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# The State of California's Construction Industry: Challenges in the Rebuilding Effort

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The construction industry in California will soon face unprecedented challenges in the wake of increased demand due to wildfire rebuilding efforts, compounded by possible federal policy changes and likely material shortages. For a state with a history of resilience, the stakes are high as homeowners, builders, and policymakers grapple with an increasingly strained industry. Notably, President Trump's immigration crackdown and proposed tariffs on essential construction materials have introduced complex hurdles that could significantly impact rebuilding efforts. These combined factors contribute to a longer and more expensive rebuilding process for those affected by the wildfires.

- The recent wildfires in Southern California have had a devastating impact on communities across the region. In Pacific Palisades and parts of Malibu, the Palisades Fire consumed approximately 23,713 acres, destroying over 6,380 structures and damaging 857 more.
- The Eaton Fire in Altadena and Pasadena burned 14,021 acres, resulting in the destruction of at least 9,416 structures and damage to 1,064 others.
- These fires have led to the loss of homes, businesses, schools, and cherished landmarks, including the historic Will Rogers Ranch House in Pacific Palisades.

The path to rebuilding is fraught with challenges, as homeowners and business owners face the arduous task of restoring their properties amidst a backdrop of policy changes and economic pressures. President Trump's recent announcement of a 25% tariff on imports from Canada and Mexico, set to possibly take effect on February 1, 2025, aims to bolster domestic manufacturing and address immigration concerns. It is unclear to what extent this will affect the construction industry and the overall health of the economy. A New York Times article noted that Trump has



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requested an assessment of the feasibility of broad tariffs by various government agencies, which shows that he is being wary about immediate enforcement, likely due to the effect on the economy and potential retaliation.

This blog post will explore the current state of California's construction industry, examine the specific challenges posed by immigration and tariff policies, and discuss actionable strategies for planning ahead. We'll also highlight how Letter Four, as a design-build firm, is uniquely positioned to help homeowners navigate this uncertain terrain

# California's Construction Industry: An Overview

California's construction industry is a cornerstone of the state's economy, employing over 870,000 workers in 2023, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, even before recent challenges, like the pandemic and inflation, the industry struggled with a labor shortage, rising material costs, and regulatory burdens. Wildfires have exacerbated the demand for skilled workers and materials, creating a perfect storm for the industry.

# The Labor Market: Immigrants as a Pillar of the Workforce

Immigrants comprise a significant portion of California's construction workforce. According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), immigrants account for 43% of construction workers in the state, compared to the national average of 30%. Many of these individuals specialize in trades critical to rebuilding. However, Trump's immigration policies, including heightened enforcement and restrictions on work visas, have intensified labor shortages. The NAHB is advocating to ease the current strain on the construction industry.

Undocumented immigrants play a vital role in California's construction industry, comprising a significant portion of its workforce. According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 13% of the construction workforce in California is made up of undocumented immigrants, compared to 5% nationally. This reliance is even more pronounced in labor-intensive trades like framing. foundation, roofing, and masonry, where undocumented workers often fill critical gaps in the labor market. Their contributions are essential to the state's ability to meet high construction demands, particularly during disaster recovery efforts. However, restrictive immigration policies and heightened enforcement disproportionately affect this segment of the workforce, exacerbating existing labor shortages and threatening the industry's capacity to meet rebuilding needs efficiently.

Visit the link for the full article: https://tinyurl.com/28hdgouj

# **Granite's AI Wins Award for Advancing Asphalt Training**

[ Article originally appeared in ww.constructionowners.com ]

### By Caroline Raffetto

Granite Construction's commitment to innovation in infrastructure has earned national recognition with its AI-driven training tool, the Granite Asphalt Guru, winning the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Innovation of the Year Award. The announcement was made during the AGC Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, where finalists Daniel Mekis and Olivia McNary showcased the platform's transformative potential to a panel of 11 judges.

Developed as an internal solution to retain and share decades of paving expertise, the Asphalt Guru utilizes an extensive knowledge base—including more than 900 pages of interview transcripts, thousands of documents, and external sources such as OSHA incident reports, DOT standards, and relevant industry articles. The platform is designed to deliver dynamic, interactive support to field crews and office staff alike, providing clear answers to technical inquiries and simplifying complex procedures.

More than 400 Granite employees have already interacted with the platform, with over 1,000

questions answered since its launch. Integrated into the company's Asphalt Basics E-Learning program and now accessible via mobile devices on-site, the tool bridges a significant gap in real-time training and accessibility.

Granite CI Project Manager Daniel Mekis, who co-presented the tool, emphasized the broader value of the initiative. "It's an honor to be recognized for a tool that preserves the expertise of our paving professionals," Mekis said. "Their knowledge and experience are intangible assets for the company; finding a way to preserve and share it with future generations of construction

professionals will provide value for decades."

The Asphalt Guru stands as a testament to how artificial intelligence and construction can converge to elevate safety, consistency, and learning across the workforce. In an industry where onthe-job experience is traditionally passed down through hands-on mentoring, Granite's platform marks a major step in digital transformation.

For more information about the AGC Innovation Awards, visit AGC Innovation Awards at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2bkv45x0">https://tinyurl.com/2bkv45x0</a>

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# **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 YOLO COUNTY NEAR DUNNIGAN FROM 0.2 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 505/5 SEPARATION TO THE COLUSA COUNTY LINE.

Contract No. 03-3G6204
Owner: Caltrans
Bid Date: May 1st, 2025 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DVBE Goal: 3% SBE Goal: 25%

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CHIPSEAL/ SLURRY SEAL, STRIPING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN

**Project Description:** 

The project includes, but not limited to, Install left-turn channelization.

Engineers Estimate: \$3,450,000

Plans and specs can be obtained at : <a href="http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads">http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads</a>

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

Project: CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SUTTER COUNTY ABOUT 17 MILES SOUTH OF MARYSVILLE FROM 0.6 MILE SOUTH OF MARCUM ROAD OVERCROSSING TO 0.3 MILE NORTH OF **CORNELIUS AVENUE OVERCROSSING** 

Contract No. 03-3G4104

Owner: Caltrans th 2025 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID Bid Date: April 29th 2

**DVBE Goal: 3%** SBE Goal: 25%

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, K-RAIL, SAWCUTTING, STRIP-ING, SURVEYING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, ROAD SIGN/ SIGNAGE, LEAD COMPLIANCE

**Project Description:** 

RHMA, HMA, and cold plane AC pavement.

Engineers Estimate: \$2,690,000

Plans and specs can be obtained at : <a href="http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads">http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads</a>

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nunity on the Metropolitan State Hospital Campus LA County Care Com

McCarthy is soliciting interest from qualified subcontractors and suppliers to participate in the proposal phase of the project.

Project description: The proposed Project is located at the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) – Metropolitan campus in Norwalk, CA. On the east side of Norwalk Boulevard, bounded by Second Street and Third Street, this new Behavioral Health Campus is to be leased by the County from the State and segregated and completely independent from the Metropolitan State Hospital campus and will include Adult Interim Housing, Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Interim Housing, TAY Psychiatric Subacute Facilities and Permanent Supportive Housing. Permanent Supportive Housing will be designed and constructed by others and is not a part of this RFP.

b. The proposed project is located on approximately 13 acres and consists of renovation of the aforementioned buildings, and site

16-bed boys Transitional Age Youth Psychiatric Subacute Facility (one building), 16-bed girls Transitional Age Youth Psychiatric Subacute Facility (one building), Beds, Dining/warming kitchen, Multi-purpose/community rooms, Conference/group rooms, Therapy spaces, Staff spaces, Nurse station

- 70-bed Transitional Age Youth Interim Housing Facility, Beds, Community rooms, Dining/warming kitchen, Case management

- Parking lot improvements, Ambulance drop-off, Fire lane access road, Program perimeter security fence enclosure with mo-- Parking for improvements, Ambulance drop-on, Fire faine access road, Program permited security refice enclosure with mo-torized vehicular and pedestrian electronic controlled access gates from dedicated entrance/exit at intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Second Street, Renovation of existing green space for dedicated landscaped courtyards including but not limited to activity areas, recreational spaces, and shade. Each courtyard to be fenced from adjacent courtyards, Hardscape and land-scape, Stormwater management system, New dedicated utilities to buildings 202/204, 205/207, 206/208, 209/211, 210/212, and 213/215, Bicycle parking, ADA improvements.

Project Location: 11401 Bloomfield Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650

Work categories include: Site Concrete, Landscaping. Glazing, Paint, Flooring, Asphalt Concrete, Striping, Roofing, Misc metals, Casework, Doors/Frames/Hardware.

Key Subcontractor Qualifications: Experience with renovation projects

Key Dates: Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued to Subcontractors - 05/19/25 via Building Connected website; Proposals Due to McCarthy Building Companies - 05/30/25

This project requires

Prevailing Wages

· Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

McCarthy is an equal opportunity employer and encourages qualified Small Business and Minority Business participation. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding project specifics:

McCarthy Title: Senior Preconstruction Manager E-Mail: tfoos@mccarthy.com

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. 515 S. Flower Street, Suite 3600 • Los Angeles, CA 90071 License # 411173 O: (213) 655-1100

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## These communities are unaware they've lived near toxic gas for decades. Why has no action been taken?

[ Article originally appeared in https://calmatters.org]

By Aleiandra Reves-Velarde, CalMatters

In a quiet Compton neighborhood near the 710 freeway, children on a recent afternoon chased each other at Kelly Park after school. Parents watched their kids play, unaware of a potential threat to their health.

On the other side of the freeway, just blocks from the park and Kelly Elementary School, a

fumigation company uses a highly toxic pesticide to spray fruits and vegetables.

The facility, Global Pest Management, has been emitting methyl bromide, which can cause lung damage and neurological health effects, into the air near the neighborhood for several decades.

Earlier this year, the South Coast Air Quality Management District asked the company along with four other fumigation facilities in San Pedro and Long Beach — to provide data on their methyl bromide usage. But the air quality agency has no current plans to install monitors in the communities that would tell residents exactly what's in their air or require any immediate action to protect them.

Instead, the South Coast district has launched a preliminary screening of the five facilities to determine if a full assessment of health risks in the neighborhoods is necessary. But even if that analysis is conducted, the agency won't require the companies to reduce emissions

unless they reach concentrations three times higher than the amounts deemed a health risk under state guidelines, said Scott Epstein, the district's planning and rules manager.

Piedad Delgado, a mother picking up her daughter from the Compton school, said she "didn't even know" that the hazardous chemical was being used nearby. When a CalMatters reporter told her about the fumigation plant, Delgado wondered if it was causing her

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# **CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS**



SUBS AND SUPPLIERS FOR: Union Sanitary District ("USD") eatment & Site Upgrades Program District Project No. 800-557 REVISED BID DATE: May 21st, 2025 at 2:00 PM

California State Revolving Fund Programs, Clean Water & Drinking Water SRF (CASRF/CWSRF/DWSRF) Project with DBE Requirements and Participation Encouraged

CA Water Board/EPA DBE Participation Forms Required from Certified Subs/Suppliers

We are soliciting quotes for the following Divisions and items of work:

For Divisions 01 thru 46, including, but not limited to: CAS/Roadway Signs, Clear & Grub, Erosion Control, Landscaping & Irrigation, AC Paving, Cold Plane AC, CIDH, Rebar, Painting & Coatings, Underground Utilities, Fencing, Metal Railing, Striping, Electrical (Subs must complete Electrical Prequal forms), Minor Concrete, Welding, Aggregates (Crushed Stone, Agg Base & Sand), Ready Mix Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Welded Steel Pipe, Underground Pipe Products (Steel/PVC/CPVC/DIP/HDPE), Misc. Metals Iron & Steel, Trucking, HAZ MAT Trucking, SWPP Plan & Materials, Lead Compliance Plan, Geotextile Materials, Underground Precast, Street Sweeping, Traffic Control, Sheet Pile Installation, Dewatering, Mechanical Equipment (Furnish & Install), Vibration Monitoring, Asbestos Monitoring, Survey, Quality Control Testing, Temporary Pumping Systems, Shoring & Excavation, Hazardous Materials Remediation, Demolition, Grouting, Epoxy Resin, Concrete Formwork, Concrete Repairs, Joints in Concrete, Masonry, Glass Fiber & Resin Fabrication, Rough Carpentry, Damp Proofing, Built Up Bituminous Roofing, Roof Specialties & Accessories, Roof Fall Protection System, Firestopping, Fiberglass Doors & Frames, Translucent Wall Assemblies, Glass & Glazing, Louvers, Polyurethane MIC Coatings, Hardware, Joint Fillers, Sealants & Caulking, Skylight Protection Screen, Louvers, Painting & Coatings, Epoxy MIC Coatings, Systems, Polyurethane MIC Coatings, Canopies, Steel Laboratory Cabinets & Accessories, Metal Building System, Hydro Pneumatic Bladder Tank, Manual/Electric Actuators, Cathodic Protection System, Plumbing, HVAC, Pipe Supports, Process Piping, Valves, Cranes & Hoists, Instrumentation and Controls, Pumps, Polyethylene Plumbing, HVAC, Pipe Supports, Process Piping, Valves, Cranes & Hoists, Instrumentation and Controls, Pumps, Polyethylene Storage Tanks, Automatic Refrigerated Samplers, Mixers and Automatic Straining Equipment.

Non-DBE Subs/Suppliers: You will be expected to carry a proportionate percentage of 2nd-tier participation with your quote 2nd-tier participation will be evaluated with your price.

100% performance and payment bonds will be required for the full amount of the subcontract price. Please contact us for any assistance to this solicitation, including obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Provide subcontractor and supplier scopes/quotes as early as possible to enable estimators to perform a thorough evaluation of all scopes/quotes received. Quotes will be broken down into comparable packages as reasonably necessary to facilitate participation. Quotes must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for Contract Award. We are signatory to Operators, Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters & Pile Drivers Unions. Non-signatory subs will be required to sign an agreement for trades ers, Cement Masons, Carpenters & Pile Drivers Unions. Non-signatory subs will be required to sign an agreement for trades covered under our union agreements. We intend to work cooperatively with subcontractors/suppliers for all bid items you are licensed and qualified to perform. Bid items can be split to facilitate participation from all certified firms. We will reimburse for bond premium up to 2%. Firms must possess & provide current contractor's license number & DIR Registration number on the quote. Firms must possess insurance and workers compensation coverage meeting project requirements. Waiver of Subrogation is required. Please contact us for any assistance required by your firm. Subcontractors will be required to execute our standard subcontract agreement and agree to the standard general terms & conditions. Please contact us by email if you would like copies for review prior to bid day.

Contract Documents and related project information, including future Addenda, is available and can be downloaded for FREE from our Box ftp site by email request. You can also purchase a USB from Union Sanitary District for \$75 to become an official planholder. Documents downloaded online from BIDNET will be locked and contain a watermark. Please send the email request to NORCALBIDS@flatironcorp.com for access to plans & specs on our BOX ftp site. If you would like to speak to an estimator for a specific scope or work, please email us and we can scheduling a virtual or in person appointment to review project docs.

Please email ALL Scopes/Quotes to: NorCalBids@flatironcorp.com

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Mar Con Builders is bidding as a "General Contractor", requesting bid quotations from all subcontractors and suppliers and MBEs, WBEs, OBEs, SBEs, LBEs, and DVBEs Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following:

**Title: Pinole Library** 

Project Address: 2935 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole, California, 94564

Bid Date: May 7, 2025, 2:00 PM PST

Project Description: The project includes one building with a total of 15,245 SF to demolish and replace several building systems. The existing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system will be demolished and replaced with a new all-electric HVAC system. The roofing system will include a full replacement of the built up roof and the metal standing seam roof. The electrical system will replace the existing electrical switchboard with a 1000A main switchboard, retrofit or new light fixtures with energy efficient light emitting diode (LED) bulbs, and power outlets on the main library floor for public use. In addition, the project accessibility improvements includes accessible parking re-location, path of travel improvements from the parking lot to the main entrance, public restroom upgrades as shown in the drawings entitled "Pinole Library Accessibility Upgrades, Pinole Library HVAC Replacement, Pinole Library Electrical Upgrade, and Pinole Library Roof Replacement."

> Please email us your Bid Proposal to bids@marconcompany.com at least 2 hours prior to the Bid Opening.

> > **Mar Con Builders** 8108A Capwell Drive, Oakland, CA 94621. Estimator: Lauren Chen, Phone: 510-921-1586,

> > > Email: lauren@marconcompany.com



Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. 4650 Business Center Drive • Fairfield, CA 94534 any Borgert at norcal.bids@kiewit.com • Fax: 707

Requests quotes from qualified Subcontractors, Service Providers, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate for the following project in Union City, CA:

Enhanced Treatment Site Upgrade - Phase 1B Project Project No. 800-557 Owner: Union Sanitary District

Nevised Bid Date: Bid Date: May 21, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due May 14, 2025 and Quotes NO LATER THAN May 20, 2025 at 2 PM.

Subcontractor and Supplier Scopes are due May 14, 2025 and Quotes NO LATER THAN May 20, 2025 at 2 PM.

Kiewit requests Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF), or Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Businesses for the following scopes, but not limited to:

AC Paving • Aggregates • Cathodic Protection • Clearing & Grubbing / Tree Removal • Concrete Pumping • Concrete Repair • Concrete Supply • Cranes & Hoists (Permanent) • Dampproofing /Waterproofing • Demolition • Dewatering • Doors & Hardware • Drilled Piers • Drilled Displacement Piles, and Minipiles • Dump Fees • Erosion Control • Fences & Gates (Chain Link and Architectural) • Final Cleaning/Janitorial • Firestopping • FRP • Glass, Glazing and Translucent Wall Assemblies • Grouting of Abandoned Pipe• Hazardous Waste Removal • HVAC • Hydroseeding • Insulation • Jet Grouting • Joint Sealants • K-Rail • Laboratory Space • Landscaping • Lime/Cement Treatment • Masonry • Masonry Retaining Wall • Mechanical Equipment • Milling & Grinding • Minor Concrete • Misc. Metals & Structural Steel • MSE Walls • Noise Monitoring and Mitigation • Painting and Coating • Piping and Valves • Polyethylene Storage Tanks • Potholing / Vacuum Truck • Pre-Engineered Canopies • Precast Concrete • Precast Prestressed Concrete Hollow Core Planks • Quality Control • Rebar • Recycled Plastic Lumber • Roofing • Safety Specialties • Sawcutting / Core Drill • Shoring • Signage • Striping / Pavement Markings • Sweeper Truck • Traffic Coatings • Traffic Control / MOT • Trucking & Hauling • Water Truck • Well Abandon

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Non-DBE firms are encouraged to contract with a group of lower tier DBEs or individual DBEs.

Plans are available for viewing through SmartBidNet (SBN). All companies already registered in our SBN database will receive an invitation to bid. Please email norcal.bids@kiewit.com to have your company added to our SBN database to be able to receive bidding information, Plans and Specifications.

Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for Subcontractors, and Supply Bond for permanent material Suppliers on this project. Bond requirement can be waived on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Kiewit for more inform: Bond premiums are reimbursable by Kiewit.

Interested firms may contact Kiewit for any assistance in bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Subcontractors must possess & provide current California contractor's license number & DIR Registration number.

Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to execute Kiewit standard agreements and agree to Kiewit standard general terms and conditions. Copies are available for review through our SmartBidNet (SBN) site.

California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) applies US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) grants American Iron and Steel requirements applies

Davis-Bacon Act and California prevailing wage requirements applies Disadvantages Business Enterprises (40 CFR Part 33) applies

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### These communities are unaware they've lived near toxic gas for decades.

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daughter's recent, mysterious bouts of headaches and nausea.

"It's concerning. We may be getting sick but we don't know why," she said.

For about the past 30 years, the companies have sprayed methyl bromide on imported produce arriving at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to kill harmful pests.

Methyl bromide, which was widely used to treat soil on farm fields, has been banned worldwide for most uses since 2005 under a United Nations treaty that protects the Earth's ozone layer. Exemptions are granted for fumigation of produce shipped from overseas. While little to no residue remains on the food, the gas is vented into the air where it is sprayed.

State health officials have classified methyl bromide as a reproductive toxicant, which means it can harm babies exposed in the womb. With acute exposure, high levels can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea and difficulty breathing, while chronic exposure over a year or longer could cause more serious neurological effects, such as learning and memory problems, according to the California Air Resources Board.

State and local air quality officials are responsible for enforcing laws and regulations that protect communities from toxic air contaminants such as methyl bromide, while the Los Angeles

County Agricultural Commissioner issues the permits to the fumigation companies.

After CalMatters reported about the facilities last month, members of Congress representing the communities demanded "greater monitoring, transparency and oversight surrounding these fumigation facilities and their toxic emissions.

"We have serious concerns about the prevalent use of methyl bromide, a toxic pesticide, by container fumigation facilities in Los Angeles County," U.S. Reps. Nanette Barragán, Maxine Waters and Robert Garcia wrote in an April 11 letter to state and local air regulators and county and federal agricultural officials.

"Several of these fumigation facilities are located close to homes, schools, parks, and other public spaces. Our communities deserve a greater understanding of the levels of toxic emissions from these facilities, the health risks from exposure to such emissions, and the oversight processes in place to ensure all protocols are maintained at these sites," they wrote

Even though the San Pedro facility at the Port of Los Angeles and the Compton plant use the largest volumes of methyl bromide - a combined 52,000 pounds a year — the air in nearby communities has never been tested

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### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Under the guidelines of CA Public Contract Code 10510.4 – 10510.9, the University is seeking one (1) best qualified firm with experiences in healthcare facilities to provide Construction Management Services to support NPC/SPC seismic, Material Testing and related projects at the UCI Health Community Network Hospitals.

The best qualified consultant will provide construction man-

agement services for seismic & related projects in conformance of Structural and Non-Structural Performance for the four UCI Health Community Hospitals: (1) Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, (1) Lakewood Regional Medical Center, (1) Los Alamitos Medical Center and (1) Placentia-Linda Hospital.

Services may include, programming review, estimating, scheduling, constructability review, design management, project management, preparation of bid documents, bid review, contactor outreach, construction administration, change order negotiations and project close out.

Construction Management services will be authorized on an "as-needed" basis and are contingent upon project approvals,

funding and the quality of services delivered by the design professional.

Est. Contract Value: \$650,000 or greater

TO OBTAIN RFQ PACKET (REQUIRED FORMS), email Maryann Gonzales @ maryacg1@hs.uci.ed or Kim Kerwin at khau@hs.uci.edu.

Address (1) original, (2) hard copies and an electronic copy in USB of the qualification submittal to Maryann Gonzales, UCIMC Planning, Design & Construction, 101 The City Drive South, Bldg. 27, Rte. 131; Orange, CA 92868. Deadline for RFQ submittal is May 7th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons shall have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University, regardless of: race; color; religion; sex; age; ancestry; national origin; sexual orientation; physical or mental disability; veteran's status; medical condition; genetic information; marital status; gender identity; pregnancy; service in the uniformed services; or citizenship within the limits imposed by law or University's policy. The selected consulting firm will be required to show evidence of their Equal Employment Opportunity policy.

For other opportunities, <a href="http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/planning-administration/">http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/planning-administration/</a>



#### GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

### NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) seeks bids for Contract

No. 2025-F-029, LFT Fixed Boom Replacement. Interested Bidders must submit bids by way of upload to the District's Procurement Portal: https://ggbhtd.bonfirehub.com by May 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., PT, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

Requests for approved equals, modifications or clarifications of any requirement must be submitted in writing by May 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., PT.

The Bid Documents are available for download on the District's Procurement Portal. In order to download and respond to posted solicitations, Proposers will need to register. Once registered, to download the documents:

- 1. Go to the District's Procurement Portal: https://ggbhtd.bonfirehub.com.
- 2. Under "Action" column of "Open Public Opportunities" page, click on "View Opportunity" next to desired Project.
- 3. Scroll down to "Supporting Documentation" section to download documents.

For general questions regarding this Contract, please contact Johnathan Lucas, Contracts Officer, at jlucas@goldengate.org.

/s/ Johnathan Lucas, MBA, CPSM, CPPB Contracts Officer Dated: 4/18/2025 4/24/25 CNS-3918485# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

#### OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ/P)

Solid Waste Handling and Recycling & Composting and Prevention Services April 16, 2025 (Issued) Responses must be received by

May 1, 2025, no later than 2:00 p.m. (Pacific time)
The Oakland Unified School District ("District") is

The Oakland Unified School District ("District") is requesting proposals from experienced firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons or organizations ("Contractors") to furnish to the District solid waste handling services that include landfill, recycling and compost services, direct support to assist our schools sorting program preparation, education, and implementation that builds off of our comprehensive Waste Prevention Program and hosting an Annual Career Day.

Interested firms are invited to submit a completed Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") along with the Fee Proposal (collectively "RFQ/P Packet") as described below, with one (1) unbound wet-signed original, five (5) bound copies and a PDF version on a flash drive of requested materials with the cover letter addressed to:

Oakland Unified School District Roland Broach, Executive Director of Custodial Services & Grounds Department of Custodial Services 900 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601

Oral, telegraphic, facsimile, telephone or email RFQ/P Packets will not be accepted. RFQ/P Packets received after this date and time will not be accepted and returned unopened. The District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the RFQ/P Packets. The District also reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ/P Packets and to negotiate contract terms with one or more Respondents.

If you have any questions regarding this RFQ/P please email Kechette Walls at kechette.walls@ousd.org, Juanita Hunter at Juanita.hunter@ousd.org and Colland Jang at colland.jang@ousd.org.

### LOCAL, SMALL LOCAL, AND SMALL LOCAL RESIDENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The services requested in this RFQ/P is exempt from the District's LBE/SLBE/SLRBE requirements due to the services being funded by the District's General Fund (Fund 1).

#### OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

Architectural Services
for Projects with a Construction Budget under
\$10M at Various School Sites
Project Number # 25040

April 23, 2025 (Issued)

Responses must be received May 8, 2025, no later than 2:00 p.m.

The Oakland Unified School District ("District") is inviting submittals from experienced firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, individuals, or professional organizations ("Consultants") to submit Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") for pre-qualification to provide architectural services for projects with a construction budget under \$10M at various school sites ("Project"). The projects will include, but is not limited to, deferred maintenance, site improvements, restroom renovations, energy efficiency, and new construction for TK facilities. Pre-qualified firm(s) will enter into Board of Education ("BOE") approved master

agreement(s) with the District.

Interested firms are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") as described herein with a cover letter addressed to:

#### Oakland Unified School District Kenya Chatman, Executive Director of Facilities Department of Facilities Planning and Management 955 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601

Oral, telegraphic, facsimile, email, or telephone SOQ submittals will not be accepted. SOQ submittals received after this date and time will not be accepted. The District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the SOQ Submittals. The District also reserves the right to reject any and all SOQ submittals and to negotiate contract terms with one or more Respondents.

The District will only accept a hard copy submittal along with a PDF version on a flash drive. Proposals received by the District no later than 2:00 PM (Pacific Time) on May 8, 2025 will be submitted (attention to Juanita Hunter).

### LOCAL, SMALL LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL RESIDENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Submit a detailed narrative and strategy describing how the firm or team intends to meet or exceed the District's LBU requirements (Exhibit C - "Local Business Utilization Affirmation Worksheet").

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 businesses located in Oakland, 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.

For reference, the full version of OUSD's latest Local, Small Local and Small Local Resident Business Enterprise Program can be found at the following link:

https://www.ousd.org/facilities-planning-management/opportunities/lbu-policy

### 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.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE MEDICAL CENTER

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Under the guidelines of CA Public Contract Code 10510.4 – 10510.9, the University is seeking up to two (2) best qualified firms with experiences in healthcare facilities to provide Plan Review Services in support of renovation and/or new construction projects for UCI Health.

The selected consultants will provide building code plan review services in the most efficient manner possible and consistent with the University's plan review systems and protocols in order to assure compliance of University building construction

plans with all adopted regulatory codes. These comprehensive services shall include the following basic regulatory plan review components:

o All in-force adopted codes and referenced standards as outlined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 & Title 19 and documented by the California Building Standards Commission

o Accessibility to Public Buildings, Public Accommodations, and related medical buildings.

o Energy conservation

o Noise attenuation

o Structural integrity
o Green building standards

Design services will be authorized on an "as-needed" basis and are contingent upon project approvals, funding and the quality of services delivered by the design professional.

Est. Contract Value: \$250,000 or greater

TO OBTAIN RFQ PACKET (REQUIRED FORMS), email Kim Kerwin at <a href="mailto:khau@hs.uci.edu">khau@hs.uci.edu</a> or Maryann Gonzales @ <a href="mailto:maryacg1@hs.uci.ed">maryacg1@hs.uci.ed</a>.

Address (1) original, (2) hard copies and an electronic copy in USB of the qualification submittal to Kim Kerwin, UCIMC Planning, Design & Construction, 101 The City Drive South, Bldg. 27, Rte. 131; Orange, CA 92868. Deadline for RFQ

submittal is 4/25/25 @ 2:00 PM.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons shall have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University, regardless of: race; color; religion; sex; age; ancestry; national origin; sexual orientation; physical or mental disability; veteran's status; medical condition; genetic information; marital status; gender identity; pregnancy; service in the uniformed services; or citizenship within the limits imposed by law or University's policy. The selected consulting firm will be required to show evidence of their Equal Employment Opportunity policy.

For other opportunities,

http://www.healthaffairs.uci.edu/planning-administration/