

Agenda Item 5



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Denise Rodrigues, MTC Staff
RE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Title VI Report

DATE: December 5, 2012
W.I. 1114

DBE and SBE Outreach

MTC staff continues to work with other transportation partner agencies as the Business Outreach Committee (BOC) to implement race-neutral measures to increase Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation in contracting. The BOC provides business outreach, networking events with prime contractors and agency procurement officers, a quarterly newsletter that includes upcoming procurement opportunities, and direct referral of SBEs and DBEs to prime contractors. The most recent newsletters and flyers for the last outreach events MTC participated in are included as Attachment A to this memo.

General Title VI Update

In August 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a new Environmental Justice Circular and a new Title VI Circular. MTC hosted the briefing session held by the FTA on the new Title VI and Environmental Justice Circulars on September 28, 2012. MTC staff continues to review the new Circulars to ensure that MTC is in compliance with the new requirements. See Attachment B to this memo for a quick reference to the new Title VI Circular.

JARC/New Freedom

In November 2012, MTC staff informed the Policy Advisory Council of proposed changes to the MTC Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Program Management Plan (PMP) to incorporate changes from the recently revised Title VI Circular. The revised PMP will be submitted to the Programming and Allocations Committee for approval on December 12, 2012. The major changes that will be incorporated into the PMP are related to the subrecipients' Title VI programs. The revised PMP can be viewed under the Programming and Allocations Committee tab at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/meetings/schedule/>. Staff continues to monitor Title VI compliance of subrecipients of JARC/New Freedom funds; on November 9, 2012, MTC sent an email to JARC/New Freedom subrecipients informing them of the new Title VI Circular and the upcoming changes to the PMP.

Cycle 2 OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program

MTC has delegated OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) project selection to the nine Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs), as they are best suited for this role because of their existing relationships with local jurisdictions, elected officials, transit agencies, community organizations and stakeholders, and members of the public within their respective counties. In order to meet federal requirements that accompany the decision-making process regarding federal transportation funding, MTC expects the CMAs to plan and execute an effective public outreach and local engagement process to solicit candidate projects to be submitted to MTC for consideration for inclusion in the Cycle 2 One Bay Area Grant Program. CMAs also will serve as the main point of contact for local sponsoring agencies and members of the public submitting projects for consideration for inclusion in the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

CMAs will conduct a transparent process for the Call for Projects while complying with federal regulations by carrying out the following activities:

1. Public Involvement and Outreach
 - Conduct countywide outreach to stakeholders and the public to solicit project ideas.
 - Document the outreach effort undertaken for the local call for projects.
2. Agency Coordination
 - Work closely with local jurisdictions, transit agencies, MTC, Caltrans, federally recognized tribal governments, and stakeholders to identify projects for consideration in the OBAG Program.
3. Title VI Responsibilities
 - Ensure the public involvement process provides underserved communities access to the project submittal process as in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

MTC held an informational workshop on November 5, 2012, to inform the CMAs about the requirements for compliance with federal planning regulations, outreach, agency coordination and Title VI. The meeting served as an opportunity for MTC and the CMAs to exchange information, discuss best practices and answer any questions.

Title VI Review

As previously reported to this Council, on September 19, 20 and 21, 2011, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted an on-site Title VI Compliance Review (“Review”) of MTC. The Review focused on MTC’s compliance with the General Reporting Requirements and the Program-Specific Requirements. FTA’s formal report on the review findings was received by MTC on April 12, 2012. In summary, no deficiencies were identified in nine of the fourteen areas reviewed. MTC took corrective actions to address four of the deficiencies by the FTA deadline of June 12, 2012. MTC continues to work to close the remaining deficiency, which is language access to persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) including expanding existing analysis providing training to staff and revisions to MTC’s Title VI complaint form. To address the LEP deficiency MTC has already revised the complaint form (see http://www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/rights/title_VI.htm) and created and issued a Title VI training program for staff in April 2012.

Language Assistance Plan

As noted above, the FTA Title VI Compliance Review requires MTC to expand on its adopted language assistance plan and directs MTC to conduct further analysis related to Factors 2, 3, and 4 of the current plan, which are based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's LEP guidance. On August 3, 2012, MTC issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for help drafting the Language Assistance Plan. Five responsive proposals were received from: Jungle Communications, Katz and Associates, Language Training Center, MIG, Inc. and W-Trans. MTC selected MIG, Inc. (MIG), and will work with MIG to revise Factors 2, 3, and 4 of the current plan by February 2013, and will revise the LAP as necessary based on the analysis. If the MTC LAP is revised, the revised LAP will be released for public comment, revised based on public input, and then formally adopted.

Clipper

MTC's response to the FTA Title Compliance Review included a commitment to provide updates on the Clipper[®] fare payment system every ninety days. The first such update covering the period from June 12 – September 12, 2012 was submitted to the FTA on September 12, 2012.

On June 27, 2012, MTC's Commission directed staff to submit the *Final Title VI Report: Clipper[®] Fare Media Transitions (Final Title VI Summary Report)* to FTA and to implement changes to the Clipper[®] Program in a manner consistent with the *Final Title VI Summary Report*. MTC's Commission also adopted changes to the Clipper[®] Operating Rules (MTC Resolution No. 3983, Revised) supporting the findings and recommendations of the Report. The *Final Title VI Summary Report* identified the following planned activities:

1. Establish a process that enables youths (or their parents/guardians) and seniors to apply for Clipper[®] cards by mail or email.
2. Accept school identification cards that include birthdates and explore the feasibility of accepting additional forms of identification that indicate a youth's age, or other methods by which youths can prove their eligibility for a youth Clipper[®] card.
3. Institute a \$3 Clipper[®] card acquisition fee (adult cards only), effective September 1, 2012.
4. Eliminate the \$5 minimum load requirement for customers acquiring new cards, effective September 1, 2012.
5. Engage in partnership arrangements with community based organizations (CBOs), through which the CBOs will provide Clipper[®] cards and information to constituents.
6. Set a consistent \$5 Clipper[®] card and balance replacement fee that applies to all customers at all locations.
7. Actively monitor the Clipper[®] retailer network to ensure adequate and comprehensive geographic coverage, particularly for minority and low-income individuals.
8. Provide Clipper[®] materials at MTC-sponsored public meetings.

Clipper (continued)

In addition to the activities identified in the *Final Title VI Summary Report*, on July 1, 2012, VTA completed the transition of its monthly passes to Clipper[®]-only availability. Customers can still get the same benefits of a monthly pass, i.e. unlimited rides for a month, but customers must load the electronic version of the monthly pass to their Clipper[®] cards. MTC sponsored a comprehensive customer education initiative to inform VTA's customers about the change; the customer education initiative included 104 outreach events staffed by multilingual personnel, multilingual advertising, multilingual information on clippercard.com, and multilingual brochures. While retail and ticket office sales of the paper passes has ended, VTA is continuing to make paper passes available to customers who receive subsidized passes through social services organizations.

In early August, MTC announced the opening of a new Clipper[®] in-person customer service center at AC Transit's headquarters building in Oakland (see Attachment 4 for related press release). The customer service center provides a range of customer services in English, Spanish, and Mandarin and Cantonese.

Title VI Working Group

Staff continues to take the lead on the Title VI working group, comprising transportation agency staff from around the country. The Title VI working group meets quarterly and includes several transit agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) from across the country, including BART, SFMTA, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).



Bonding Education/Short Term Lending Programs

Small Businesses Building Big: If you have a transportation contract or plan to bid on one, you don't want to miss this Financial Workshop on DOT bonding and access to capital!

When:

Tuesday,
October 30th, 2012
from 3pm - 6pm

Where:

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Joseph P. Bort Metro Center
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Financial Workshop:

Learn how to qualify for the US DOT Short Term Lending Program. Also, learn from Surety Experts how to get your first surety bond or how to increase your bonding capacity. Also, hear the latest on contracting opportunities on US DOT funded transportation projects.

NO COST TO ATTEND!

For more information and reservation, please contact:
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**The Business Outreach Committee,
in cooperation with the
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
District 4 Calmentor Program,
invites all Architectural and Engineering (A&E)
and Other Professional Services Firms to the
Fall 2012 Business Development Workshop on
Thursday, October 25, 2012,
from 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
at Caltrans District 4
111 Grand Avenue, Oakland**

Four workshops will be offered:

- Funding Drives Projects: Learn How to Keep Track of What Funding is Available and When Allocations Can be Made at the State and Local Levels to Projects
- The Advantages of Certification: Agency Thresholds, Bidder Preferences, and Marketing Your Certification Effectively
- Avoid Common Pitfalls to Increase Your Chances of Being the Choice Consultant
- Contracting Methods Used in Bay Area Agency Procurements

To register, visit us at:

<https://docs.google.com/Oct 25 Workshop Registration>

***All are invited. You do not need to be a
Calmentor member to attend.***

The workshops will be followed with an A&E mixer from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Vo's Restaurant, located across the street from Caltrans District 4 at 59 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA.

This is a great opportunity for firms to network with other companies and public agency representatives.

The goal of the Business Outreach Committee is to assist small and disadvantaged companies in doing business with Bay Area Transportation Agencies.



YOU ARE INVITED!
MEET THE BUYERS
PROCUREMENT FORUM

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA),**
2nd Floor Atrium, 1 South Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, California
(Conveniently located in front of Muni Metro Van Ness Avenue Station)

The Business Outreach Committee (BOC) invites Small Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise suppliers to introduce their products and services to buyers from San Francisco Bay Area Transit Agencies and buyers from:



ROBERT A. BOTHMAN, INC.
Quality People. Quality Projects.™
www.bothman.com



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Don't miss your opportunity to show your products to prospective buyers. Please complete and bring copies of the attached Registration and Business Profile Form to distribute to the buyers.

Please RSVP at <http://goo.gl/5nde3>

The BOC is comprised of the:



Please complete this Business Profile Form and attach a business card, line card, brochure, and/or other marketing materials that describe your company's product.

Name of Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

My firm is a: Manufacturer Retailer Wholesaler

Please check all that apply: DBE MBE WBE SBE LBE

Certified by (list agencies): _____

Describe the major types(s) of product(s) you sell.

- Chemicals, fuels, lubrication products: _____
- Cleaning supplies and equipment: _____
- Clothing, uniforms, badges, pins: _____
- Computers, printers, software: _____
- Construction supplies and equipment: _____
- _____
- Electrical supplies and equipment, cables: _____
- _____
- Furniture, appliances, floor/wall coverings: _____
- _____
- Green products: _____
- Radio, television, camera, electronic equipment: _____
- _____
- Safety and first aid supplies and equipment: _____
- _____
- Stationery supplies, office equipment: _____
- _____
- Transportation vehicles, parts, lamps, tires: _____
- _____
- Other: _____
- _____

Suggestion: Make several copies of completed form and distribute to buyers.

Business Outreach Committee (BOC) Contracting Newsletter #18, Autumn/Winter 2012

The goal of the BOC is to assist small and disadvantaged companies in doing business with Bay Area transportation agencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prime/Sub Contractor Meet and Greet Event and Pre-Bid Conference for the Third Street Light Rail Program's Central Subway Stations, Surface, Track and Systems (Contract No. 1300): When: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - Meet and Greet from 9a.m.-12 p.m. and Pre-Bid Meeting from 1p.m.-3 p.m. Where: San Francisco Public Library (Main Branch), 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Please register online at (<http://goo.gl/wvg99>) by November 20, 2012. This event is sponsored by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

UPCOMING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES (SELECTED AGENCIES):

ALAMEDA CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (AC TRANSIT)

RTC Discount Card Medical Verifier Servicer – Released 11/12

Claims & Risk Management Service (RFI) – Released 11/12

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program – Due to Release in Fall 2012

Countywide Travel Demand Model Update – Due to Release in Winter 2012

East Bay Greenway Construction – Due to Release in Spring 2013

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART) (SELECTED PROJECTS)

Procurement of Wide Gauge Locomotives – Release Date TBD

Legislative Advocacy Program – Release Date TBD

Wayside Fence Refurbishment – R Line – Release Date TBD

Workers Compensation Administration Services – Release Date TBD

West Oakland Station Floor Elevation Change – Release Date TBD

Fence Modifications at 1009 East 36th Avenue – Release Date TBD

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (GGBHTD)

Improvements to Berths at San Francisco Ferry Terminal – Due to Release in Autumn 2012

Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services – Due to Release in Winter 2012

Golden Gate Bridge All Electronic Tolling Signage Fabrication & Installation – Due to Release in Winter 2012

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)

Subcontract Construction at Regional Agency Headquarters – Release Date TBD

Prequalify at <https://prequalification.mccarthy.com>

Leasing Agent/Property Management Services – Due November 27, 2012

Hub Signage Program Phase IV – Purchase, Fabrication, Installation – Due November 29, 2012

CITY OF RIO VISTA

Airport Fuel - Due to Release in January 2013

Purchase and Operate Rio Vista Municipal Airport – Due to Release in Winter 2013

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT/PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD (SAMTRANS/CALTRAIN)

Contracted Bus Shuttle Services – Release Date TBD

Operate SF Caltrain Bicycle Parking Facility – Due December 12, 2012

On Call General Engineering Design Services – Due November 29, 2012

Signal Preemption Improvement Project – Release Date TBD

Purchase and Removal of Surplus Locomotives – Release Date TBD

Program Management Oversight Services – Release Date TBD

Signal System Rehabilitation Project – Release Date TBD

Concrete Replacement – Release Date TBD

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (SFMTA)

Muni Metro Turnback Rail Rehabilitation Project – Due December 7, 2012

Provision and Maintenance of Vending Machines – Due December 19, 2012

Central Subway – Stations, Surface, Track and Systems – Due January 23, 2013

RFP for Procurement of Parking Meters and Paystations – Due January 4, 2013

Request for Information on Proposed Taxi Real Time Data System – Due on November 30, 2012

SOLANO COUNTY TRANSIT (SOLTRANS)

Transit Operations – Due January 18, 2013

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (TRANSBAY CENTER)

Structural Steel Superstructure

SBE Goal: 24%

Issue Date: 10/31/12

Est. \$: 110-120M

Glazing Design Build

SBE Goal: 20%

Issue Date*: early 2013

Est. \$: 40M

WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SAN FRANCISCO BAY FERRY)

Bay Breeze Midlife Overhaul/Vessel Refurbishment– Release Date October 29, 2012

Ferry Terminal Refurbishment Construction Management Services - Release Date December 2012

Inflatable Buoyancy Apparatus Purchase and Installation – Release Date TBD

Construction Management Services for the Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility – Release Date November 9, 2012

WHERE TO FIND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES:

AC TRANSIT: <http://www.actransit.org/purchasing/>

Alameda CTC: http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/3999

BART: <http://www.bart.gov/about/business/contracts.asp>

CCCTA: <http://www.cccta.org/>

RIO VISTA: <http://www.riovistacity.com/whats-new>

GGBHTD: <http://www.goldengate.org/contracts/>

MTC: <http://procurements.mtc.ca.gov>

SAMTRANS/CALTRAIN: <http://procurement.samtrans.com>

SFMTA: <http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication>

SOLTRANS: <http://www.soltransride.com/procurement>

TJPA: <http://transbaycenter.org/tjpa/doing-business-with-the-tjpa>

VTA: <http://www.vta.org/procurement/solicitations/>

WETA: http://www.watertransit.org/contract_opp.aspx

WESTCAT: <http://www.westcat.org>



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

DBE Ineligibility Database: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights (DOCR) developed a national online application to provide the general public with a centralized repository of transportation related denied, decertified or rejected DBEs and ACDBE applicants. The information in this database, along with the decision to deny, decertify or reject an application, is maintained by State administered Unified Certification Programs (UCP). Firms identified in this database are ineligible for Federal Transportation grants made available specifically for DBEs. Grant recipients are encouraged to query the ineligibility database to ensure that firms listed in the ineligibility database are not reported on federal-aid contracts for DBE credits. To access and query the database, please select the following: www.civilrights.dot.gov/page/dbe

Why Become A Certified DBE? Besides concession opportunities, a small business may find contract opportunities with public agencies in areas such as construction, engineering, professional services consulting, and material and equipment procurement. USDOT distributes in excess of \$20 billion annually throughout the nation to help finance thousands of projects. Funds are provided to state transportation agencies for highway construction and improvements; to airports for facilities, runways and taxiway improvements; to transit agencies for mass transit projects; and to municipalities and counties for road improvements. The DBE Program provides a vehicle for ensuring participation by disadvantaged business enterprises in these projects. Only firms that are *certified* DBEs count towards DBE participation goals, so consider applying today! For additional information about the DBE Program (including DBE and ACDBE certification), visit www.californiaucp.com. Disadvantaged Business Utilization website at <http://www.osdbu.dot.gov/>

CONSTRUCTION ON THE SAN FRANCISCO CENTRAL SUBWAY PROJECT

San Francisco's \$1.578 billion Central Subway Project is funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the state of California, MTC, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the City and County of San Francisco. The Central Subway project has long been a cornerstone of MTC's Resolution 3434, a strategic plan for delivering \$18 billion in transit expansions and other transit projects in the region. As such, MTC supported SFMTA's request for federal funding, and also has been a key funding partner, providing \$100 million of Proposition 1B, population-based transit funds to the project. The October 11, 2012, announcement of a federal agreement dedicating nearly \$1 billion in federal funding to the project comes on the heels of an action by the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown in July of 2012 to enact a state high-speed rail funding package that includes \$61.3 million in high-speed rail connectivity funds for the project. With the addition of the Central Subway, the T Third Line is projected to become the most heavily used line in the Muni Metro system by 2030. About 65,000 customers per day are projected to ride the T Third Line in 2030 – about 20 percent more than are projected to ride the most heavily used existing Muni Metro line, the N Judah Line. Construction is currently underway at four sites along the Central Subway Project alignment. Tunneling contractor Barnard Impregilo Healy Joint Venture is constructing a major excavation known as a launch box at the site in SoMa where tunneling will begin next year. Also in SoMa, work has begun to build below-ground walls, called headwalls, at the future site of the Yerba Buena/Moscone Station on 4th Street between Folsom and Howard streets. At Union Square, two blocks of Stockton Street between Ellis and Geary streets are currently closed to vehicle traffic to allow for headwall construction at the site of the future Union Square/Market Street Station. In addition, crews are working to relocate utility lines in North Beach to prepare to construct a retrieval shaft – an excavation on Columbus Avenue where the project's two tunnel boring machines (TBMs) are planned to be removed in 2014. For more information on this project, including contract opportunities – please visit www.centra subwaysf.com

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS– OCTOBER 25, 2012

Check out photos at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/calmentor/>
We hope to see you at our next event in January 2013.

THERE IS A TRAIN COMING TO SONOMA AND MARIN COUNTIES IN 2016.....

With construction of the Sonoma-Marina commuter rail line well under way, officials say the system is within budget and on track to begin service in early 2016. The Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit district, in an initial progress report, said it has awarded construction contracts totaling \$153.5 million. A second round that could total about \$150 million will be awarded by spring, leaving an additional \$60 million for staffing and engineering. SMART'S directors have adopted a \$360 million plan to rebuild the line, construct stations and buy rail cars. Service from Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa to downtown San Rafael now is likely to start in early 2016. Revenue generated by a quarter percent sales tax rate in the two counties, SMART's major funding source, are running 5 percent ahead of projections. For 2012, sales taxes are expected to be \$28.3 million. SMART has a \$104,380,000 contract with Stacy & Witbeck Inc. of Alameda and Missouri-based Herzog Contracting Corp. to rehabilitate the line from Santa Rosa to the Marin County Civic Center. The district also is spending \$9,142,647 to upgrade the crossings. The third major contract, for \$40,035,887, is with Nippon Sharyo USA for delivery of six two-car train sets. The first train is to arrive in October 2013 for testing. So far, 10 miles of track rehabilitation have been completed and an additional five miles are expected to be done this construction season. The work includes new ballast underneath cement ties and continuously-welded rail. The next major contract, estimated to be \$70 million, is for the communication system, signals and train control system, which would be awarded within the next few months. SMART is also planning to award a contract of \$60 million to \$80 million next spring to rebuild the track from the Civic Center to downtown San Rafael, replace the bridge over the Petaluma River with one bought from Galveston, Texas, build part of the pedestrian-bike path and finish stations. For more information about contracting opportunities with SMART, visit: <http://www2.sonomamarintrain.org/index.php/contracts/>

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The BOC wants your help to make sure this newsletter brings you the information you want. Send suggestion and topics to improve newsletter content to: John Andoh, City of Rio Vista at jandoh@ci.rio-vista.ca.us.



Business Outreach Committee (BOC) Contracting Newsletter #17, Summer 2012

The goal of the BOC is to assist small and disadvantaged companies in doing business with Bay Area transportation agencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SFMTA is seeking San Francisco based minority, woman and service disabled veteran owned businesses to participate in a free full day seminar to help develop a company binder, develop marketing materials and obtain skills to compete, apply for certification and meet SFMTA buyers. This event is hosted by the Economic Empowerment Fund promoting opportunities for underserved communities. This event is geared towards construction related and marketing related firms. The next event is on Friday, August 10, 2012 from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm at the Mission Language & Vocational School Community Room, 2929 19th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. For more information – please visit <http://www.eefsf.org/doing-business-with-sf.html>.
- Save the Date - The next BOC event will be an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Outreach Event. The event will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Caltrans District 4 headquarters – 111 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94612, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm with a mixer following the event from 4:30 pm to 6 pm at Vo's Restaurant, 59 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. Visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/calmentor/> for details. **We hope to see you there!**

UPCOMING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES (SELECTED AGENCIES):

ALAMEDA CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (AC TRANSIT)

Medical Review Officer – Drug & Alcohol Program	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
Maintenance of Transit Information Display Cases	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (SELECTED PROJECTS)

Overall Evaluation of the I-680 Express Lanes Project	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
City of Alameda Webster Street Project (ITS)	UDBE Goal: 3.74%	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
Guaranteed Ride Home Program Operations Services	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: TBD
Construction Management for the I-580 Landscaping Project (San Leandro)	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* Summer	Est. \$: TBD

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART) (SELECTED PROJECTS)

eBART vehicles	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
Title and Escrow Services	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
Translation and Language Interpretation Services	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: TBD
Workers Compensation Administration Services	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: TBD
BART Earthquake Safety Program – A Line	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
Vehicle Engineering Consulting Services (2 contracts)	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: 25M

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (GGBHTD)

Wetland Restoration Design & Permitting-Corte Madera Preserve	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date*: 8/12	Est. \$: 725K
Larkspur Ferry Terminal/San Rafael TC Bicycle Rack & Signage	DBE Goal: 7%	Issue Date* 8/12	Est. \$: 275K

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)

Regional Express Lane Network Electronic Toll Services System Manager	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$:700K
Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP)	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: 1.6M
Language Plan Assistance	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: 65K

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT/PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD (SELECTED PROJECTS)

Contracted Bus Shuttle Services	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* TBD	Est. \$: TBD
Operate SF Caltrain Bicycle Parking Facility	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* TBD	Est. \$: TBD
Bus Radio System and Equipment Refresh	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* TBD	Est. \$: TBD
Purchase, Fabrication & Delivery of 1 Hi-Rail Inspector's Truck	DBE Goal: N/A	Issue Date:* TBD	Est. \$: TBD

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (SFMTA) (SELECTED PROJECTS)

Green Light Rail Center Track Replacement Project	SBE Goal: TBD	Issue Date*: Summer	Est. \$: 23M
Woods Division Lift Replacement	SBE Goal: TBD	Issue Date*: Summer	Est. \$: 3.7M
Central Subway Moscone/Yerba Buena Station	SBE Goal: TBD	Issue Date*: Summer	Est. \$: 108M

Please contact SFMTA for SBE Program information.

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Below Grade Structural Concrete Substructure, Waterproofing, Electrical	SBE Goal: 17%	Issue Date:* 5/12	Est. \$: 5M
Structural Steel Superstructure	SBE Goal: 24%	Issue Date:* 10/12	Est. \$: 100M
Personnel and Material Host	SBE Goal: 80%	Issue Date:* 8/12	Est. \$: 12M

SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)

1880/1280 Stevens Creek Blvd Interchange Modifications	DBE Goal: TBD	Issue Date*: Summer	Est. \$: TBD
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WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SAN FRANCISCO BAY FERRY)

Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal & Access Channel Dredging Project	DBE Goal: TBD	Issue Date*: 7/12	Est. \$: TBD
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**All dates are subject to change. Check agency websites (listed below) for more information.*

WHERE TO FIND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES:

Alameda CTC: http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/3999	SAMTRANS/CALTRAIN: http://procurement.samtrans.com
AC TRANSIT: http://www.actransit.org/purchasing/	SFMTA: http://mission.sfgov.org/OCABidPublication
BART: http://www.bart.gov/about/business/contracts.asp	TJPA: http://transbaycenter.org/tjpa/doing-business-with-the-tjpa
CCCTA: http://www.cccta.org/	VTA: http://www.vta.org/procurement/solicitations/
RIO VISTA: http://www.riovistacity.com/whats-new	WETA: http://www.watertransit.org/contract_opp.aspx
GGBHTD: http://www.goldengate.org/contracts/	WESTCAT: http://www.westcat.org
MTC: http://procurements.mtc.ca.gov	



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

Supplier Connection: SBA recently announced a new private-public collaboration that will help small businesses strengthen their revenue streams by gaining access to more than \$300 billion in combined supply chain spending by a consortium of 15 of America's largest corporations. Supplier Connection is designed to help bridge the gap between small businesses looking for new opportunities and large corporations looking for innovative new ideas and diversity in their supply chains. Supplier Connection is a free, online portal that allows small businesses to send information about their products and services to 15 private sector companies. For more information on Supplier Connection, visit <https://www.supplier-connection.net>.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system is Going Away...What to Expect: In July, the CCR, along with the Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), **will be migrated into a new System for Award Management, or SAM.** Please visit <https://www.SAM.gov> for more information.

NEW TRANSIT AGENCIES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

SolTrans: Say "Hello" to SolTrans, the Bay Area's newest public transit agency. Short for Solano County Transit, SolTrans began operations on July 1, 2011. The new agency merges the bus services of the former Vallejo Transit and Benicia Breeze systems. "Uniting the Vallejo and Benicia bus operations under one organizational umbrella will help us maintain current service levels and promote greater funding stability," said Jim Sperring, MTC Commissioner and Solano County Supervisor. "The SolTrans merger represents the kind of coordinated planning and service delivery envisioned by MTC's Transit Sustainability Project," noted MTC's Sperring. "Our transit sustainability effort aims for a more robust, financially viable Bay Area transit system that is both cost-effective and customer-focused." For more information on SolTrans or their business opportunities, visit www.soltransride.com.

Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA): In 1999, the California Legislature established the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority (WTA) in order to create a regional ferry agency to plan and implement new ferry services in the San Francisco Bay Area with a focus on improving general mobility and reducing traffic congestion. In 2007, the legislature directed the agency to take over existing public ferry transit systems operated by the cities of Vallejo and Alameda and expanded the Authority's role to include coordination and oversight of the ferry transit response in the event of a natural disaster. With this increased responsibility came a new name: the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). As of July 1, 2012, WETA is responsible for operating San Francisco Bay Ferry service that serves Oakland; Alameda (Harbor Bay & Main St); San Francisco (Downtown Ferry Building & Pier 41); South San Francisco (Oyster Point Marina); and Vallejo. WETA is committed to working with local cities, communities and customers to create a comprehensive, integrated regional ferry transit system on San Francisco Bay. For more information about WETA or their business opportunities, visit www.watertransit.org.

MEET THE BUYERS RECAP – JUNE 19, 2012

BOC conducted another successful Meet the Buyers Event. 114 vendors attended. Major contractors Barnard Impregilo Healy JV, Con-Quest, Kiewit, Graniterock, McCarthy, RGW Construction, Robert A. Bothman, Stacy & Witbeck, and Webcor Obayashi JV participated with BOC member agencies.

HOW ARE YOU GETTING YOUR UPDATES?

With the advent of the internet, there are many ways that the public can obtain information regarding various sources of information, including the latest trend – Social Media. Social media includes Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr among many others. BOC members all use social media as a way to update those that have an interest with changes to transit services, special events, job and business opportunities. Below is a listing of BOC members and their social media for Facebook and Twitter links. Some BOC members have Flickr, YouTube and other social media sites. You would need to visit their respective web page for additional details.

Delta Breeze: https://twitter.com/rvdeltabreeze , http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rio-Vista-Delta-Breeze/456668350127	The County Connection: https://twitter.com/cccta , http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Contracta-Costa-Transit-Authority/238326689591
SF Bay Ferry: https://twitter.com/#!/SFBayFerry , https://www.facebook.com/sanfranciscobayferry	Golden Gate Transit: https://twitter.com/GGBridge , http://www.facebook.com/goldengatebridge
AC Transit: https://twitter.com/rideact , http://www.facebook.com/rideact	SFMTA: https://www.facebook.com/SFMTA.Muni , https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni
BART: http://www.facebook.com/bartfs , https://twitter.com/sfbart	MTC: http://www.facebook.com/MTCBATA , https://twitter.com/mtcbata
SamTrans: http://www.facebook.com/SamTrans , https://twitter.com/qosamtrans	Alameda CTC: https://twitter.com/AlamedaCTC , http://www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC
VTA: http://www.facebook.com/scvta?ref=ts , https://twitter.com/santaclaravta	WestCAT: http://www.facebook.com/wccta , https://twitter.com/intent/user?screen_name=WCCTA
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Quick Reference (FTA) Title VI Circular 4702.1B

How has the Title VI Circular Changed?

- Provides greater clarity, accountability, transparency, and consistency.
- Provides clarification between Environmental Justice (EJ) and Title VI.
- Provides an extensive appendix with user-friendly templates and checklists to help prepare documents that must be submitted to FTA.
- Provides flow charts to illustrate the responsibilities of the various roles in public transportation, such as recipient, direct recipient, designated recipient, and primary recipient.

The general requirements for Title VI compliance are largely the same. FTA's revised Title VI Circular:

- Includes regulatory language to show a clear nexus between regulations and requirements.
- Clarifies all requirements, and strengthens some requirements.
- Moves EJ language to the new EJ Circular, with the exception of the service and fare equity analysis section.
- Sets forth the requirements for all FTA recipients and provides specific requirements for MPOs, States, and Transit Providers.

All FTA recipients must submit the following:

- A Title VI Notice to the Public, Complaint Procedure, and Complaint Form
- A Limited English Proficiency Plan and a Public Participation Plan
- A list of investigations, lawsuits and complaints
- A table depicting racial composition of membership of non-elected bodies, membership is selected by the recipient
- Information regarding the Siting of Fixed Facilities (as opposed to a list of construction projects)
- a Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient's Board of Directors or appropriate governing entity

Transit Providers w/50+ fixed route vehicles operating in Peak service and in a UZA with a population of 200,000 or more must:

- Collect and Report Data regarding customer demographics and travel patterns
- Conduct Service and Fare Equity Analysis;
- Monitor Transit Service (Threshold based).
- Provide results of their monitoring program – to show how they measure up according to their own service standards and policies.

MPOs, State DOTs, and Subrecipients:

- Subrecipients must submit a Title Program to State (as primary recipient)
- State DOTs have an added requirement for demographic maps that overlay the percent minority and non-minority populations, and charts that analyze the impacts of the distribution of State and Federal public transportation funds.
- Includes more definitive guidance on monitoring subrecipients

Compliance Reviews and Complaints

- Redundancies eliminated by removing a letter of resolution and the appeals process; and providing specific conditions for administratively closing complaints
- Compliance Reviews include: specific steps prior to imposing any draw-down restrictions on recipients; more specific guidance on the compliance review process; and requires a Board resolution approving any Remedial Action Plan resulting from a compliance review

Due Dates

- All FTA Recipients must submit a Title VI Program every 3 years
- MPO Due date changes from every 4 to every 3 years
- All Title VI Programs must be submitted via TEAM 60 days prior to expiration