

# For California high-speed rail to succeed, part of the Central Valley will have to wait

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By Yousef Baig

Since Gov. Gavin Newsom's first State of the State address six years ago, California has stopped pursuing a high-speed rail system that actually connects the Bay Area to Southern California, as was promised to voters in 2008. And in that void, politicians, pundits and a mostly partisan minority of voters howled and cried boondoggle, discounting the new focus — building only the Central Valley segment — in the same breath.

In a project update for state lawmakers released Friday, the California High-Speed Rail Authority unveiled the latest ridership and revenue projections for the Central Valley line and several other potential routes. The new data — the project's first in two years — paints a harsh picture of an unprofitable bullet train, beset by too few riders in the state's agricultural heartland, and costs for upkeep that would dwarf the money it makes unless it expands.

Authority officials have previously acknowledged that the 171-mile Merced to Bakersfield line would require a subsidy to operate, a point often drowned out in the narrow debate that surrounds the project. Authority CEO Ian Choudri, now one year into the job, seems to be betting that a blunt conversation and new funding strategy — free of government aid — could convince lawmakers to endorse a new direction.



A construction site for a segment of the high-speed rail outside of Hanford on Oct. 20, 2023. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

But there's a potential catch: It only might be feasible if the project is allowed to put the northernmost extension to Merced on hold.

Salvation for high-speed rail apparently lies in Gilroy, the world's garlic capital, and its potential to connect Silicon Valley to the Central Valley — or even as far south as Palmdale — by 2038. As the southern terminus for the Caltrain system, the agrarian city has long been considered high-speed rail's best chance of reaching San Francisco.

It's a bold vision worth supporting, despite the significant technical, legal, regulatory and political hurdles. Choudri, who has previously worked

on high-speed rail in France and Spain, appears dead set on ending the project's reliance on fluky government grants and attracting private investors, as many foreign bullet trains have done.

"I was not coming here to just say, 'What is authorized to build?'" Choudri said in an interview. "I was here to give a scheme that works for the entire high-speed rail network — that we committed to do since the inception of this program. So I had to look at other opportunities as well."

Those opportunities could hollow out some of the promises made to the Central Valley, where local officials are planning and designing train stations, revitalizing senescent corridors and

hoping a new artery to Silicon Valley can reel in lucrative new industries. High-speed rail has captured the imagination of historically neglected neighborhoods, such as southwest Fresno, inspiring support in the unlikely corners of California's conservative farm belt.

But retooled analyses show the Merced-Bakersfield line would generate as much as 2.2 million annual rides — just one-third of the yearly trips estimated in the last update for lawmakers two years ago. Passenger revenue similarly plummeted in the newest calculations, generating

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## Skilled Trades Are the Ultimate “Remote-Proof”, AI-Resistant Career Path

[ Article originally appeared in [www.forconstructionpros.com](http://www.forconstructionpros.com) ]

By Fraser Patterson

For decades, our society has overlooked an entire generation of Americans. While Silicon Valley celebrated technological disruption and universities churned out knowledge workers, we neglected the very people who quite literally built this country: the electricians, plumbers, welders and carpenters. The backbone of American infrastructure faded into the background in an economy obsessed with screens and algorithms.

We pushed the college degree as the only reliable path, convincing ourselves that making an impact required sitting behind a desk. Bright minds were funneled into cubicles, while the skilled hands that keep our lights on, our water flowing and our buildings standing were dismissed as “blue collar” as if working with your hands was inherently less valuable than working with spreadsheets.

Enter the massive adoption and democratization of artificial intelligence. Today, the widespread use of large language models has already proven that AI can perform most, if not all, entry-level tasks faster, cheaper and often more accurately than humans.

The shift is already underway. In the first phase, AI is outpacing entry-level knowledge workers in speed, accuracy and cost effectiveness. In the next phase, advanced AI agents will take on more complex knowledge work, putting intense downward pressure on wages for anyone not in the top tier of their field.

Suddenly, all the blue-collar jobs we've been so quick to dismiss or overlook are looking increasingly smart and essential.

The trades aren't simply surviving this massive shift — they are, in fact, the ultimate remote-proof career path.

### The Economics Are Simple

In some capacity, many industries have benefited from automation and AI. Manufacturing deploys robots for tasks in controlled environments. Retail leverages AI for inventory management and logistics. Even nursing can outsource a large portion of its admin work. Construction can't do any of that.

Ninety-four percent of construction companies say their single greatest challenge is sourcing the workers they need. The ongoing labor shortage in America underlines a basic economic principle:

when demand is high and supply is low, wages increase, significantly benefiting trade workers.

### AI Can't Fully Replace Skilled Trades

Three critical factors make a career in the trades uniquely “remote-proof”:

**1. High-fidelity dexterous work.** Programming a robot to navigate a half-built structure, assess water damage, or troubleshoot electrical issues in a 100-year-old building is beyond what current AI can manage. The environmental variability alone would break most AI systems.

**2. Local necessity.** You can't ship a bridge repair to China; critical infrastructure work happens where it's needed... locally, by local workers.

**3. Robotic Limitations.** The dexterity, judgment, and adaptability required for skilled trades remain far beyond current robotic capabilities, and even then, they'll be expensive and high-risk in construction environments.

### The Career Path Reality: Trades Are on the Rise

As skilled trades become scarcer and more valuable, companies will be forced to invest heavily in workforce development and rethink labor acquisition strategies.

We're already seeing this play out in a few ways:

- **Better pay scales** as demand outstrips supply
- **Improved career pathways** as companies fight to keep skilled workers
- **Technology integration** that makes tradespeople more effective, not obsolete

### The Talent Gap Opportunity


We're seeing a massive talent gap emerge, and this will continue to deepen. Many young, ambitious people continue to enroll in college programs that lead to careers increasingly threatened by AI. Meanwhile, trades offer:

- **Immediate earning potential** without student debt
- **Geographic flexibility** (every city needs electricians)
- **Entrepreneurship opportunities** (easy path to business ownership)
- **Future-proof demand** (infrastructure isn't optional)

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CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



**W.A. RASIC CONSTRUCTION**  
GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR

W.A. Rasic Construction is preparing a bid for the following project as a prime contractor and we are interested in receiving subcontractor quotations for items of work or materials required below from interested Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and Other Business Enterprise (OBE).

**Los Angeles Department of Water & Power**  
**Western Trunk Line – Phase 1**  
**Bid No. 7972**  
**Revised Bid Date: August 28, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**  
**Outreach: DBE/ MBE/WBE/OBE**  
**Senior Estimator: Ben Sebat (562) 928-6111**  
**Email: [bsebat@warasic.com](mailto:bsebat@warasic.com)**

**W.A. Rasic is requesting bids for the following trades and/or material supplies:**

Asphalt Cold Milling & Cap Paving, Traffic Signals, Sawcutting, Striping, Welding, Furnish Welded Steel Pipe, Furnish Earthquake Resistant Ductile Iron Pipe, Waterworks Supply, Furnish Aggregate Supply, Furnish Ready Mix Supply, Furnish Fiber Optic Conduit & Pull Box Supply, Trenchless Construction, Cathodic Protection, Trucking & Disposal, Welding Inspection, Survey, Cathodic Protection, Shoring, Equipment Rental

**NAICS Codes:**  
212321, 237310, 237990, 238190, 238210, 238990, 327320, 331210, 332996, 484110, 532412, 541370, 541690

**Plans & Specifications are available to review Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at no cost at our office located at 4150 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, Ca 90807.**

W.A. Rasic intends to seriously negotiate with qualified firms and will assist in obtaining bonds, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, supplies and materials upon request. W.A. Rasic will consider all DBE, MBE, WBE and OBE quotes, including those that are broken down into economically feasible tasks or quantities as well as arrange delivery schedules to facilitate and encourage maximum bidding participation. W.A. Rasic also encourages a consortium of DBE / MBE / WBE / OBE firms when a contract portion is too large to handle individually. Subcontractors must have a valid California Contractors License and must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as required by Section 1725.5 of the Public Contract Code. Subcontractors will be required to execute W.A Rasic's standard subcontract agreement and general insurance requirements. A copy of our subcontractor agreement and insurance requirements is available in electronic format upon request. W.A. Rasic reserves the right to require each subcontractor to provide payment and performance bonds in the amount of 100% of the subcontractor's bid. Bond Premium will be reimbursed up to a cost not to exceed 1.5%. W.A. Rasic is an equal opportunity employer and Union signatory Contractor.



**McCarthy is soliciting bids from qualified CBE (MBEs WBEs DBEs DVBEs) subcontractors and suppliers**

**Olive View – UCLA Medical Center Continuum of Care Facility**  
**Sylmar, CA**

**BID DATE: September 14, 2025**

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

**Project description:** The project will be constructed at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center campus located on the west side campus and on the corner of Hillside Drive and Bucher Avenue. It is the former site of various cottages which were demolished, and the parcel is now vacant. This project includes construction of the 3-story, 61,000 square foot Mental Health Facility with secure outdoor activity site and surface parking lot in adjacent space. The Mental Health Facility will be comprised of 3 programs with 16-beds each, for a total of 48 beds in a single 3-story building.

Our proposal will consider the development's placement among the larger campus and its ability to create a perimeter identity that recognizes the medical center and its relationship to the surrounding buildings. Make ready work for grading and fill should be taken into consideration as part of the scope of work. Additionally, the project will develop the site to provide limited on-site parking, utilities, and landscape/hardscape improvements between the project site and nearby Department of Agriculture buildings and parking lot.

**Project Location:** 14445 Olive View Drive, Sylmar, CA 91342

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

**Key Subcontractor Qualifications:** CA DBE Experience with Behavioral Health projects

**Key Dates:** Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued to Subcontractors – 09/04/25 via Building Connected website; Proposals Due to McCarthy Building Companies – 09/14/2025.

This project requires:

- Prevailing Wages
- Community Workforce Agreement
- 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:

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**1979 MISSION PH I:**  
2970 16th St, San Francisco, CA 94103

**LABOR REQUIREMENTS:** Prevailing Wage /  
Union Labor required for carpenters, laborers, operating engineers only / Local Hiring

**BID DATE: 09/09/25 @ 2 PM**

**BID DOCUMENTS:**  
All documents on BuildingConnected.  
Contact [estimating@cahill-sf.com](mailto:estimating@cahill-sf.com), 415-677-0611 for invitation/information.



**MCCARTHY BUILDING COMPANIES, INC.**

**Subcontractor Solicitation of Interest**

**MLK North Parking Structure**  
**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Bid Date: September 5, 2025**

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., working in conjunction with the Department of Public Works for Los Angeles County, is soliciting proposals from qualified subcontractors for the above listed project.

**Project description:** The MLK North Parking Structure project consists of a 4 level, 104,310 sf cast-in-place concrete parking structure at approximately 103,131 sf with 304 stalls and site includes surface lot with 9 stalls, landscaping, AC paving, concrete paving, etc. The façade includes metal panels, security screens, and building illuminated signage.

- McCarthy Building Companies is signatory to the Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters, and Operators Unions.
- Subcontractor Bids must be valid for 90 days.

**Project Location:** 11800 Holmes Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059

**Work categories include:** Reinforcing Steel, Masonry, Misc. Metal Fabrications, Barrier Cables, Roofing, Waterproofing, Sheet Metal, Expansion Joints, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Overhead Coiling Grilles, Resilient Flooring, Painting, Signage, Fire Extinguishers & Cabinets, Parking Access & Revenue Control System (PARCS), Earthwork, Ground Improvement, Asphalt Concrete Paving, Site Concrete, Pavement Markings, Landscaping & Irrigation.

**Key Dates:**

- 08/28/25: RFIs Due to McCarthy Building Companies via Building Connected website
- 09/05/25: Proposals Due to McCarthy Building Companies
- Approximate construction schedule: 12/2025 – 9/2026.

**Key Subcontractor Qualifications:** Award of subcontracts will be a best value selection including but not limited to the criteria listed below:

- Proposed Scope Value
- Price
- Bonding Capacity
- Compliance with Prevailing Wage Requirements
- Prequalification Status with McCarthy
- EMR for the last 3 years
- Skilled and Trained Workforce (STW) Participation
- Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Participation
- Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hire Program (LTWHP) Participation
- Countrywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) Participation

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

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

**ROUTE 101 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SAN MATEO COUNTY FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY LINE IN EAST PALO ALTO TO 0.2 MILES NORTH OF COLMA CREEK BRIDGE IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.**

Contract No. 04-1Q5824, Federal-Aid Project ACNH-Q101(441)E|  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 22%

**OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
1727 30th Street, MS 43, Sacramento, CA 95816  
**REVISED BID DATE: AUGUST 27, 2025 @ 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:

Biologist Consultant, Bridge, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Cold Plane, Concrete Barrier, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Erosion Control, Fencing, Landscaping, Lead Compliance Plan, Metal Beam Guardrail, Minor Concrete, Pipe Lining, Roadside Signs, Rumble Strip, Sign Structure, Striping, Survey/Staking, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Testing, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Vegetation Control, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Rubberized HMA (Open Grade) Material, Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material and Soil Densification (HDPE)

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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.

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**ROUTE 20 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN NEVEDA AND PLACER COUNTIES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM 0.1 MILE EAST OF DOW ROAD TO 0.5 MILE EAST OF YUBA PASS SEPARATION AND OVERHEAD**

Contract No. 03-0J5204, Federal-Aid Project ACNH-P020 (204) E  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 20%

**OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION • 1727 30th Street, MS 43, Sacramento, CA 95816**  
**BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 @ 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: AC DIKE, BIOLOGIST CONSULTANT, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, EROSION CONTROL, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, MISC. IRON AND STEEL, PIPE LINING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TESTING, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, AND HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

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**ROUTE 99 – FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN TEHAMA COUNTY IN AND NEAR LOS MOLINOS FROM BUTTE COUNTY LINE TO LOS MOLINOW CREEK BRIDGE**

Contract No 02-3H7704 Federal-Aid Project No. ACNH-P099(695)E  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 23%

**OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION • 1727 30th Street, MS 43, Sacramento, CA 95816**  
**REVISED BID DATE: August 27, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M..**

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**IMPROVEMENTS OF MEEKLAND AVENUE FROM BLOSSOM WAY TO EAST LEWELLING BOULEVARD, Specification No. 2329, Federal-Aid Project No. CRPL-5933(168)**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 21%

**OWNER: ALAMEDA COUNTY – 951 Turner CT, Rm 300 Hayward, CA 94545**  
**BID DATE: September 9, 2025 @ 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, Bridge, Cellular Concrete, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Construction Area Signs, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Fencing, Landscaping, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structure, Roadside Signs, Slurry Seal, Striping, Survey/Staking, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material, Class 4 Aggregate Base Material and Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material.

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Fax your bid to (925) 803-4263 or email to [dgcestimating@desilvagates.com](mailto:dgcestimating@desilvagates.com) to the attention of Estimator Victor Le. 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.

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.

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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: Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Digesters 7, 11 & 12 Rehabilitation**  
**Specification SD-450**

**Owner: East Bay Municipal Utility District**  
**Revised Bid Date: August 27th 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.**  
**Engineers Estimate: \$10,000,000 - 12,000,000**

**We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/ MBE/ WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:**  
**PIPE SUPPLIERS, STEEL PIPE SUPPLIERS, ELECTRICAL - BUILDING, FALSEWORK/ SCAFFOLDING/ FORMWORK, PIPE INSULATION, CONCRETE REPAIR, HVAC/ MECHANICAL, PAINTINGS/ COATINGS, ROOFING, VALVES GUYS**

**Project Description:**

Work includes the following: (1) remove and replace linings (or coatings) on digester internal steel and concrete surfaces. (2) Electrical and instrumentation work required to replace or modify digester overflow temperature sensors for each digester. (3) Structural repair work on the underside (inside) of the Digester 12 cover. (4) Remove and install new digester insulated roofing system on Digester 10 and spot repair of roof insulation at specific digesters. (5) Install new Class 1 Division 2 wiring, panels, and controls equipment at the flares. (6) install HVAC system in the Dewatering Building. (7) area gas monitor sensors, and (8) other miscellaneous improvements in and around the digesters.

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**

<http://www.ebmud.com/current-construction-bids> or: [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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**Project: Calpine Well and Treatment Project**  
**Owner: Sierra County Waterworks District No. 1**  
**Bid Date: August 27, 2025 @ 2pm**  
**Bid Completion: 400 Calendar Days**

TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc. is soliciting bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) for the Sierra County Waterworks District No. 1 Calpine Well and Treatment Project. As a prime contractor it is our intention to comply with the DBE participation goals established in the bid documents. We are seeking participation in the form of subcontractors, material suppliers and equipment vendors for the following:

**Surveying, Rebar, Concrete, Grading, Paving, Fencing, Masonry, HVAC, Doors, Roofing, Underground, Landscape, Painting & Coating, Electrical and Instrumentation, Trucking, Concrete Pumping, Ready Mix Concrete, Miscellaneous Metals, Valves, Piping, Pumps, Arborist, Tree Removal, Site Work/Excavation, Aggregate Supply, and Temporary Facilities.**

Subcontractors and suppliers must be licensed to conduct business in the state of California. Plans and specifications can be accessed at <https://www.sauerseng.com/Calpine%20Well%20and%20Treatment.html>. Plans and specs can also be viewed at our main office located in Sacramento at 3800 Happy Lane.

Please feel free to contact Jeremy Taylor at 916-395-8400 with any questions concerning bonding, insurance, lines of credit, and job overview. We look forward to your response.

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**Project: Urban Pocket Area 9- Colorado- Rouse Project**  
**Contract No. 220021**

**Owner: County of Stanislaus Department of Public Works**  
**Revised Bid Date: Sept. 3rd, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M.**  
**Engineers Estimate: \$24,681,024**

**\*\*\*\* Please have all quotes to the estimating department no later than 12pm on 09/02/25 to ensure they have been received and reviewed \*\*\*\*\***

**We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/ SBE/ WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:**  
**AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIALS, SLURRY, PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS AC OILS, ADJUST MH/ WV, CCTV, CONCRETE FLATWORK, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, ELECTRICAL- STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/ LOOPS, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, CORRUGATED METAL PIPE, PLASTIC PIPE, LIME TREAT, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, FDR**

**Project Description:**

The work to be accomplished includes constructing new curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, drainage inlets, storm drain piping and manholes, sewer piping and manholes, sewer laterals, water mains, water services, fire hydrants, new pavement, full depth existing pavement replacement, and installing new street light assemblies.

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**

[estimating@mountaincascade.com](mailto:estimating@mountaincascade.com)

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**Project: Construction on State Highway in Sutter County in Yuba City from Gray Avenue to Clark Avenue**  
**Contract No. 03-3J6804**

**Owner: Caltrans**  
**Bid Date: September 17th, 2024 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID**  
**DBE Goal: 21%**

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

**AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIALS, AC DIKES, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CONCRETE FLATWORK, ELECTRICAL- STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/ LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, HYDROSEEDING, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CORRUGATES METAL PIPE, LANDSCAPING/ IRRIGATION, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, ROAD SIGN/ SIGNAGE**

**Project Description:**

The project includes, but not limited to signals and lighting systems, HMA, and curb ramps. inch ID steel pipe and supports within the existing 60-inch conduit; and performing related required work.

**Engineers Estimate: \$2,630,000**

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**

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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**Project: Urban Pocket Area 10 – Bret Harte Project**  
**Contract Number 230005**  
**Owner: County of Stanislaus – Department of Public Works**  
**Bid Date: August 27th, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THIS BIDS AT 10AM – HAVE ALL QUOTES TO ESTIMATING NO LATER 5:00 P.M. AUG. 26TH,2025 TO ENSURE QUOTES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED \*\*\***

**We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/SBE/WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:**  
**Aggregates, Asphalt, Concrete Material, Slurry, Low Density Cellular Grout, Pipe Suppliers, Draining Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials, AC Oils, Adjust MH/WV, Analytical Testing, Asphalt Grinding, Concrete Flatwork, Construction Area Signs, Demolition, Erosion Control, Fencing, Sawcutting, Striping, Surveying, SWPPP, Traffic Control, Trucking.**

**Project Description:**

The work includes but not limited to: construct new curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, drainage inlets, storm drain systems, water services, fire hydrants, new pavement and partial depth existing pavement replacement.

**Engineers Estimate: \$18,000,000 Million**

**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**

<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=14599> or: [estimating@mountaincascade.com](mailto:estimating@mountaincascade.com)

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**Project: Lafayette Reservoir Tower Safety Upgrade**  
**Spec. No. 2175**  
**Owner: EBMUD**

**Bid Date: September 17th, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Low Density Cellular Grout, pipe Suppliers, Scaffolding, Divers, Steel Pipe, Construction Area Signs, Electrical-Building, Fencing, Hydroseeding, Misc. Metals, Trucking, Crane Rental, Valves/Water Main/Temp Facilities, Access Doors/Doors/Hardware/Gates & Actuators, Painting/Coatings, Roofing, Waterproofing, Concrete Repair, Bird Control/Netting.**

**Project Description:**

Work includes demolishing the upper portion of the tower and shortening it to El. 460 feet; removing the existing manual valve operators for gates; furnishing and installing new operators, slide gates, stems and stem guides and replacing trash racks and fish screens outlets; constructing a new metal control house with crane on top of the remaining tower; retrofitting the west conduit by replacing the entire existing 24-inch ID steel pipe within an existing 60-inch conduit, providing supports as required, and extending the pipe an additional approximately 70 feet to the dewatered tower; retrofitting the east conduit by furnishing and installing and encasing a new 36-inch ID steel pipe and supports within the existing 60-inch conduit; and performing related required work.

**Engineers Estimate: \$11 Million - \$14 Million**

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Email: [estimating@graniterock.com](mailto:estimating@graniterock.com)


REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE, Women-Owned Small Business, Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business & HUBZone Small Business firms  
SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:

Pajaro Flood Risk Management – Reach 6  
RFP No. W912P725BA012  
Owner: US Army Corps of Engineers  
Location: Watsonville, CA  
Engineers' Estimate: \$25 – 100 Million  
**REVISED BID DATE: August 28, 2025 @ 1:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: Sheet Pile, CIDH, Rebar, Quality Control, Vibration Monitoring, Erosion Control, Fencing, Hydro Seeding, Rock Slope Protection, Survey, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Steel Pipe 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.

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REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE & DVBE firms  
SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:

2025 Levee Repairs – San Joaquin River and Butte Slough  
Specification No. 24-06  
Contract No. C51667  
Owner: State of California, Department of Water Resources  
Location: Tracy, CA  
Engineers' Estimate: \$5,000,000  
**REVISED BID DATE: August 27, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**

Items of work include but are not limited to: Traffic Control, Staking / Survey, Tree Removal, Instream Woody Material, Irrigation, Seeding, Pole Cuttings, Erosion Control Fabric, Vibration Monitoring and SWPPP.

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# Skilled Trades Are the Ultimate “Remote-Proof”, AI-Resistant Career Path

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**We Need to Build Locally – and We Need to Start Now**

America’s infrastructure demands are massive and growing.

Data center construction is exploding, with a projected CAGR of 46% between 2022-2025. Climate adaptation requires new construction methods. Re-

newable energy and the upgrading of aging infrastructure all require constant skilled labor.

Furthermore, the era of remote work turned many white-collar jobs into globally competitive roles overnight, allowing companies to hire developers in Prague instead of Palo Alto. But you can’t remotely install plumbing in Denver from Budapest. Geographic constraints that seem like limitations are actually competitive

moats—he local electrician has something the remote knowledge worker doesn’t: location-based job security.

**Now Is the Prime Time to Start A Career**

We’re watching the largest wealth transfer in modern history—from replaceable knowledge work to irreplaceable skilled labor. Trades aren’t just remote-proof – they’re future-proof. While others worry about their jobs moving overseas or

vanishing to AI, skilled tradespeople will watch demand for their work grow, and their paychecks will follow.

The ultimate remote-proof career path isn’t remote at all. It’s local, tangible and more valuable than ever. The opportunity is now.

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# For California high-speed rail to succeed, part of the Central Valley will have to wait

\$55.6 million each year, a far cry from the \$156 million presented in 2023.

Over a 40-year period, authority officials estimate running the Merced-Bakersfield line would result in a \$3.8 billion loss. The initial segment currently faces an \$8.6 billion funding gap to reach Merced, with costs for the Central Valley phase growing roughly \$1.8 billion from the last estimate, now totaling \$36.8 billion.

On a more promising note, the new report estimates high-speed rail could eventually be profitable for California, earning as much as \$98.1 billion over four decades. But that would require reaching existing train lines in Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties.

The most ambitious and rewarding route would cost \$87.1 billion. As for the dream of a 500-mile bullet train that marries downtown San Francisco to L.A., that appears to be off the table, at least for now.

**Latest projections put Merced at risk**

Statewide, a wide majority of Californians still support high-speed rail, especially among registered Democrats and independent voters. That doesn’t mean construction hasn’t been painful,

as residents and businesses along the project’s path, from Madera to Fresno to Bakersfield, will tell you.

But it’s Merced that may be cast aside in the pursuit of the project’s larger ambitions. As the home to the newest campus in the University of California system and the “gateway to Yosemite,” Merced has been a seminal player in the high-speed rail discussion. But the authority has also lacked the funding to complete the design work, acquire the land and extend the construction beyond the 119-mile segment well underway.

The report published this week makes it clear that the only viable path is west to Gilroy and south to Palmdale, where the system can connect with Caltrain in the Bay Area and Metrolink and the High Desert Corridor in Southern California. There, the authority could try to piggyback on the enthusiasm for Brightline West, the privately funded high-speed train linking L.A. to Las Vegas later this decade.

In every scenario the authority put forward, the value of extending north to Merced was outweighed by insufficient ridership and expensive maintenance.

Of course, the California Legislature and governor would first have to authorize the change, including lifting a \$500 million spending cap on work outside the Central Valley. But the latest forecasts make it unmistakably clear what direction the project needs to go.

For Merced Mayor Matthew Serratto, to have the city pushed out of the initial segment would squander the time and effort local officials and many others have invested. Businesses in the project’s path, including a grocery store, homeless shelter and more, have been forced to relocate.

“I think the majority of people are probably gonna say ‘good riddance,’” Serratto said, noting the community’s animus for the project. “But I think a lot of people, too, are gonna say one — especially those in government — we’ve been planning for this for a long time. And two, we recognize that this is potentially a major benefit to our area. So yeah, there’s going to be disappointment.”

**The need for contagious urgency**

As determined as Choudri is, he will need a lot of things to go his way.

The most urgent is convincing the Legislature to back Newsom’s 15-year cap and trade extension, a long-running program that allows major polluters to pay for their emissions through a market system of auctioned credits. The market operates independent of the state’s general fund, and has provided about \$1 billion each year for the project.


The governor’s proposal would help high-speed rail sustain that amount until 2045, solidifying the only funding stream the project has had apart from the \$10 billion bond voters backed in 2008, and federal grants, which have been completely upended under President Trump. Unlike most transportation projects, the state has covered the vast majority of funding, accounting for almost three-quarters of the budget.

Cap and trade is key to attracting private investment, Choudri said, and represents the primary funding source for closing the Central Valley budget gap. Without it, the project is at risk of collapse.

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**Project: Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Residual Management Project**  
**Project No. 93234044 • Contract No. C0711**  
**Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District**  
**Bid Date: September 24th, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.**

\*\*\* Please note this is an electronic bid - MCI request that all quotes be received no later than 09/23/25 @12pm to ensure that the quote has been reviewed \*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* Note there is a PLA on this bidding contract \*\*\*\*\*

We are requesting quotes from all qualified SBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Aggregates, Concrete Material, Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials/Manholes/Vaults, Asphalt Paving/Stamped, Bypass Pumping, Shoring Subs, Concrete Flatwork/Structures, Demolition, Electrical-Building, Plastic Pipe, Landscaping/Irrigation, Reinforcing Steel, Welded Steel Pipe, Pipe Insulation, Crane rental, Access Doors/Doors/Hardware, Acoustical, Bldg. Masonry, Pumping Plant Electrical Equipment, Drywall, Fire Protection, Generators/Switchgear, HVAC/Mechanical, Drainage Pumping Equipment, Painting/Coatings, Plumbing, Grate, Valves/Water Main/Temp Facilities, Glass & Mirror, Bldg. Insulation.

**Project Description:**  
Modifications to existing sedimentation basins & pipe gallery, modifications to existing washwater handling & treatment facilities, modifications to existing washwater discharge structure, construction of new structures & facilities, installation of new chemical systems/fire protection systems/medium voltage substation/standby engine generator, new yard piping, installation of control systems.

**Engineers Estimate: \$65 Million - \$75 Million**  
**Time limit for completion of the work is 1825 calendar days**  
**Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:**  
<http://www.vendors.planetbids.com/portal/48397> or: [estimating@mountaincascade.com](mailto:estimating@mountaincascade.com)

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**REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:**  
**RHMA (Gap Graded), HMA and cold plane asphalt concrete pavement**  
**Hwy 4 near Stockton**  
**San Joaquin & Stanislaus Counties**  
**CT 10-1C0504**  
**BID DATE: September 25, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Temporary and Permanent Hydroseed and Erosion Control Measures, QC/QA Testing, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Stationary Impact Attenuator Vehicle, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Water Quality Sampling, Analysis, Monitoring, and Annual Report, Asbestos Compliance Plan, Treated Wood Waste, Invasive Species Control, Clearing & Grubbing, Imported Borrow, Data Core, Tack Coat, Cold Plane AC, CIDH Concrete Pile, Structural Concrete, Drill and Bond Dowel, Bar Reinforcing Steel, Sign Structure, Aluminum Walkway Grating, Public Safety Plan, Concrete, Bridge Removal, Concrete Backfill, Stress Reducing Slab, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Rock Slope Protection, Misc. Iron & Steel, Fencing, Delineator, Pavement Marker, Roadside Signs, Guardrail Systems, Minor Concrete, Crash Cushion, Concrete Barrier, Striping & Marking, Rumble Strip, Maintain Existing Traffic Management System Elements During Construction, Roadside Weather Information System, Changeable Message Sign System, Camera Systems, Electrical, and Construction Materials

Bill Jensen (510-809-3488 [bjensen@ocjones.com](mailto:bjensen@ocjones.com)) is the estimator on this project and is 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 and specs are available to review at our Berkeley office or can be sent out via Building Connected. Plans are also available under the Advertised Projects tab at the Caltrans website at: <http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/contract-awards-services.html>. PDF format quotes should be emailed to the estimator or faxed to 510-526-0990 prior to 12:00 PM on the date of the bid. Quotes from DBE Subcontractors, Suppliers and Truckers are highly encouraged. OCJ 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 may require Performance and Payment bonds on subcontracts. OCJ will pay the bond premium up to 2% of the contract value. Please contact OCJ 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](http://www.calbizfinance.org/cal_cert_biz_program.html). OCJ is available to help obtain necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. All subcontractors are required to execute OC Jones' standard subcontract agreement, comply with all insurance requirements, and name OCJ as additional insured. Copies of our agreement and insurance requirements are available upon request. OCJ is a Union contractor, and we are signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, and Carpenters. OCJ is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Sub-Bids Requested From DBE, MBE, WBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for:

**OWNER: SIERRA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1,**  
**CALPINE WELL AND TREATMENT PROJECT**  
**BIDDING SEPTEMBER 03, 2025 AT 2PM**

**Scope Of Work:** This project consists of the drilling and completion of a 570-foot deep public water supply well; the installation of a well pump and related equipment; the construction of a new well building with chemical feed, controls and telemetry and site work at well location site; the installation of approximately 1650-feet of 4-inch diameter C900 transmission pipeline from the new well building to a new water treatment building; the construction of a new water treatment building with filters, controls, backwash system and site work; the construction of a new 16,000-gallon bolted steel backwash tank; and installation of telemetry equipment at a remote tank site and one existing well site.

**DBE Work Available/ Items of Work:**  
Traffic Control, Concrete Pumping, Asphalt Concrete, Asphalt Paving, Reinforcing Steel, Pumping Plant Electrical Equipment, Generator, Well drilling & development, Fencing, Carpentry, Roofing, Painting, Doors, HVAC, Insulation, Heavy Equipment Rental, Demolition, Surveying, Sand & Gravel Supply, Concrete Supply, Doors & Frames Supply, Pipe Supply, Drainage System Supply, Storm Water System Supply, Material Testing Services, Dump Truck, Street Sweeper, Clearing & Grubbing.

If a portion of the work is too large for you to handle, contact us and we will try and break it into smaller portions. Subcontractors and suppliers must be licensed to conduct business in the state of California. Must be able to provide payment and performance bonds provided by approved surety company. SRC will pay bond premium up to 1.5% of subcontract amount and will assist with insurance compliance. SRC will work with subcontractors on joint check agreements. Plans and specs are available for viewing at our Folsom office and upon request will provide FTP site for electronic viewing of project. Bonding, insurance, lines of credit and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specifications for the work will be made available. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services for this project will also be offered.



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**REQUEST FOR DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:**  
**Cold plane AC pvmt & RHMA overlay, Const. MGS, replace pvmt delineation**  
**Hwy 101 Gilroy**  
**CT 04-1W1904**  
**BID DATE: September 16, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**


We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Temporary and Permanent Hydroseed and Erosion Control Measures, QC/QA Testing, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Stationary Impact Attenuator Vehicle., Portable Radar Speed Feedback Sign System, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, AC Dike, Tack Coat, Cold Plane AC, Pavement Marker, Guardrail Systems, Concrete Barrier Transition, Vegetation Control Minor Concrete, Remove Concrete Barriers & Guardrail, Striping & Marking, Rumble Strip, Maintain Existing Traffic Management System Elements During Construction, and Construction Materials.

Greg Souder (510-809-3430 [gsouder@ocjones.com](mailto:gsouder@ocjones.com)) is the estimator on this project and is 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 and specs are available to review at our Berkeley office or can be sent out via Building Connected. Plans are also available under the Advertised Projects tab at the Caltrans website at: <http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/contract-awards-services.html>. PDF format quotes should be emailed to the estimator or faxed to 510-526-0990 prior to 12:00 PM on the date of the bid. Quotes from DBE Subcontractors, Suppliers and Truckers are highly encouraged. OCJ 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 may require Performance and Payment bonds on subcontracts. OCJ will pay the bond premium up to 2% of the contract value. Please contact OCJ 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](http://www.calbizfinance.org/cal_cert_biz_program.html). OCJ is available to help obtain necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. All subcontractors are required to execute OC Jones' standard subcontract agreement, comply with all insurance requirements, and name OCJ as additional insured. Copies of our agreement and insurance requirements are available upon request. OCJ is a Union contractor, and we are signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, and Carpenters. OCJ is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Owner: The Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District  
Project Name: North Terminal Shore Power | Contract No. CMCRLP-6197(010)  
Location: 333 Ponomo Street P.O. Box 608 Port Hueneme, CA 93044  
Revised Bid Date: September 18, 2025, at 2:00p.m.

MEC will be requesting quotes for various areas of work listed in, but not limited to, the scopes of work below: demolition| grading| electrical duct banks| conduit| wire & cable| excavation| prefabricated metal building| installation of electrical devices| precast underground manholes & pull boxes| fire alarm| lighting| wire & cable| scaffolding| electrical testing| electrical procurement

**Project Description:**  
The North Terminal Shore Power Project will provide state of the art electrical infrastructure and electrical-grid-base connection allowing Roll-on/ Roll-off Ocean going vessels to shut down diesel auxiliary engines while at berth, connect into shore power, and effectively eliminate vessel diesel emissions while at berth. The scope of this project includes: demolition and removal work; installation of electrical equipment, underground and under wharf conduits, brackets, conductors, terminations, shore power connection interface equipment, electrical switchgear, neutral grounding resistors, NGR selector switch, transformers, panels, lighting, fencing, stripping, grading, guard posts, and all other work as shown on the project plans and specifications; trench, de-water, shoring, backfill, and resurface excavated areas to match existing pavement; Fill, compact, and grade voids and excavations caused by the demolition and removal work; grading of the work area; installation of prefabricated building; Install SCE infrastructure; apply dust control agent over graded area; Site cleaning and removal of debris, equipment, and excess material from the sites upon completion of work; Install shore power system; Other work.

Firms interested in receiving a bid package for this project must contact us at the e-mail address noted. Responding firms will be issued an "Invitation to Bid" through MEC's electronic use of Building Connected (at no cost to bidder) with project information and bid instructions. Plans and specifications will also be available for review at the address listed below if requested.

For further information regarding this project, licensing, insurance or bonding, equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services or project schedule, please contact: [rodrigo.castro@masselec.com](mailto:rodrigo.castro@masselec.com)