

## Why Is There a Labor Shortage in Construction?

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[www.constructconnect.com](http://www.constructconnect.com) ]

By Sydney Paschall

The most recent AGC workforce survey shows that “88% of construction firms are having a hard time finding workers to hire.” But where are the solutions to this uncertainty?

### What is causing the labor shortage in construction?

So why are we seeing such a labor shortage? The growing demand to fill job openings in the industry involves many factors. These factors can feel difficult to tackle and overcome. Key influences include a retiring workforce, a rising labor demand, and a lack of skilled workers.

Let us look at the big picture over time. During the pandemic, the construction industry lost over one million jobs. That loss set the industry back from the previous eight years of growth. However, the loss was short-lived because construction is vital. After the pandemic in April 2022, a record-breaking 11.8 million people were employed in the industry. In December 2022, there were 413,000 job openings. In July 2023, there were 378,000. The most recent numbers in November 2023 were at 459,000.

What are the impacts and challenges of the construction labor shortage?

The labor supply and demand gap has had multiple effects on construction firms. Firms report less productivity and longer project schedules. They also can't bid on projects they normally would.

The limited hiring pool creates stress for unions and smaller firms. Rising labor costs force companies to accept lower profits or just say no to jobs. Safety concerns are also at an all-time high. Firms must invest more money into training and safety measures, which can be hard to accomplish.

### How can the construction industry fix the labor shortage?

The National Center for Construction Education and Research estimates that 41% of the construction workforce will retire by 2031. This is a staggering statistic. However, the industry can take the following three actions to face the challenges of labor shortage in the construction industry:

1. Recruit the next generation.
2. Invest in proper education and advertisement.
3. Shake the industry stigma.

AGC Chief Economist Ken Simonson says the “biggest takeaway from this year’s Workforce Survey is how much the nation is failing to prepare future workers for high-paying careers in fields like construction. It is time to rethink how the nation educates and prepares workers.”

### How can you build and leverage your workforce?

Another big tip to work through the construction industry labor shortage is capitalizing on your network. The key to success and longevity for your business is to use and expand the resources you already have. Set yourself up to reach and exceed your goals.

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## The children affected by Aliso Canyon’s historic gas leak are voting age. They want California to ban fracking

[ Article originally appeared in  
[www.calmatters.org](http://www.calmatters.org) ]

By Emma Kavcioglu, CalMatters

As I walked out of my third grade classroom on Oct. 23, 2015, I was immediately hit with a potent, suffocating smell. I instantly recognized it: gasoline.

Less than a mile away from my home, a faulty well at SoCalGas’ Aliso Canyon storage facility had caused the largest methane leak in U.S. history, releasing more than 100,000 metric tons of the potent greenhouse gas. It lasted over 100 days.

Roughly 8,300 families were forced to abandon their homes, mine being one of them. My school was completely relocated to a different campus, and my family moved into my grandmother’s home.

The worst part? People in my community suffered from heart issues, pneumonia and epilepsy because of these methane emissions. I felt the brunt of the pain when I ended up hospital-

ized with gastrointestinal issues for weeks after the leak.

Aliso Canyon is a major producer of hydraulically fractured gas. Also known as fracking, it’s a process that uses pressurized water to create cracks in shale rock to release oil and natural gas. While fracking wasn’t the cause of the leak, allowing it so close to residential communities increases the probability of dangerous methane exposure – like what happened at Aliso Canyon.

Despite this, SoCalGas downplayed their negligence and labeled the leak as an inconvenience, rather than a genuine health risk that devastated communities. Like so many other corporations, SoCalGas got a slap on the wrist from the government. They initially agreed to a \$4 million settlement and reopened the plant a few years later. State utility regulators reached a \$71 million settlement with the company last year.

That’s not surprising given how much oil and gas companies spend to convince government officials to support their businesses. In 2021 alone, these industries spent \$55.6 million

on lobbying to sway votes on environmental policy. In California last year, the Western States Petroleum Association and Chevron spent a combined \$15.3 million, the most of any lobbying group.

Given the environmental, health and safety implications, we need to support candidates in California who rally behind legislation to ban fracking.

On the environmental level, fracking-produced methane heats up the planet 80 times more than an equal amount of carbon dioxide over a 20-year span. Fracking sites also cause earthquakes – the Journal of Seismological Research identified 730 sites where fracking activity caused earthquakes over the past 150 years. When experts are predicting a major earthquake will strike California before 2032, fracking increases the likelihood and magnitude of future tremors.

Despite what cynics and special interests say, banning fracking is possible, but anti-fracking legislation continues to be shot down in the state Legislature. Gov. Gavin Newsom is partly to

blame because he has never fully supported an outright ban – he’s only halted new permits.

More importantly, fracking poses an inherent danger, and for voters this should be nonnegotiable. The fracking process intrinsically releases radon, a radioactive gas that causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year. There is no way to hydraulically frack without releasing radon, which is why it is so important for candidates to support a complete ban, rather than slow reforms like California has adopted.

It’s 2024, and many of the children that were affected by the Aliso Canyon gas leak are now registering to vote for the first time. For candidates to win our votes in upcoming elections, they need to prove that they are willing to fight dangerous oil and gas companies so that what happened in my community will never happen to another.

That starts with a statewide ban on fracking.

**SOURCE:** <https://calmatters.org/commentary/2024/04/aliso-canyon-california-fracking-ban/>



# CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



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

**Project: Roadway, Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project**  
EDA No. 07-79-07487  
**Phase II Roadway Improvements**  
Engineers Estimate: \$3.4 MIL  
DBE Goal: 19.8%  
Owner: Mariposa County  
**Bid Date: Friday May 3rd, 2024 @ 2:00PM**

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS, AC DIKES, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CONCRETE FLATWORK/PAVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, GUARDRAIL, HANDRAILING, MASONRY, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING.

**Project Description:** The work consists of, in general, constructing storm drain, curb & gutter, sidewalk, grind & overlay road pavement, bridge deck rehabilitation, retaining walls, parking lot improvements.

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**  
[estimating@mountaincascade.com](mailto:estimating@mountaincascade.com)

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

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**American Modular Systems, Inc.**  
We are requesting bid quotations from all Subcontractors and Suppliers and DVBE Subcontractor/Supplier for the following:

Guadalupe Union School District  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER  
MODULAR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT

**BID DATE: May 16, 2024 at 3pm**

PLEASE **EMAIL** US YOUR BID PROPOSAL **NO LATER THAN** May 10th at **NOON**.  
THANK YOU!

**American Modular Systems, Inc.**  
787 Spreckels Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336  
Attn: Corey Ptaszynski  
Email: [corey.p@americanmodular.com](mailto:corey.p@americanmodular.com)  
Phone: (209) 825-1921



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**Project: Roadway, Water, and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project Phase II**  
EDA No. 07-79-07487

Owner: County of Mariposa Public Works  
**Bid Date: May 03, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.**

DBE Goal: 19.8%  
WBE Goal: 6.9%

Engineers Estimate: \$3,400,000

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

FABRICS AND OILS, PIPE SUPPLIERS, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, COLD PLANE, AGGREGATE BASE, AC DIKES, GRINDING, STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, SOUNDWALL- MASONRY PRECAST, REINFORCING STEEL- REBAR, STELL STRUCTURE, SIGN STRUCTURE, SIGNS ROADSIDE, CONCRETE CURB & SIDEWALK-MISC, FENCING, METAL BEAM GUARD RAILING, METAL RAILING, THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAINTED TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, SIGNAL AND LIGHTING, SURVEYOR, SWPP PLAN ONLY, WATER TRUCK, SWEEPER, TRUCKER, GEOTECH

**Project Description:** The work to be done consists of, in general, constructing storm drain, curb & gutter, sidewalk, grind & overlay pavement, bridge deck rehabilitation, retaining walls, parking lot improvements, and other miscellaneous items as specified in the plans and specifications.

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**Project: Walnut Ranch Unit I, II and III Water Line Improvement Project**  
Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project  
Engineers Estimate: \$4 MIL  
DBE Goal: 24%

Owner: City of Colusa  
**Bid Date: April 30th, 2024 @ 2:00PM**

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, LOW DENSITY CELLULAR GROUT, PIPE SUPPLIERS, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING/PAVING/STAMPED, CONCRETE FLATWORK/STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPPP, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, VALVES/METERS.

**Project Description:** The work consists of, in general, removal of existing water supply well, abandoning existing water piping, installation of new water mains, services, fire hydrants, valves and meter boxes, boxes and service tie-ins.

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**Project: Callander Avenue Improvements Project**  
Federal Aid Project Number: STPCML 5255(061)  
Owner: City of Riverbank

**Bid Date: May 02, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.**  
DBE Goal: 18%

Engineers Estimate: \$1,005,000

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ELECTRONIC BID, MCI IS REQUESTING ALL QUOTES TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THEN 12PM TO ENSURE QUOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED\*\*\*\*\*

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE, MBE, WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: FABRICS AND OILS, PIPE SUPPLIERS, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, COLD PLANE, LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION, LIMETREATMENT, AGGREGATE BASE, GRINDING, STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, SOUNDWALL- MASONRY PRECAST, SIGNS ROADSIDE, ROCK SLOPW PROTECTION, CONCRETE CURB & SIDEWALK-MISC, THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAINTED TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, SIGNAL AND LIGHTING, MESSAGE SIGNS/ LIGHTING & SIGN ILLUMINATION, SURVEYOR, SWPP PLAN ONLY, WATER TRUCK, SWEEPER, TRUCKER

**Project Description:** Work on the project includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and incidentals necessary for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along with pavement rehabilitation including installing new curb, gutter, sidewalk, bicycle path, median island, rapid flashing beacon system, crosswalks, and pavement resurfacing and all other work included on the plans for the above-mentioned project. Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**  
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**Project: Construction on State Highway in Fresno County near**  
Kerman from Goldenrod Avenue to Brawley Avenue  
Contract No. 06-1F8304

Owner: Caltrans  
**Bid Date: May 3rd, 2024 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID**

DVBE Goal: 3%  
SBE Goal: 5%

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DVBE/SBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

FABRIC AND OILS, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROLS, COLD PLANE, AC DIKES, GRINDING, SIGNS ROADSIDE, THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAINTED TRAFFIC STRIPE & MARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, SIGNAL AND LIGHTING, DETECTOR, SWPP PLANNING, WATER TRUCK, SWEEPER, TRUCKER.

**Project Description:** The project includes, but not limited to, Cold Plane AC Pavement, RHMA-G and HMA (Type A)

Engineers Estimate: \$3,460,000

Plans and specs can be obtained at : <http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads>  
Or contact: [estimating@mountaincascade.com](mailto:estimating@mountaincascade.com)

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 ESTIMATOR: DAVID CZECH  
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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:  
**ROUTE 32 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN BUTTE COUNTY IN CHICO FROM MUIR AVENUE TO INTERCHANGE OF STATE ROUTES 99 AND 32, Contract No. 03-4H76U4, Federal-Aid Project ACHSNH-P032(051)E, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 22%**  
**OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
 1727 30th Street, MS 43, Sacramento, CA 95816

**BID DATE: MAY 2, 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, Biologist Consultant, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Cold Plane, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Erosion Control, Landscaping, Lead Compliance Plan, Minor Concrete, Roadside Signs, Sawcutting, Striping, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Testing, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material, Rubberized HMA (Open Grade) Material and Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 3855 N Freeway Blvd Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the dropbox site at [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51\\_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0) or from the Owner's site at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/all\\_adv\\_projects.php](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php)

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

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

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 ESTIMATOR: GARRY DAY  
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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is requesting bids for the project listed below:

**TREASURE ISLAND BUILDING 1 EXISTING PARKING LOT DESIGN ASSIST & BUILD - SITE IMPROVEMENTS**  
 Small Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 41%

**OWNER: TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP • 1 Sansome Street, Suite 3200, San Francisco, CA 94104**

**CM/GC: DESILVA GATES CONSTRUCTION • 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA 94568**

**BID DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.**

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Small Business Enterprises/Local Business Enterprises, and solicit their contractor or materials and/or suppliers' quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

CONSTRUCT BUILDING 1 DESIGN BUILD SITE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEMATIC PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THE PROVIDED DROPBOX LINK. SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES SURVEYING, LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION, ELECTRICAL, CONCRETE PAVING, STRIPING, & PARK FURNISHINGS.

Schematic Plans and specifications may be reviewed and downloaded from the Dropbox sites at:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mj5lqilmqxbmne8ivvbd/AF9-8ydB\\_6hYEPGLz8fduk?rkey=h93btzviavm3v7n3jmep31kzfm&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mj5lqilmqxbmne8ivvbd/AF9-8ydB_6hYEPGLz8fduk?rkey=h93btzviavm3v7n3jmep31kzfm&dl=0)

Information is also available on the City and County of San Francisco's website at <https://sftreasureisland.org/contracting-ticd>

Email bids to [gday@desilvagates.com](mailto:gday@desilvagates.com) to the attention of Estimator Garry Day. If you have questions, please email.

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**San Fernando Transit Constructors (SFTC)** of 1995 Agua Mansa Rd., Riverside, CA requests sub-bid quotes from all interested firms, including certified DBE's including, for the following scopes on the **East San Fernando Valley LRT project**.

- PVC Conduit Materials
- Waterline Installation/Relo
- Jack and Bore 48" Casing
- Ready Mix Concrete
- Temp. Fence Materials
- Temp. Noise Barrier
- Potholing/Vac Truck
- Temp. Shoring Materials
- Temp. Street Plates
- Traffic Control Materials
- Tree Replacement
- Asphalt Paving
- Flatwork
- Striping & Markings
- Rem. & Repl. Roadside Signage
- Traffic Control
- Outside Trucking (Hauling)

**Owner:** LACMTA (Metro). Contract No. PS89616000 RFP

**Bid Due Date:** May 10, 2024 at 2:00pm.

**Plans & Specs** Can be viewed at our office Mon. to Fri. 7am to 4pm (call for appointment) or downloaded:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/6501ff0dd74641003b21b2c6/projects/661855edb58cbe004311e6f5>

**Online Prebid (Not Mandatory):** May 2, 2024 at 10am. For more information visit [SFTCJV.com](http://SFTCJV.com)

Should you have any questions or desire to quote on this project, please contact Rebecca Unter, DBE Compliance Coordinator at (510) 274-1166 or [rebecca.unter@sftcgv.com](mailto:rebecca.unter@sftcgv.com). Assistance in bonding; insurance; lines of credit; or obtaining equipment, supplies and materials is available upon request. This advertisement is in response to LA Metro's DBE program. SFTC intends to conduct itself in good faith with DBE firms regarding participation on this project. More info about this project is available at [www.sftcgv.com](http://www.sftcgv.com). San Fernando Transit Constructors is an EEO/AA/Vet/Disability Employer.



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 ESTIMATOR: PAUL BRIZUELA  
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**CALAVERAS BOULEVARD NEAR-TERM IMPROVEMENTS – Contract C23056**  
 Small Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 25%

**OWNER: SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
 3331 North First Street, Building B, San Jose, CA 95134

**BID DATE: APRIL 29, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.**

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Small Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:

AC DIKE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, K-RAIL SUPPLIER, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, ROADSIDE SIGNS, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, UNDERGROUND, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, EROSION CONTROL MATERIAL, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, EROSION CONTROL, SWPPP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARATION.

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**ROUTE 99 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SUTTER COUNTY ON ROUTE 99 NEAR NICOLAUS FROM 0.3 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 70 JUNCTION TO 0.6 MILE SOUTH OF LAUREL AVENUE, Contract No. 03-3G2704,**  
 Small Business Enterprises Goal Assigned 25%

**OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
 1727 30th Street, MS 43, Sacramento, CA 95816

**BID DATE: APRIL 30, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.**

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Small Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:

Cold Plane, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Rumble Strip, Striping, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Testing, Traffic Control Systems, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Rubberized HMA (Open Grade) Material and Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade Material)

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 3855 N Freeway Blvd Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the dropbox site at [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51\\_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0) or from the Owner's site at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/all\\_adv\\_projects.php](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php)

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

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

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

## Looking for Subcontractors, Vendors, and Suppliers?

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# CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



## Notification of Prequalification Process Qualified Subcontractors and Suppliers Requested

Swinerton Builders, representing California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) as their Construction Manager, invites trade contractors with and without design/design assist capabilities to prequalify by submitting qualifications for the contract noted below.

**TASK ORDER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS, TOCA 011**  
CSU Long Beach Campus 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840

**Deadline for prequalification packages: May 3, 2024**  
\$30 million dollars' worth of Potential Projects

BKS Remodel	Remodel existing office, conference room and shop space. Potential ADA upgrades for path of travel and existing elevators and restrooms.
KIN Gender Neutral Locker Room	Convert existing space into multi stall locker room.
Beachside Fire Alarm Phase 1	Replace and upgrade existing FA system.
Beachside Fire Alarm Phase 2	Replace and upgrade existing FA system.
Beachside - Atlantic Kitchen	Remodel existing space for student use of kitchen.
Beachside - Atlantic Apartment	Convert and remodel existing space into apartment.
Beachside Pacific Apartment	Convert and remodel existing space into apartment.
CDC Child Development Renovation	Classroom, office and playground improvements. Includes code modifications and repairs.
Sustainability Center	Central Plant upper deck renovation; hardscape, pavers, roofing, low voltage and shade structures.
KIN Life Fit Remodel	Approximately 16,000 s.f. renovation of a fitness gym, studios and labs.
Unidentified Projects	Potentially multiple projects; parking lot repairs, parking structure repairs, office/classroom remodels, tenant improvements, etc.
BKS Remodel	Remodel existing office, conference room and shop space. Potential ADA upgrades for path of travel and existing elevators and restrooms.

**The trade packages designated: All CSI Divisions 1 thru 33 -, including but not limited to:** Demolition, Abatement, Clean-up, Surveying, Landscape & Irrigation, Concrete, Site Concrete, Pavers, Masonry, AC Paving, Striping, Misc. Metals, Sheet Metal, Millwork, Rough Carpentry, Waterproofing, Roofing, Framing & Drywall, Doors/Frames & Hardware, Glass & Glazing, Floor Coverings, Wall Coverings, Painting, Acoustical Ceilings, Toilet Partitions, Theater Seating, Signage, Wheel Chair Lifts, Elevators, Underground Utilities, Fire Sprinkler, Plumbing, HVAC, Audio Visual, Kitchen Equipment, Specialties, Electrical, Telecom, Fire Alarm, etc.

This solicitation also seeks subcontractors with design-build and design-assist capabilities for fire alarm, fire sprinklers, shade structures/canopies, MEP trades and such.

Swinerton Builders and CSULB will evaluate the prequalification packages and then approve qualified responders to be on the final bid list. No bid will be accepted from a contractor that has failed to meet the prequalification requirements.

**Mandatory DVBE & SBE Participation:** CSULB and Swinerton Builders have set a mandatory participation level of **6% DVBE** and **25% SBE** for this Contract. Therefore, we encourage DVBE and SBE subcontractors to participate in this bidding effort.

This project is subject to prevailing wage and the CM's prequalification requirements.

Prequalification packages can be obtained by contacting: Veronica Miguel

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Miguel, [vmiguel@swinerton.com](mailto:vmiguel@swinerton.com) 213.896.3400



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REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE & DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:  
**Construction on State Highway in Santa Clara County in San Jose and Mountain View from Guadalupe River Bridge to North Shoreline Boulevard Overcrossing**

Contract Number: 04-2Y5504

Owner: Caltrans

Location: San Jose, CA, HWY 101

Engineers' Estimate: \$1,920,000

**BID DATE: May 14, 2024 @ 2:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: **Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Stationary Impact Attenuator Vehicle, PCMS, Water Pollution Control Program, Temporary Drainage Inlet Protection, Street Sweeping, Noise Monitoring, Tack Coat, Pavement Markers, Striping and Trucking.**

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

**We are an Equal Opportunity Employer**

## U.S. General Services Administration and U.S. Department of Energy announce procurement opportunity for Tribal businesses to help advance clean energy goals

[ Article originally appeared in  
[www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) ]

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the White House Council on Native American Affairs, seeks to purchase Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs) from a Tribal majority-owned business organization using the Indian Energy Purchase Preference (IEPP). The solicitation will lead to the first ever procurement under the IEPP in support of Biden's Federal Sustainability Plan goal of powering all federal operations with carbon-free electricity by 2030 and the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to Tribal nations.

On Nov. 30, 2022, the Administration announced its commitment to ensure that investments in the clean energy economy reach Tribal lands. As part of that work, the Administration created a new initiative to increase federal agencies' use of Tribal energy through their purchasing authorities, including a pilot program. This GSA procurement furthers the Administration's goal to pilot the IEPP and provides additional opportunities for Tribes to participate in the clean energy market.

"As we move the federal government toward 100% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2030, we're also working to ensure that investments in the clean energy economy reach Tribal communities," said GSA Administrator

Robin Carnahan. "This solicitation to Tribal majority-owned businesses is another way we can accomplish those goals while strengthening our partnerships with Indian Country."

"It has been almost 20 years since Congress authorized the IEPP, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs has made implementing this preference a top priority. This marks yet another opportunity for Tribes to lead the way in the transition to clean energy. When clean energy generation occurs under Tribal sovereignty, it ensures that cultural values are upheld, and leads to the best outcomes for livelihoods in Indian Country," said Wahleah Johns, Director of the DOE Office of Indian Energy.

The IEPP, which allows agencies to give preference to Tribes when buying energy products or byproducts, was established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, but had not been used by the federal government before this procurement. After assuming office, President Biden reestablished the White House Council on Native American Affairs, which has been coordinating across agencies, including GSA, to implement the IEPP. This pilot is one of many new carbon pollution-free electricity (CFE) procurements being implemented by GSA.

**Visit the link for the full article:**  
[bit.ly/4b8b2u6](https://www.gsa.gov/transaction/procurement/procurement-notice/4b8b2u6)



**PROJECT NAME: HVAC Improvements at International Terminal**

**BID DATE: May 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM**

Swinerton is requesting quotations from certified SBE's and DBE's. The project has a 1.4% goal. Provide "Local Hiring and Business Program Requirements".

Building Construction Estimate is: \$50M

**Scopes:** Electrical

**Project Description:**

The International Terminal at SFO is comprised of the International Terminal Building (ITB), Boarding Area A (BAA) and Boarding Area G (BAG). The International Terminal HVAC system consists of air handling units (AHUs) which are past their useful life expectancy. Replacing these components will improve smoke control compliance, reduce energy usage, and improve resilience. The base bid includes the replacement of AHU components in ITB Level 2 and 3, BAA, and BAG. The components to be replaced include variable frequency drives, fans, control valves, sensors, dampers, media filters, and actuators. Additionally, photocatalytic oxidation filtration and volatile organic compound sensors will be installed at each AHU to improve indoor air quality and improve the passenger experience. Bid Alternate 1 includes the replacement of AHU components and installation of photocatalytic oxidation filtration and volatile organic compound sensors in ITB Levels 1, 4, and 5. Assume project starts on November 1, 2024

**PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Current Bid Opportunities - Swinerton**

**WE REQUEST BIDS FROM ALL SUBS**

Contact: Karl Rocha

Tel: (415) 617-1493

EMAIL TO: [krocha@swinerton.com](mailto:krocha@swinerton.com)

Please submit your bid to Karl Rocha via SmartBid or by email.

We reserve the right to require all subcontractors to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds from a U.S. Treasury-listed surety. Premium cost to be included as a separate item. At our discretion, a bid bond and/or letter of bondability from a U.S. Treasury-listed surety may be required within 48 hours of demand. Swinerton Builders is an equal opportunity employer requesting subcontractor bids from all interested firms including disadvantaged, minority, women, veterans and emerging small business enterprises.

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## Why Is There a Labor Shortage in Construction?

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At the end of the day, there is no magic fix to the labor shortage. This issue requires that the industry, associations, and companies of every size come together to face this issue head-on. We must work in harmony with a multi-faceted method that is faced head-on.

Our free Labor guide provides practical tips and tricks for attracting, hiring, and retaining quality construction professionals. It also provides ideas on how to maintain and leverage your current workforce so that you can find, manage, estimate, and win more bids.

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