removed.
3. **Logistics plan** - the logistics plan includes the plan for site delivery, where the laydown space is, parking, and the route that delivery trucks take in and out of the project.
4. **Learning and improvements** - Showing these improvements encourages the team to look for more ideas.