

Empowering workers' voices through partnership

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By Jim Frederick

As summer comes to an end and kids return to school, many of us will soon start thinking about the cooler weather, changing leaves, football and shorter days. But before we get to that point, though, it's important to take some time to think about workers, their rights and what we can all do to prevent serious injuries and fatalities.

Labor Rights Week, Aug. 26-30, leads up to Labor Day. While Labor Day may be considered the unofficial end of summer with a day off work, some grilling and maybe a last trip to the lake or pool – it is much more than that. It is a time to honor the workers who make and service everything around us each and every day. Labor Rights Week is a celebration and recognition of the fundamental rights of all workers across the nation, including local events aimed at promoting awareness, education and advocacy for labor rights in the United States.

This year, that celebration centers on the many partnerships that are instrumental in OSHA's efforts to reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities for workers. As Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su wrote, the celebrations of workers would not be possible "without the work of unions, lawmakers, advocates, and millions of workers" who fought over many years and in many ways so that workers today can enjoy the rights they have. The Consular Partnership Program is a key part of the network of partners who help workers know their rights on the job so that they can have confidence to speak up about hazards and unsafe conditions. Foreign consulate offices across the



country provide invaluable support to workers who come to the United States to live and work.

All workers, regardless of their immigration status or where they are originally from, have the same rights in their workplaces, and at OSHA, we value every OSHA partnership and alliance that helps protect them; for example, the alliance agreement in Boise, Idaho, that trains young workers in workplace safety and health. This program, and others like it, will benefit not just those young people, but the countless people they work with throughout their lives. Those alliances and partnerships that involve young workers will have a generational impact.

In 2022, there were 1,056 fatalities in the construction and extraction industries, an 11% increase over 2021. Many construction companies have partnered with OSHA to protect workers in their industry. Those companies have taken significant steps to reverse that trend and reduce that number of fatalities by ensuring that they focus on improving their safety and health management systems. OSHA and our partners recognize the importance of effective SHMS to find and fix hazards that can cause serious injuries and fatalities. Workers in Erie, Pennsylvania,

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New Survey Shows How Nation's Failure To Invest In Construction Education & Training Programs Makes It Hard For Firms To Build

[Article originally appeared in www.agc.org]

The nation's failure to invest in construction workforce education and training programs is having a real, measurable impact on the country's ability to build infrastructure and other construction projects, according to the results of a workforce survey conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America and Arcoro, the leading HR technology company supporting the construction industry. Noting that 94 percent of contractors report they are having a hard time filling open positions, construction officials called on federal leaders to adopt better workforce policies.

"The most likely path to addressing construction workforce shortages is for the federal government to adopt better workforce policies," said Jeff Shoaf, the association's chief executive officer, during a virtual media briefing to release the results. "Federal officials need to support, instead of undermine, our national infrastructure and economic development policies."

The association noted that 94 percent of construction firms nationwide report they have open positions they are trying to fill. Among those firms, 94 percent are having trouble filling at least some of those positions – particularly among the craft workforce that performs the bulk of onsite construction work. Association officials noted that nearly one-in-three contractors (28 percent) reports having at least 11 unfilled craft positions as of June 30.

Workforce shortages are having an impact on contractors' ability to build projects, according to the survey. Fifty-four percent of contractors reported experiencing project delays because of workforce shortages. Labor shortages are more likely to be the cause of project delays than other causes, like supply chain challenges and shipping delays, the survey found. One reason it is so difficult to find people is because federal officials have failed to properly invest in construction workforce training and education. Shoaf noted that a report the association recently released in partnership with the Progressive Policy Institute found that federal officials invest four times as much each year encouraging students to earn four-year degrees than they do supporting workforce development programs for fields like construction.

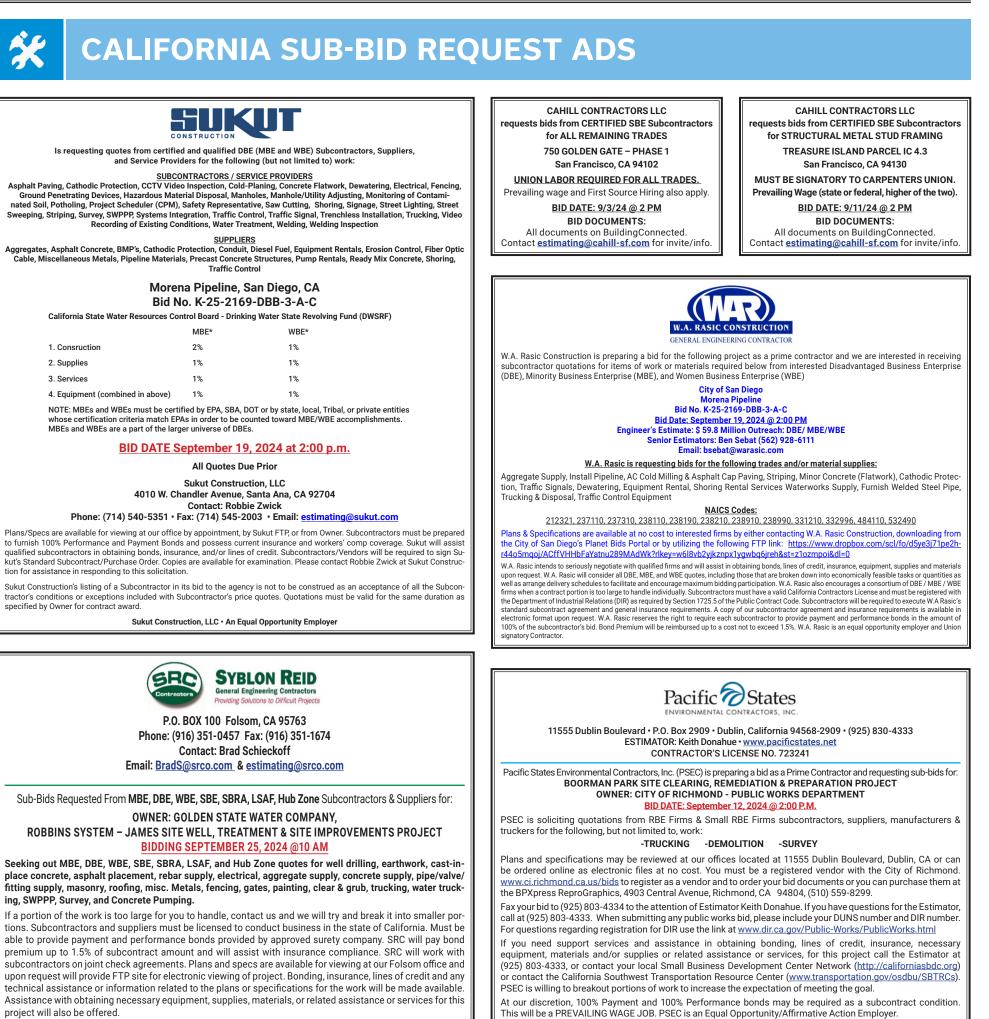
Construction officials noted that 62 percent of respondents reported that available candidates were not qualified to work in the industry because they lack required skills or certificates. Forty-three percent report that employees lack required documentation like a driver's license, work permit or clean background check. And half of firms report that new hires fail to show up or quit shortly after starting.

Contractors are taking steps to overcome labor shortages, according to the survey. Ninety-one percent of firms report they increased base pay rates for hourly construction positions during the past year. In addition, 57 percent of firms report they have added online strategies to try to recruit younger workers. Fifty-one percent have engaged with career-building programs like high schools or training facilities.

Contractors are also increasing investments in their internal training to address candidates' lack of hard and soft skills. Forty-two percent of firms reported they have initiated or increased spending on training and professional development programs to address workforce shortages. And one-in-four firms (26 percent) report they have increased their use of learning programs with strong online and/or video components.

The survey also shows that construction firms are using human resources technology to address workforce challenges. One-in-four firms report they are using technology to deliver train-

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CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



FRANKLIN BLVD COMPLETE STREET PROJECT (Rebid) Federal Aid Project No. 5002(219)

City Project No. T15165500

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 23% OWNER: CITY OF SACRAMENTO - 915 | Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 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 SIGNS, ELEC-TRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, FENCING, LANDSCAPING, MINOR CONCRETE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, SAWCUTTING, SITE FURNISHINGS, STRIPING, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION, TEMPORARY ERO-SION CONTROL, TESTING, 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 Free-way Boulevard, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the drop-box site at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0 or from the Owner's site at http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=15300

Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 or email to <u>dgcestimating@desilvagates.com</u> to the attention of Estimator Da-vid 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 <u>www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html</u>

If you need DBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materi-als 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 expec-tation 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.



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

Project: Morena Pipeline – Bid No. K-25-2169-DBB-3A-C Owner: City of San Diego <u>Bid Date: September 19th, 2024 @ 2 p.m.</u>

*** PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ELECTRONIC BID- 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/ Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, SLURRY, PIPE SUPPLIERS, DRAINING SYSTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS, EROS MATERIALS, ANALYTICAL TESTING, BYPASS PUMPING, CCTV, CONCRETE FLATWORK/ PUMPING/STRUCTURES, DEWATERING, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, ERONSION CONTROL, FENCING, PLASTIC PIPE, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, STRIPING, SURVEYING, TRUCKING, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

Project Description: The objective of the project includes the removal & replacement of 16" cast iron water distribu-tion with PVC and the installation of 36" welded steel pipe water transmission main and associated appurtenances.

Plans and specs can be obtained at : http://www.sandiego.gov 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 respons

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



Manson Construction Co. 1401 Marina Way South, Suite 330 • Richmond, CA 94804

SUB/SUPPLIER-BIDS REQUESTED

Manson Construction Co. is requesting sub and supplier guotes from gualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) for

San Francisco Ferry Terminal West and East Berth Ramp Rehabilitation Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Contract No. 2024-F-010

REVISED BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 @ 2pm PST

SUB & SUPPLIER OUOTES REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 6TH. 2024 BY 4PM PST ALL QUOTES MUST BE SUBMITED WITH SBE/DBE CERTIFICATION AND SBE AFFIDAVIT OF SIZE FORM POTENTIAL SUBCONTRACTOR & SUPPLIER SCOPE OPPORTUNITIES:

Furnish and Install Mechanical Piping; Furnish and Install Electrical and Communications Systems; Low Voltage Electrical Systems; Hydraulic Systems; Trucking; Steel Coating; Structural Steel Repairs; and Equipment Rental

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This public works Project consists of, in general, rehabilitating the San Francisco For y Terminal existing west and east berth ramps. At the west berth, the work includes refurbishing the exist-ing hydraulic systems including refurbishing the existing hydraulic cylinders, removing and replacing exist-ing hydraulic lines, removing and replacing existing electrical and control systems, removing and replacing existing hydraulic equipment such as pumps, valves, manifolds, and tanks, and testing and commissioning the new hydraulic systems. At the east berth, the work includes disconnecting the existing steel ramp from the terminal and transporting it to an offsite facility to perform structural steel repairs as well as refurbishing the hydraulic system. The structural steel repairs include repairing cracked elements, strengthening the ramp and sandblasting and coating the steel elements, transporting and reinstalling the ramp, and performing all testing and commissioning to ensure the ramp function. Concrete repairs at the east berth are also included, all other work required to complete the Project titled San Francisco Ferry Terminal West and East Berth Ramp Rehabilitation, as shown on the Contract Plans and as specified in the Contract Documents.

Manson Construction Co. intends to seriously negotiate with qualified firms, including small, disadvantaged, minority, and woman-owned business enterprises, for project participation in all applicable disciplines. To maximize participation, Manson will work with individual firms to divide scopes of work to best fit the capabilities of each firm. We will assist interested firms with questions regarding insurance, bonding, Buy American Act, and contract. For plans and specifications go to <u>https://ggbhtd.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/121934</u>. Please direct inquiries to: Matthew Lehmann at <u>MLehmann@mansonconstruction.com</u> or 510-232-6319.

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Caliagua Inc. 4930 E La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92807 Phone: 866-416-4214 Email: rricard@caliagua.net • Contact: Rvan Ricard

Project: State Street Water Treatment Facility Project #WA212

BID DATE: September 5th, 2024 @ 10:00AM

An Equal Opportunity Employer & Complies with the Standard Federal Equal Employment Specifications All Qualified AND/OR Certified DBE Subcontractors and Material/Equipment Suppliers are requested to forward quotes for the above-referenced project.

Caliagua Inc. is seeking qualified subcontractors and suppliers for the following: Demolition, Rebar, Precast Concrete, Masonry, Misc. Metals, Flashing & Sheet Metal, Metal Roof & Wall Panels, Steel Doors & Frames, Roll-Up Doors, Windows, Drywall Systems, Ceramic Tile, Acoustical Ceiling, Resilient Flooring, Painting, Metal Buildings, Plumbing, HVAC, Paving, Fence & Gates, Landscaping, Welded

Project Documents: https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/26384/bo/bo-detail/120646#

Steel Storage Tanks, Process Pipe, Valves, Electrical & Instrumentation

Free access to the project documents can be furnished upon request. Caliagua Inc. is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons and Carpenters Unions, Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, DIR Registration, insurance and workers compensation coverage per project requirements. Subcontractors and Suppliers are expected to bid per plans and specifications. Quotes need to be submitted at a reasonable time prior to the bid date. This project has a 5% DBE participation goal, participation is highly encouraged.

VETERANS CORNER

A Perfect Match: Veterans and the Construction Industry

[Article originally appeared in www.balfourbeattyus.com]

By Balfour Beatty

Veterans' Leadership Skills Can Help Solve the Construction Industry's Talent Shortage

Generally, the labor shortage impacting the construction industry has been well-documented. Results of a 2019 national survey of construction firms indicated that 70% of firms surveyed are struggling with a range of labor shortage issues, including meeting project deadlines, employees taking on increased workloads, and rejecting new work. As the labor shortage persists, veterans are taking center stage as a pool of talent-rich in the skillsets needed for successful construction careers.

There are currently more than four million, post-Gulf War veterans in the U.S. Most of these veterans are between the ages of 25 and 44, and nearly 200,000 military men and women transition to civilian life each year. The construction industry has always attracted veterans, and it is a source of pride for our industry that so many veterans choose construction careers. Tamara Yang, Navy veteran and national vice president of organizational development for Balfour Beatty's Buildings group, explains how veterans are a natural fit for construction.

"When I left military service, I was encouraged to interview with a construction company, despite my lack of construction training. During the interview, one of the firm's vice presidents said to me, 'Do you know why we want to hire veterans? You come with leadership and management skills that we struggle to teach.' Through my own recruitment efforts over the years, I have found this to be consistently true."

Building Leaders

At Balfour Beatty, we have observed a strong correlation between both the technical and lead-

ership skills taught in the military and the skillsets needed in the construction industry.

Areas of the military, including the Naval Civil Engineering Corps (CEC), the Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) and the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), provide technical training directly applicable to the construction industry. Veterans from these areas of service qualify for a wide range of construction positions, including equipment operators, foremen and carpenters. Non-combat military positions also align with support services positions in construction, such as human resources and finance among others.

A significant advantage of hiring veterans is the leadership skills they have acquired—no matter their rank or position. "Veterans understand how to lead and earn people's trust," praises Yang. "They can manage both people and projects. They will size up a project, understand the materials needed and learn quickly to deliver on the goal."

A survey (Zenger, Folkman, 2014) of more than 300,000 managers reported that complex problem-solving is the second most important leadership skill next to the ability to inspire and motivate. Jordan Webster, US Army veteran and Balfour Beatty safety health & environment (SH&E) director, served as a combat medic in Iraq and describes how complex problem-solving leadership skills develop in the military.

"No two days are the same. There is constant change, which makes military personnel masters of flexibility and adaptability. While there is organizational structure, there also great responsibility and freedom of necessity that require military personnel to think outside the box, often using limited resources to deliver the mission. This breeds confidence and a 'can do' spirit. Veterans understand that it is possible for them to accomplish things they've never done, and this is the perfect catalyst to thriving in the construction industry." Even though the construction industry has always naturally attracted veterans, now more than ever, there is a need to increase the active recruitment of veterans and provide training and a path to transition to civilian life.

A Sense of Purpose and Place: Combating Veteran Suicide

The 2019 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report found that the number of veteran suicides exceeded 6,000 each year from 2008 to 2017. In 2017, the suicide rate for veterans was 16.8 per day, 1.5 times the rate for non-veteran adults. Even though causes of suicide are multifactorial, the VA report indicates that, "Some veterans report difficulty in transitioning to civilian positions. Their highly developed skills obtained in the military may not translate to higherlevel positions in the civilian world."

A 2015 study (Zoli, Maury, & Fay, 2015) of more than 8,500 veterans, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military dependents reported that 55 percent identified finding a job as one of the most significant transition challenges—with 39 percent reporting challenges in applying military-learned skills to civilian life. Military personnel is highly trained professionals with a clear understanding of the purpose of their mission. Veterans transitioning to civilian life, however, can struggle to find a new sense of purpose.

"As a combat medic, I had a clear understanding of my duty and the purpose of the mission. But as a veteran seeking an internship for a construction management degree, I wasn't sure how my military background applied or if I would even like the construction industry," Webster explains. "I was lucky enough to meet a manager at Balfour Beatty who identified that my skillset was perfectly aligned with safety. It is very true. Both medics and safety professionals are constantly analyzing what can go wrong in every scenario. Connecting these dots gave me a new sense of purpose to serve those around me." Another benefit for veterans is belonging to a community. There is a similar sense of family in the construction industry. Webster believes it is the struggle to achieve that forms these bonds.

"In the military, you are with your team members 24/7. You see them go through hard times. You share their experiences," Webster elaborates. "It's the same thing with construction. When we hit a challenge on a project and work together to solve it, that's when the family is formed."

Continuing the Mission

To attract a larger percentage of veterans, Balfour Beatty is actively seeking to identify both technically and non-technically trained veterans before they leave active military service and develop training programs that help them effectively transition to construction industry careers.

Our efforts will include visiting military bases and working more closely with the VA Transition Assistance Program (TAP), recruitment firms that specialize in placing veterans, and veteran support organizations that help translate military resumes into civilian resumes. One of the most critical components of effective transition strategies is offering mental health resources and removing the stigma of using them.

"Our industry is starving for leaders," Webster states, "and the military provides us a continuous source of disciplined, committed professionals with the ability to quickly adapt and perform at a high level in the positions we need to fill."

At Balfour Beatty, we believe that investing in recruiting more veterans will not only help these men and women find a place and sense of purpose but will also infuse the construction industry with diverse and talented leaders who will help our entire industry progress.

SOURCE: www.balfourbeattyus.com/aboutus/media/noteworthy-news/2024/08/20/a-perfect-match-veterans-and-the-constructionindustry

VA and USACE partner to improve medical construction projects

[Article originally appeared in https://news.va.gov]

By Terica Scott

Earlier this month, VA and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) united for a joint summit in Frederick, MD, to discuss strategic priorities for 2024-25, including reinforcing the commitment to enhancing the national medical construction program.

Currently, VA's major medical construction program oversees 30 health care facility construction projects in the U.S., with a total value exceeding \$14 billion. The summit brought the partners together to reflect on its progress in 2023, and to channel future efforts at putting Veterans at the center of its every decision. Leveraging these strengths will allow both agencies to improve health care outcomes moving forward.

Improving program performance

While VA and USACE leadership reflected on its significant progress made in 2023, it also found areas to improve. Specifically, the group identified gaps in financial reporting and took decisive action to improve program performance. It also collaborated to standardize financial reporting, enhance funding capabilities, and implemented more efficient processes. These updated financial policies will ensure that implementation is accountable, auditable and repeatable. Additionally, the leaders will continue to focus on simplifying and standardizing customer invoicing and order fulfillment. Collaborative analytics, too, will continue to drive personnel behavior, improve teamwork and enhance the overall performance of the medical construction project.

Pictured right with microphone is Dr. Michael Brennan, VA's executive director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) in the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction (OALC), and leaders from VA and USACE.

The VA/USCAE collaborative effort will continue to shape the future of Veteran health care facilities, marking a significant stride forward for VA's medical construction programs. Learn more about VA's major construction projects.

SOURCE:

https://news.va.gov/132261/va-usace-improve-medicalconstruction-projects/



PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENTS

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 <u>khau@hs.uci.edu</u>.

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 PLAN<u>NING AND MANAGEMENT</u>

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ/P) Hazardous Material Abatement Consulting Services Santa Fe CCS Portables Project 915 54th Street, Oakland, CA 94608 <u>Project #21115</u> August 28, 2024 (Issued)

Responses must be received September 12, 2024, no later than 2:00 p.m.

The Oakland Unified School District ("District") is requesting proposals from experienced firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons or professional organizations ("Consultants") to provide hazardous material abatement consulting services associated with the demolition of five existing portables for the California Children's Services (CCS) Program at the Santa Fe campus ("Project").

Interested firms are invited to submit a completed Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") along with the Fee Proposal (collectively "RFQ/P Packet") as described herein, in PDF format addressed to:

Oakland Unified School District Kenya Chatman, Executive Facilities Director Department of Facilities Planning and Management 955 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601 Oral, telegraphic, facsimile or telephone RFQ/P Packets will not be accepted. RFQ/P Packets received after this date and time will not be accepted. The District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the RFQ/P. The District also reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ/P Packets and to negotiate contract terms with one or more Respondents.

The District will only accept electronic Proposals sent via email in lieu of hard copies. Proposals received by the District no later than 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) on September 12, 2024 via email will be accepted (to Juanita Hunter at juanita.hunter@ousd.org and the contact persons below).

If you have any questions regarding this RFQ/P please email Kenya Chatman at kenya.chatman@ousd.org and cc: to Colland Jang at colland.jang@ousd.org

LOCAL, SMALL LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL RESIDENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Local Business Utilization Policy requires that there is a mandatory fifty percent (50%) LBU participation with a 25% or less Local Business (LBE) participation and a 25% or more Small Local or Small Local Resident Business (SLBE/SLRBE) participation for all capital program/construction-related contracts and professional services agreements.

On April 28, 2021, the Board of Education amended the Local Business Policy which had named the City of Oakland as the singular agency to certify local businesses to include five additional local business certifications. For <u>businesses located in Oakland</u>, Local Business and Small Local Business certifications may also be accepted from the Port of Oakland, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Alameda County Department of General Services, US Department of Transportation California Unified Certification Program, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

The District will follow the City of Oakland Small Business size standards in recognizing Small Local and Small Local Resident Businesses.

The full version of OUSD's latest Local, Small Local and Small Local Resident Business Enterprise Program can be found by going to the following link: https:// www.ousd.org/facilities-planning-management/opportunities/lbu-policy

Complete the attached Local Business Participation Worksheet (Exhibit D).

FULL OPPORTUNITY

The District hereby affirmatively ensures that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE"), Small Local Business Enterprise ("SLBE"), Small Emerging Local Business Enterprise ("SELBE") and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise ("DVBE") firms shall be afforded full opportunity to submit qualifications in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, transgender status, political affiliation, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract. No qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise by subjected to discrimination in any consideration leading to the award.

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLAN<u>NING AND MANAGEMENT</u>

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ/P)

DSA Certified Project Inspectors Santa Fe CCS Portables Project 915 54th Street, Oakland, CA 94608 Project #21115

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LOCAL, SMALL LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL RESIDENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

District Modification: Based on the availability analysis conducted to create the pre-qualified pool of Project Inspectors, the District had waived the entire 25% SLBE/SLRBE requirement. The minimum local business utilization requirement of 50% is still applicable for this RFQ/P and can be met with a 50% LBE participation.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO FREEWAY NETWORK MANAGEMENT STUDY (RFP 24/25-02) Notice is hereby given that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority is requesting proposals from qualified respondents to provide technical services for the San Francisco Freeway Network Management Study.

The full RFP is posted on the Transportation Authority's website, www.sfcta.org/contracting. Proposals are due to the Transportation Authority electronically to info@sfcta.org by September 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PB FILE NO. VW0264

ON-CALL DESIGN AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR FISH PASSAGE REMEDIATION AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

Santa Valley Water District (Valley Water) is seeking proposals from qualified consulting firms to provide on-call restoration oriented planning, design and technical support for the On-Call Design and Technical Support for Fish Passage Remediation and Habitat Enhancement Project. Parties interested in obtaining a copy of this RFP may do so by accessing the Valley Water's web portal at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/48397/portal-home.

All parties are asked to register on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Procurement Portal, PlanetBids, to be automatically notified of any changes to the RFP document. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on September 4, 2024 as specified in the RFP Schedule. All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted directly in Valley Water's web portal at the link listed above no later than the date specified in the RFP Schedule.

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PB FILE NO. VW0465

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATER REUSE

Santa Valley Water District (Valley Water) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide technical support services for State of California and Federal funding opportunities to foster Valley Water's water reuse programs and projects for the Technical Support Services for State and Federal Funding Opportunities for Water Reuse Project.Parties interested in obtaining a copy of this RFP may do so by accessing the Valley Water's web portal at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/48397/ portal-home.

All parties are asked to register on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Procurement Portal, PlanetBids, to be automatically notified of any changes to the RFP document. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on September 11, 2024 as specified in the RFP Schedule. All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted directly in Valley Water's web portal at the link listed above no later than the date specified in the RFP Schedule.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PB FILE NO. VW0401

Imported Water Projects Management and Development Support Services

Santa Valley Water District (Valley Water) is seeking proposals from qualified water supply and land use firms to provide Imported Water Projects Management and Development Support Services.Parties interested in obtaining a copy of this RFP may do so by accessing the Valley Water's web portal at https://pbsystem.planetbids. com/portal/48397/portal-home. All parties are asked to register on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Procurement Portal, PlanetBids, to be automatically notified of any changes to the RFP document.

Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on September 12, 2024 as specified in the RFP Schedule. All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted directly in Valley Water's web portal at the link listed above no later than the date specified in the RFP Schedule.

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENTS

DAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLAN<u>NING AND MANAGEMENT</u>

NOTICE TO BIDDERS DOCUMENT 00 11 11

Notice is hereby given that the Oakland Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the bid opening for the award of a contract to construct the ("Contract"), **Project No. 24127**

Roosevelt Middle School Security Improvement 1926 E 19th Street, Oakland, 94606

as per the Contract Documents, including the drawings and specifications, which may be obtained from the Printing Facility listed below.

Project consists of:

Installation/replacement of approximately 54 security cameras. and repair/adjustment/removal of approximately 12 cameras at Roosevelt Middle School. Additionally, approximately 7 attic stock cameras shall be provided by the selected vendor. The camera server at the site shall be replaced. The selected vendor will also be responsible for the programming of all the cameras in Milestone.

Engineer's Estimate: \$180,000.00

Project Manager is Kyle Brower, who can be reached at: kyle.brower@ousd.org and/or 510-459-1809.

The Owner reserves the right to add or deduct any of the additive or deductive items after the lowest responsible and responsive bidder is determined. The lowest bid shall be determined by the amount of the base bid.

This Contract is not subject to prequalification pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6. Prospective bidders must currently be on the District's Certified CUPCCAA Contractor's List. This Contract is subject to the District's Project Labor Agreement. The full version of OUSD's latest Project Labor Agreement can be found by going to the OUSD home page: <u>https://www.ousd.org/facilities-planning-</u> management-department/opportunities

Contract Documents will be available for review on or after <u>August 23, 2024</u>, at East Bay Blue Print, located at 1745 14th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606. All requests should be addressed Attention: Sandy Petty. Plans can be ordered by:

Ph: 510-261-2990 Fax: 510-261-6077

Email: <u>ebbp@eastbayblueprint.com</u>, Attn: Sandy. Online using the Plan Command System at www.eastbayblueprint.com or plans can be delivered to a place of business, at requester's own expense. Payment for plan sets must be made with East Bay Blue Print and are **NON-REFUNDABLE**

In addition, Contract Documents are available for bidders' review at the following builders' exchanges:

Builder's Exchange of Alameda County McGraw Hill Construction Data San Francisco Builder's Exchange Reed Construction Market Data Contra Costa Builder's Exchange Marin Builder's Exchange

Public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to submit a bid or to be listed in a bid proposal subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code section 4104 unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§\$1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to enter into, or engage in the performance of, any contract of public work (as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code) unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work and proof of registration is provided.

The Contract Time shall be ninety (90) calendar days, and liquidated damages for delay shall accrue.

Bids must be sealed and filed at

Front Desk Facilities Planning & Management, 955 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601

on **September 12, 2024, before 2:00 p.m.** on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. No bid will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. 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.

Mandatory pre-bid site visit will be held on **September 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, at Front entrance of the Roosevelt School Site. Bidders not attending the site visit will be disqualified.

Bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond, cashier's check, or certified check for at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the base bid and made payable to the Owner, as detailed in the Contract Documents.

Owner, or its designee, has determined that certain materials, services, products or things designated by specific brand or trade name shall not be subject to Public Contract Code section 3400(a) in order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use; in order to match other materials, services, products or things in use on a particular Owner public improvement either completed or in the course of completion; in order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source; and in order to respond to an emergency declared by Owner.

Pursuant to the Contract Documents, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum.

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and General Conditions.

The Owner will not consider or accept any bids from contractors who are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the bidder shall have a C7 - Low Voltage Systems and/or C10 - Electrical Contractors license and Milestone Certification license at the time of award and shall maintain that license in good standing through Completion of the Contract and all applicable warranty periods. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), the bidder shall state the public works contractor registration number on the Designation of Subcontractors form for each subcontractor performing more than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the bidder's total bid.

The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available on request.

New Survey Shows How Nation's Failure To Invest In Construction Education & Training Programs Makes It Hard For Firms To Build

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ing programs for workers, association officials noted. Meanwhile, 34 percent of respondents noted they have partnered with a third-party firm to establish training courses and professional development.

"As a technology company focused on providing solutions designed for contractors to address workforce challenges, the shortage of qualified employees in the industry is something we understand first-hand from our customers," says Carrie Gardenhire, Director of Association Partnerships at Arcoro. "From the survey results, we see additional opportunities for contractors to leverage HR technology to make their recruiting, employee development and retention efforts more efficient and impactful."

Shoaf noted that the association is taking a range of steps to help the industry cope with labor shortages. AGC has partnered with its chapters to run more than a dozen targeted digital advertising campaigns designed to reach and recruit new workers. The association has created recruiting resources for member firms and its chapters. And it regularly hosts virtual and inperson gatherings to share workforce development success stories.

In addition, AGC chapters run a host of training and recruitment programs. They have partnered with local school districts to create new construction academies. They have created pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs. They have built and supported networks of career and technical education teachers. And they host dozens of construction career fairs each year, among many other workforce efforts.

But association officials said more must be done to address construction workforce shortages. They called on Congress and the White House to significantly boost funding for constructionfocused education and training programs. They urged Congress to allocate more funds for workforce training as part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and to boost funding for in-school construction programs as part of the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. "Considering all that this industry and our association are doing to prepare, recruit and retain new workers, we are confident that better federal workforce policies will make a meaningful and lasting difference for the better when it comes the construction workforce," Shoaf added.

The association and Arcoro conducted the Workforce Survey in late July and early August. Nearly 1,500 firms completed the survey from a broad cross-section of the construction industry, including union and open shop firms of all sizes. The 2024 Workforce Survey is the association's 12th annual workforce-related survey.

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Empowering workers' voices through partnership

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and Springfield, Massachusetts, among many other cities will be safer and healthier on their jobs thanks to construction contractors stepping up and partnering with OSHA.

Seasons, leaves and lengths of days change over time. That is natural. But the fact that workers have rights is constant. All workers in every workplace have the right to a safe and healthful workplace. As with most rights, it takes many partners to ensure that every worker experiences those rights equally. We appreciate all of our partners. If you are a worker group, a worker advocate or an employer who has not partnered with OSHA, we encourage you to reach out to an OSHA office near you to find out how we can work together to improve your safety and health management system, and protect workers on the job.

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