

Construction Association Releases First-of-its-kind Decarbonization Playbook To Help Firms Assess, Track & Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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The Associated General Contractors of America released today a new, first-of-its-kind, decarbonization playbook designed to help firms assess, track and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the projects they build. The new resource, titled The AGC Playbook on Decarbonization and Carbon Reporting in the Construction Industry, is part of the association's broader efforts to make sure construction firms play a leading role in crafting carbon-reduction measures for the industry.

"This new tool will help firms understand the basics of tracking carbon emissions, including who is responsible for those emissions, how to track them and what are the best ways to cut them," said Jeff Shoaf, chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America. "This is the first document of its kind written by contractors, for contractors, to help them assess the impacts of the projects they are hired to build."

The new resource outlines a four-step process firms can follow to work with partners to confirm who should be accountable for various carbon emissions associated with a construction project. It also outlines how to document who is accountable for those emissions to limit surprises and risks for everyone involved in a construction project.

The decarbonization playbook also includes resources to help firms calculate the carbon footprint of their projects. This includes the carbon emissions related to the manufacture of key project materials like concrete, steel, asphalt, and flat glass. It also lays out ways for firms to track and report emissions related to the construction process itself, including carbon emissions from transporting materials and operating equipment on the jobsite.

In addition, the document offers a host of industry-identified strategies and tips for reducing carbon emissions from their projects, from proposing alternative, less carbon-intensive materials to ways to operate more efficient jobsites.



The playbook was written by a task force the association established in early 2023. Representatives from these AGC member firms worked for the last year to develop the new decarbonization playbook. The association released the text of the report today and will distribute the report to all members by the end of the month.

In addition to the playbook, the association continues to make resources available to members and share

proposals with policy makers about the best ways to reduce carbon emissions from the built environment. "Our goal is to make sure our members have clear, actionable and replicable resources to understand their responsibilities, measure the impacts of their projects and operate as efficiently as possible," Shoaf added.

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Newsom's proposed spending cuts spur backlash from affected California groups

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By Dan Walters, CalMatters

Just minutes after Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled a revised state budget with billions of dollars in spending reductions on Friday, advocates for affected programs began showering reporters with statements of dismay.

The gist of the complaints was that after Newsom and the Legislature had devoted attention and money to expanded health care coverage, prekindergarten education, income supports for the poor, undocumented immigrant assistance, homelessness, climate change and a myriad other left-of-center causes, the new budget would punish their recipients.

Building the California Dream Alliance, a consortium of nearly 60 groups, was among those disappointed with Newsom's budget, issuing a compendium of comments from its members, including the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

"Although we appreciate the governor maintaining previous expansions and grants, his approach balances the budget on the backs of low-income Californians through over \$3 billion in cuts," Linda Nguy, an associate director of the organization, said. "Instead of considering additional revenue solutions, the governor proposes to cut in-home supportive services for people who were previously excluded from Medi-Cal due to their immigration status, deeper CalWORKs cuts, and continued cuts to housing and homelessness prevention programs."

The League of California Cities, which has been sparring with Newsom over money to reduce homelessness, declared that Newsom's budget "will hurt those already most vulnerable in our communities: the unhoused, those who are one paycheck, eviction, or natural disaster away from homelessness, and those struggling to find safe and affordable housing."

While Newsom's first budget proposal, issued in January, minimized spending reductions and relied mostly on emergency reserves, deferrals

and accounting gimmicks to close what he said was a \$38 billion deficit, this month's revision raised the deficit to \$44.9 billion in 2024-25 and projected another \$28.4 billion gap in 2025-26.

"These are propositions that I've long advanced, many of them. These are things that I've supported," Newsom said. "But you've got to do it. We have to be responsible. We have to be accountable. We have to balance the budget."

As if to punctuate his position, Newsom's Department of Finance issued a nine-page summary of more than 250 specific reductions for the two fiscal years.

It's evident that many affected groups would, like the Western Center on Law and Poverty, prefer that Newsom seek tax increases to cover the state's deficits. Although the budget does contain some direct and indirect tax increases on corporations and health care providers, they would have only marginal effects on the deficit and Newsom for the umpteenth time declared opposition to any general tax hikes.

"There are no new taxes. I've not been one of those promoting taxes," the governor said, adding later, "No, I'm not prepared to increase taxes."

Newsom is in his final term as governor and thus is insulated from negative reaction to his spending cuts or opposition to taxes in California. He is, however, trying to expand his national political profile and drifting rightward might help him in that endeavor.

Democratic legislators, on the other hand, must worry about voter backlash and have close ties to unions and other groups disappointed with the budget. Many would prefer to raise taxes or use more reserve funds rather than make the spending cuts that Newsom wants.

Underscoring the political tension is the worrisome possibility – or perhaps probability – that deficits in recent and future budgets are not just blips, but imply that California now has a "structural deficit" with a fundamental mismatch of income and outgo.

SOURCE: <https://calmatters.org/commentary/2024/05/newsom-budget-cuts-groups-backlash/>



CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



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Owner: SFPUC
Bid Date: May 30th, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/SF Micro & LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Pipe suppliers, bypass pumping, electrical-building, fencing, pipe supports, valve, VCP pipe, reinforcing steel, traffic control, paintings/coatings, ground vibration, pre-manufactured pump station.

Project Description: The work includes but not limited to: replace existing Seacliff 1 Pump Station with a new underground pump station, gravity sewer and force main replacement, new mechanical and electrical cabinets along with new fencing.

Engineers Estimate: \$7 mill

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:
<http://www.sfpuc.org/bids.com> or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Project: O'Shaughnessy Dam Drainage and Miscellaneous Improvements
Contract No. HH-1015
Owner: SFPUC

Bid Date: June 6th, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/OBE & SF Micro & LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Concrete materials, low density cellular grout, concrete sealing, dewatering, saw cutting, misc.metals..

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Engineers Estimate: \$4.9 mill

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Telephone Number: 562-946-1816 • Fax Number: 562-946-3823
Lead Estimator: David Ryan • Email: David.Ryan@kiewit.com

Owner: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Project Name: Well 205 Perchlorate Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project; No. 2400417

Location: Valencia, California

Revised Bid Date: May 15, 2024 at 2:00p.m.

Request for DBE sub-quotes

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. ("Kiewit") is seeking quotes from qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), including Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Woman Business Enterprises (WBE), Small Business Enterprises (SBE), Small Business in Rural Area (SBRA), Labor Surplus Area Firms (LSAF), Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Businesses and all other business enterprises to perform as subcontractors, material contractors, and suppliers. DBEs must provide evidence of certification by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the Small Business Administration (SBA), the CADOT DBE Certification Program (CUCP), Tribal, State, and Local Governments, or Independent Private Organization Certifications.

The project consists of well pump and discharge pipe modifications, mechanical equipment, chemical treatment, building construction, and general site construction.

Kiewit is requesting quotes for various areas of work including but not limited to: Aggregates, demolition, ductile iron pipe, asphalt paving, curb and gutter, fencing, landscaping contractors, ready mix supplies, concrete reinforcing installation, precast concrete, masonry work, metals, steel fabricated pipe, plastic fabrication, sheet metal roofing, overhead doors, plaster and gypsum board, painting and coating, louvers and vents, water supply and treatment equipment, chemical feed equipment, bolts and gaskets, hangers and support, valves, water well contractors and HVAC.

Firms interested in providing a sub-quote for this project must contact Kiewit and responding firms will be issued an "Invitation to Bid" through Kiewit's electronic use of Building Connected system (at no cost to bidder) with project information and bid instructions. Plans and specifications are also available for review at Kiewit's office.

This is a public works project and is subject to state prevailing wage rates. The Project is funded in whole or in part by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("WIFIA") administered by the EPA and is therefore subject to the American Iron and Steel ("AIS") Provisions, Build America, Buy America Act, DBE Program requirements and the Davis-Bacon Related Acts.

Responsive bidders must possess a valid California Contractor's license (as appropriate) and provide acceptable insurance. Responsible subcontractors and material contractors may be required to provide bonding for 100% of their contract value. Kiewit will reimburse bond premiums. Kiewit is signatory to collective bargaining agreements with the carpenters, laborers, cement masons, ironworkers, operating engineers and teamsters. Kiewit will consider quotes from any and all bidders who demonstrate an ability to foster and maintain labor harmony on the Project.

Kiewit intends to conduct itself in good faith with all project participants on this project. For further information regarding this project, insurance, bonding, related assistance with equipment, supplies, and materials, or the project schedule, please contact our Lead Estimator.

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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:

Ballico Cressey School District
Project No. 23-12894
Modular Package New TK-Kindergarten
Modular Classroom Building
BID DATE: May 29, 2024 at 11:00 am

PLEASE **EMAIL** US YOUR BID PROPOSAL **NO LATER THAN May 28, 2024 at NOON**. THANK YOU!

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REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Airport Perimeter Dike Phase 2
Seismic Improvements, South Field
Oakland International Airport
Port of Oakland 2024-03-A1
AIP 3-06-0170-(FUTURE)
BID DATE: May 29, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

O. C. Jones & Sons, Inc. is soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Temporary and Permanent Hydroseed and Erosion Control Measures, QC/QA Testing, Traffic Control within Air Operations Area, Traffic Control outside Air Operations Area, SWPPP, Survey and Utility Locates, Chain Link Fence and Gates, and Construction Materials

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Jean Sicard (510-809-3411 jsicard@ocjones.com) and Mark Morrison (510-636-2144 mmorrison@condon-johnson.com) are the estimators on this project and are available to provide assistance or answer questions regarding the project scope of work including bid requirements, break out of bid items, plan or spec interpretation, bonding or insurance requirements, and other bid assistance. Plans are also available under the Bids/RFPs/RFOs/Permits tab at the Port of Oakland website at: <https://www.portofoakland.com/business/bids-rfps/>. PDF format quotes should be emailed to the estimator or faxed to 510-526-0990 prior to 10:00 AM on the date of the bid. Quotes from DBE Subcontractors, Suppliers and Truckers are highly encouraged. OCJ/CJA is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Subcontractors must possess a current DIR, Contractors License, and insurance and workers compensation coverage including waiver of subrogation. OCJ/CJA may require Performance and Payment bonds on subcontracts. OCJ/CJA will pay the bond premium up to 2% of the contract value. Please contact OCJ/CJA for any assistance required by your firm in obtaining bonding or insurance. The US Small Business Administration may also assist you in obtaining bonding - please see the following site for information: <http://www.sba.gov/content/contractors>. Visit the California Access to Capital Program Financing Solutions website for additional resources for your small business - http://www.calbizfinance.org/cal_cert_biz_program.html. OCJ/CJA is available to help obtain necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. All subcontractors are required to execute OCJ/CJA standard subcontract agreement, comply with all insurance requirements, and name OCJ/CJA as additional insured. Copies of our agreement and insurance requirements are available upon request. OCJ/CJA is a Union contractor, and we are signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, and Carpenters. OCJ/CJA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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1 PM to 2 PM

260 Townsend Street, Third Floor Cafe, San Francisco



AGENDA

- Meet the Gene Friend Team
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