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### The Age of Uncertainty: Monitoring Construction Policy Shifts

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#### By Anirban Basu

In both 2023 and 2024, American capitalism shrugged off higher borrowing costs as investors desperately sought higher rates of return. Certain segments, especially those pertaining or adjacent to artificial intelligence were especially strong, often taking the form of data center construction. The supply-chain catastrophes accompanying the pandemic also spawned a desire to simplify logistics and place both manufacturing facilities and distribution centers closer to final consumers. That, along with an acceleration in the role of e-commerce, spawned the construction of fulfillment centers and manufacturing facilities.

But there has been even more than that driving demand for contractor services and expanding backlog. On Nov. 15, 2021, as the pandemic upended daily living, President Biden signed the Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act. That \$1.2 billion package has helped to fuel demand for construction services in segments like roads and highways, bridges, water/sewer and waste disposal. Not surprisingly, contractors associated with publicly financed segments have experienced among the largest increases in revenues in recent years.

On top of all that was an apartment building boom. A confluence of factors has driven Americans into high-end apartments. With mortgage rates and home prices higher, many millennials (the oldest of which turn 45 this year) opted to rent. Many are approaching their peak earning years. They have sought to live well, frequently opting for apartments in swanky sections of urban centers or emerging edge cities. That has spawned apartment building booms in Denver,

Dallas, Austin, Nashville, Charlotte, Tampa and many other communities.

Surveys conducted by Associated Builders and Contractors indicate confidence among contractors. The Construction Confidence Index entered the year meaningfully above the threshold reading of 50 in sales, employment and profit margins categories, signaling anticipated growth over the next six months. One wonders if this confidence will prove short-lived during the months ahead.

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Even before the recent spate of international trade wars, concerns were rising. The multifamily boom has been winding toward a close as elevated inflation over the past four years has worn down household finances while elevated construction and project financing costs rendered it more difficult for pro-formas to pencil out. According to a recent Realtor.com article, there were fewer than 294,000 multifamily rental units permitted for construction in 2024 across America's 50 largest metropolitan areas. That is the lowest number since 2017. Among the regions sustaining the largest declines in rents over a recent one-year period were Denver (-6%), San Diego (-6%), Austin (-5%) and Phoenix (-3%). Obviously, declining rents do not translate into simpler project financing.

Certain public contractors may also have become more nervous recently. Tariffs, of course, increase project delivery costs in a number of ways, including by putting upward pressure on the price of steel and other key inputs.

The Trump administration began implementing its 25% tariffs on March 12, 2025. Accordingly, the most recent producer price index data

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# California lawmakers finally achieve 'holy grail' reform of state's key environmental law

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#### By Dan Walters, CalMatters

Jerry Brown once described reform of the California Environmental Quality Act as "the lord's work" but he, like other recent governors, was not willing to invest enough political capital to change it.

Simply put, significantly altering CEQA, which then-Gov. Ronald Reagan signed more than a half-century ago, would require confronting two powerful interest groups: environmental organizations and labor unions, which have weaponized the law to achieve their goals.

Brown made one stab at compelling the Legislature to alter CEQA in 2016, but otherwise left it to his successor, Gavin Newsom.

For six years, Newsom echoed the attitudes of his predecessors, critical of CEQA's misuse to block housing and other much-needed projects, or compel developers to hire unionized labor or jump through other hoops, but unwilling to confront it head-on.

Instead, he and the Legislature nibbled at the edges of the law and gave specific projects, such as sports arenas, exemptions.

Finally, however, the social and economic costs of leaving CEQA intact became too high. The state's critical shortage of housing continued despite innumerable policy declarations aimed at spurring investment. It became downright embarrassing that a politically dominant Democratic Party pledged to socioeconomic equity was unable to deliver on promises to make housing more abundant and affordable.

California starred in a New York Times video that chastised blue states for failing to live up to their stated principles and in a recent book, "Abundance," about the nation's chronic inability to deliver much-needed projects due to regulatory overkill, such as CEQA.

This year, with Newsom nearing the end of his governorship and appearing to cast his eyes toward a presidential campaign, the governor decided to confront the CEQA issue squarely. He endorsed two bills that would impose limits on the law's reach and, in the end, threatening to block the entire state budget if they weren't placed on his desk.

On Monday, the last day of the fiscal year, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 131 with last-minute changes to dampen opposition from construction unions. Newsom quickly signed them.

"We needed to go bold and big on this holy grail reform," Newsom said at a hastily staged signing ceremony.

Essentially, the legislation exempts virtually all infill housing projects from CEQA's provisions, making it more difficult for opponents of high-density housing projects, known as NIMBYs, to block approval.

Such projects, particularly those aimed at lowand moderate-income families, have been the most difficult to gain approval, due largely to opposition in upscale communities dominated by single-family homeowners.

"When you are building housing in an existing community, that is environmentally beneficial, it is climate friendly, that is not something that should be subjected to potentially endless CEQA challenges and lawsuits," Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat who authored SB 131, told senators before they passed the measure.

Wiener and Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat who carried AB 130, have been the Capitol's two most aggressive advocates of pro-housing legislation.

The remaining question, of course, is whether the two new laws, which go into effect immediately, will have a discernible impact on the state's housing shortage. CEQA is just one factor of many determining whether proposed projects 2 SBE TODAY E-NEWSLETTER JULY 07, 2025



### **CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS**



PROJECT NAME: BART Police Department Headquarters 2000 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 DOCUMENTS TO BE RELEASED: June 27, 2025.

BID DUE DATE: July 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM. Include ALL completed Bid forms.

Swinerton is requesting quotations from All Subcontractors and Certified DBE's <u>Trades:</u> Trade Package #4: Flashing, Sheet Metal, Elevator Service and Interior Cab Finishes

RFIs Due: July 11, 2025, 4 PM.

**Project Description** 

Swinerton is Bidding this project for Bay Area Rapid Transit. This bid is for award.

Swinerton Builders and Gensler Architects are teaming up for a Progress Design-Build Tenant Improvement for a new Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police Department Headquarter facility. The location of the existing building that will be ongoing construction is located at 2000 Broadway Street in Oakland, 94612, California. The scope of work for this project involves demolition of interior member like doors, interior walls, and fixtures along with partial MEPFS removal. Once demolition is complete, construction will consist of seismically upgrading the building, adding micro piles and viscous dampers along with refurbishing the interior space tailoring it to BART PD's needs

> PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS: Available via Building Connected Contact: Blake Nelson Tel: (415) 385-4732 EMAIL TO: bnelson@swinerton.com

- This is a Public Works project that has federally funding. Subcontractor must be registered with the CA Department of Industrial Relations before submitting a bid. Application and renewal are completed online with an annual, non-refundable fee.
- Davis-Bacon Act Requirements and Wage Determinations shall apply to this contract.
- Project is covered by a Project Stabilization Agreement
- 45% DBE Participation requested
- This will be a "best value" procurement; Price, capability, DBE participation or DBE status. Proposal and interview

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.

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PROJECT NAME: BART Police Department Hear 2000 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 DOCUMENTS TO BE RELEASED: July 7, 2025.

BID DUE DATE: July 21, 2025 at 4:00 PM. Include ALL completed Bid forms.

Swinerton is requesting quotations from All Subcontractors and Certified DBE's

<u>Trades:</u> Trade Package #5: Structural Special Inspections and Testing, Fireproofing

RFIs Due: July 14, 2025, 4 PM. **Project Description** 

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PROJECT NAME: BART Police Department Headquarters 2000 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 DOCUMENTS TO BE RELEASED: July 3, 2025.

BID DUE DATE: July 25, 2025 at 4:00 PM, Include ALL completed Bid forms.

Swinerton is requesting quotations from All Subcontractors and Certified DBE's.

<u>Trades:</u> Trade Package #5: SubTier Framing and Drywall Trades
Swinerton is Self Performing the Framing and Drywall package and is looking for bids from sub tier subcontractors for bid.

RFIs Due: July 18, 2025, 4 PM. Project Description:

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Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) LAX Taxi Lot Relocation (TLR)
Request for Proposals (RFP) submission due July 15, 2025, at 2:00pm I

Swinerton Builders is seeking subcontractors to bid for the All Relevant Trade scopes on Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)

LAX Taxi Holding Lot Relocation project in Los Angeles, CA.

Mandatory Business Enterprise Participation - SBE (30%); LBE (20%) LSBE (15%) and DVBE (3%);

Local Hire (30%), HireLAX is required.

The proposed Project is being constructed to enable the Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP) Roadway Improvements Project. The existing Taxi Holding Lot is in the footprint of the ATMP Roadway project and requires relocation to clear right-of-way. This project will also reconfigure portions of Employee Parking at Lot C for the ATMP Roadway construction and provide replacement parking at the former vacated Avis Rental Lot.

Trade Package(s) for this Package: Traffic Control, Surveying, Demolition, Rebar, Concrete, Masonry, Misc. Metals, Signage, Parking Control Equipment, Site Furnishings, Electrical & Low Voltage, Earthwork, Erosion Control, AC Paving, Striping, Site Concrete, nces & Gates. Site Utilities

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Bid Package Available: Non-Mandatory Jobwalk: RFP Due: Notice of Award:

June 26, 2025 June 26, 2025 None July 15, 2025 @ 2:00PM PDT (Pending LAWA Board Approval) August 16, 2025 August 2025 through January 2026

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (PLA): Please note that this project is subject to the PLA. The complete agreement is available at - LAWA Official Site | Project Labor Agreement | The successful subcontractors will be required to execute the PLA Letter of Assent (LOA), whereby subcontractors agree to conform to all terms and conditions set forth in the PLA. LOCAL HIRE – Included within the PLA are Local Hire requirements. The complete agreement is available at - LAWA Official Site | Hire LAX

Swinerton Prequalification: http://www.swinerton.com/subcontractors/subcontractor-prequal

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS: Payment & Performance Bonds may be required. Bid Bonds are not required for Bid

NOTE: The Plans and Specifications will be provided as requested. If interested in prequalifying and bidding, please contact <a href="mailto:EstimatingLA@swinerton.com">EstimatingLA@swinerton.com</a> or call 213.896.3400 for the prequalification forms.

Do NOT contact LAX Airport, the Architect or any of the project Consultants. All queries of any nature should be directed to

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11555 Dublin Boulevard • P.O. Box 2909 • Dublin, CA 94568-2909 Phone: (925) 829-9220 / Fax: (925) 803-4263 Website: www.desilvagates.co 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 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: JULY 17, 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:

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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)

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 <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51\_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5rvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51\_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0</a> or from the Owner's site at <a href="https://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\_ads/all\_adv\_projects.php">www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\_ads/all\_adv\_projects.php</a>
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If you need DBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materiand assistance in obtaining borium, increase the expectation of creat, 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 (<a href="https://californiasbdc.org">https://californiasbdc.org</a>) or contact the California Southwest Transportation Resource Center (<a href="https://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs">www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs</a>). DGC is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the DBE goal.

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is requesting bids for the project listed below ROUTE 580, 680, 780, FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA AND SOLANO COUNTIES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS Contract No. 04-1Q7214, Federal-Aid Project ACIM-000C(568)E Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 23%

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5225 Hellyer Avenue, Suite #220, San Jose, CA 95138 Phone (408) 574-1400 • Fax (408) 365-9548 **Contact: Randy Bonino** 

Email: estimating@graniterock.com

REQUESTING SUB-QUOTES FROM QUALIFIED DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE & Labor Surplus Firms

Golf Course Damage Repair Project SD202132, FEMA PA-09-CA-4308-PW00602 Owner: City of Livermore Location: Livermore, CA Engineers' Estimate: \$3,000,000 BID DATE: July 15, 2025 @ 2:30 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Traffic & Pedestrian Control, Fencing, Erosion Control, SWPPP, Adjust Utilities, Clearing & Grubbing, Sod, Irrigation, Rock Riprap & Filter Fabric, Landscaping, Trucking, Asphalt Supply, Aggregate Supply, Construction Area Signs, Concrete Supply, Demolition / Clearing, Dewatering, Form Liners / Systems, Concrete Pumps, Rebar, Survey / Staking, Testing / QCQA, Tree Removal / Arborist and Utility Locating.

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

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Email: estimating@graniterock.com

REQUESTING SUB-OUOTES FROM QUALIFIED SBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/TRUCKERS FOR:

I-280 Soundwalls Construction Contract No.: C25113 Owner: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Location: San Jose, CA Engineers' Estimate: \$7,840,000 BID DATE: July 16, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Lead Compliance Plan. Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, PCMS, Temporary Barrier System, Temporary Crash Cushion, Water Pollution Control Plan, Temporary Erosion Control, Erosion Control, Street Sweeping, Clearing & Grubbing, Landscape / Irrigation, Adjust Utilities, Hydroseed, CIDH Concrete Piling, Structural Concrete — Sound Wall, Sound Wall — Masonry Block, Anti-Graffiti Coating, Remove & Reconstruct Fence, Alternative Crash Cushion, Concrete Barrier, Electrical and

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Is seeking **DBE** Subcontractors for

Vasco Rd Safety Imp Project - Walnut Blvd to Frisk Creek Bridge

Project # 0662-6R4100 HSIPL- 5928 (168)

Skilled Trades: Asphalt-Paving, Striping, Lead Compliance, Traffic Control

Bid Date July 15th, 2025 @ 2pm Please email your bid proposal No later than July 9th 2pm

W. Bradley Electric, LLC 90 Hill Road Novato, CA 94945 Attn: Virginia Carroll Email Admin@wbeinc.com 415-798-6505



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

Project: State Route 88/Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project ITB 25-01 – DBE Goal 20%
Federal Aid Project No.:10-0G550/HIPL-5926(066)
County Project No.: 3000-5521
Owner: Amador County General Services
Bid Date: July 10th, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

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

Aggregates, Asphalt, Concrete Material, Slurry, Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials, AC Dikes/Oils, Asphalt Grinding, Chipseal/Slurry Seal, Concrete Flatwork/Structures, CAS, Crack Seal, Electrical-Street Lights/Traffic Signals/loops, Erosion Control, Fencing, Gabions, Geotech Engineers, Handrailing, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Landscaping/Irrigation, Reinforcing Steel, Sawcutting, Striping, Structural Steel, SWPPP, Traffic Control, Tree Removal/Arborist, Trucking, Tanks-Septic, Road Sign/Signage.

#### **Project Description:**

The work includes but not limited to: a grade-separated interchange on Route 88 from west of Irish Town Road to west of Hilltop Road. Project work includes clearing & grubbing, pavement grinding, pavement removal, tree removal, roadway excavation, erosion control, aggregate base, asphalt pavement, retaining walls, traffic striping, pipe culverts, sewer appurtenances and laterals, traffic signal and pedestrian hybrid beacon, lighting, and doing all other work specified on the plans and in the specifications. the construction of roadway excavation, placing and compacting hot mix asphalt paving, dig outs, traffic handling, and pavement delineation. In addition to other items or details not mentioned above, work as required by the plans and specifications, shall be performed, placed, constructed or installed.

#### Engineers Estimate: \$7.1M

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

www.publicpurchase.com estimating@mountaincascade.com

Please feel free to contact Mountain Cascade, Inc. at 925.373.8370 with any questions concerning bonding,

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MCCARTHY BUILDING COMPANIES, INC. Subcontractor Bid Solicitation

Ontario Vineyard Parking Structure Ontario, CA <u>Bid Date: July 16, 2025</u>

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., working in conjunction with the City of Ontario, is soliciting proposals from qualified subcon tractors for the above listed project.

Project description: The Ontario Vineyard Parking Structure consists of a 6 level, 422,470 sf cast-in-place concrete parking structure with 1984 stello

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

Project Location: 3201 S. Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91761

Work categories include: Reinforcing Steel, Masonry, Misc. Metal Fabrications, Barrier Cables, Waterproofing, Sheet Metal, Expansion Joints, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Coiling Doors, Resilient Flooring, Glazing, Tensile Fabric, Painting, Signage, Parking Controls, Parking Guidance System, Site Concrete, Pavement Markings.

#### Key Dates

- 7/2/25: Project information and Invitation to Bid issued via Building Connected website
- 07/09/25: RFIs Due to McCarthy Building Companies via Building Connected website
- 07/16/25: Proposals Due to McCarthy Building Companies
- Approximate construction schedule: 9/1/2025 9/30/2026.

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

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

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding project specifics

McCarthy Building Co, Inc. Name: John Konstantinidis Sr. Preconstruction Manager E-Mail: <u>ikonstantinidis@mccarthy.com</u> 949.851.8383

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

Project: Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area Wastewater Collection System Improvements Spec. No. 2166A

Owner: EBMUD
Bid Date: July 9th, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

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

Aggregates, Asphalt, Concrete Material, Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials, EROS Materials, Bypass Pumping, CCCTV, Concrete Flatwork/Pavement/Pumping/Sealing, Electrical-Building, Handrailing, Plastic Pipe, Landscaping/Irrigation, Surveying, SWPPP, Traffic Control, Crane rental, Trucking, Pumping Plant Electrical Equipment, Generator/Switch Gear, HVAC/Mechanical, Painting/Coatings, Waterproofing.

#### **Project Description:**

Furnish and replace approximately 600 feet of sanitary sewer gravity collection mains; furnish and install 1,300 feet of 6-inch HDPE force main; furnish and replace the underground sanitary sewer lift station with an aboveground lift station; and furnish and install 25kW backup generator, pad, and all related wiring and connections. Furnish and install a new radio tower and approximately 1,500 feet of conduit; and remove 100 feet of wood retaining wall and railing, and furnish and install new concrete wall and wire railing.

Engineers Estimate: \$2 Million - \$2.6 Million

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

 $\underline{\text{http://www.ebmud.com/current-construction-bids}} \, \underline{\text{or:}} \, \underline{\text{estimating@mountaincascade.com}}$ 

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: CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN YOLO COUNTY NEAR WOODLAND 0.2 MILE WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 95 TO 0.2 MILE EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 95 Contract No. 03-4J1204

Owner: Caltrans

Bid Date: July 17th, 2025 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DBE Goal: 22%

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, SLURRY, CRAINGING SYSTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, STORM WATER SYSYTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECEST MATERIALS, EROS MATERIALS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL- STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/ LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, HYDROSEEDING, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, K-RAIL, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TREE REMOVAL/ ARBORIST, TRUCKING, ROAD SIDE/ SIGNAGE

**Project Description:** 

The project includes, but not limited to, HMA, Flashing Beacon System, and Roadway Excavation

Engineers Estimate: \$2,860,000

Plans and specs can be obtained at: http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/weekly-ads

Or contact: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Project: LOMA RICA ROAD / SOUTH BEALE ROAD STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROJECT FEDERAL NO. STPL-5916(158)

CONTRACT NO. 2025-2271

Owner: County of Yuba Revised Bid Date: July 30, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Engineers Estimate: \$4,728,489 DBE Goal: 19%

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, AC OILS, ADJUST MH/ WV, ANALYTICAL TESTING, ASPHALT GRINDING, CONSTRCUTION AREA SIGNS, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC OCNTROL, TRUCKING

#### **Project Description:**

The work in general consists of road improvements, traffic striping, and markings, on Loma Rica Road from State Route 20 to Fruitland Road and on South Beale Road from Bradshaw Road to the entrance at Beale Air Force Base. Other such items or details not mentioned above that are required by the standard specifications or these special provisions shall be performed, placed, constructed or installed.

 $Project\ information,\ including\ plans\ \&\ specifications\ can\ be\ found\ by\ contacting: \underline{estimating@mountaincascade.com}$ 

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### **CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS**



Project Name: SFO West Field Utilities and Paving (SFO Contract No. 11921.66)

Location: San Francisco, California

Pre-Qualification Deadline: July 18th, 2025

#### **Labor Requirements:**

- LBE/SBE Requirement by Trade Package (20%-50%)
- Prevailing Wage State (DIR), Project Labor Agreement (PLA)
- The mandatory local hiring participation level is 11% of all project work hours within each trade performed by local residents as defined by SFO's local hiring policy and at least 50% of the project work hours performed by local apprentices within each trade.

#### Project Schedule: Est. 9/29/2025-1/15/2027

Nibbi Brothers has been selected as the Design-Builder for SFO contract 11921.66 (Design-Build Services for West Field Utilities and Paving Project). We are currently requesting pre-qualification forms from subcontractors and suppliers including those certified with the San Francisco Contract Monitoring Department (CMD) as local business enterprises (LBE's) for Substation BP Structural Concrete, Substation BP Structural Steel, Substation BP General Contracting.

Pre-qualifications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, July 18th, 2025, online via the Building Connected website.

The Project will plan, design, and construct new facilities to replace and relocate SFO power Substation BP ("BP") currently supporting medium voltage power distribution within SFO's West Field Campus. The utility infrastructure that transverses the West Field is critical and supportive of SFO operations across this area. Construction of the new power substation will require the following trade packages:

- Place and finish all structural concrete for the construction of Substation BP as designed
- Furnish and install all structural steel for the construction of Substation BP as designed
- Manage all scopes required for the construction of Substation BP, including drywall and metal framing, roofing, building insulation, doors/frames/hardware, specialty doors, fencing/railings/vehicle gates, resilient flooring, painting, and code signage. In addition to these scopes, the contractor will also manage previously selected trade subcontractors for MEPF systems, structural concrete, foundation, and steel.

For any questions on accessing the bidding documents, please contact Ryan Chan, Project Coordinator via email, <a href="mailto:ryanc@nibbi.com">ryanc@nibbi.com</a> For project specific questions please contact Trevor Nibbi, Project Engineer via email, <a href="mailto:tribbi@nibbi.com">tribbi@nibbi.com</a> [Trevor Nibbi, Project Engineer via email.]



Granite requests bids from all subs & suppliers including SBE for this project:

I-280 Soundwalls Construction (Santa Clara County near San Jose CA)

Owner: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Contract No.: C25113

Bid Date: July 16, 2025 @ 2:00PM

Description: Construct soundwalls located on both sides of the I-280 freeway in San Jose from Los Gatos Creek to State Route 87. Engineer's Estimate ranges from \$6,056,000 to \$7,840,000

Areas available for bids include but are not limited to: Construction Area Signs; Traffic Control; Barricades; PCMS boards; Crash Cushions; Traffic Screen; Roadway Barrier; Bridge Barrier; WPCP; Erosion Control, including temporary & Silt Fence; Temporary Pump Station Diversion system; Clear & grub; All Planting & Irrigation, including irrigation controllers; Pipe supply; CIDH Concrete Piling; Structural Concrete, Sound Wall; Masonry Block, Sound Wall; Anti-Graffiti Coating; Fencing; Metal Beam Guard Rail; Concrete Barrier; Rebar; Electrical Service; Street Sweeping; Equipment Rental & Transport; Trucking; ADL dirt hauling; Jobsite Sanitation & Trailer.

Please contact us if there are additional items, or portions of items, you are interested in bidding. Granite will break down items of work to facilitate SBE participation. All non-SBE subs are encouraged to utilize SBE suppliers, where possible.

Granite's Estimator: Niranjan Chaudhary - (408) 327-7019 - Niranjan.Chaudhary@gcinc.com

#### PLANS:

Plans and Specifications can be downloaded from the Granite's planroom linked below: https://projects.pipelinesuite.com/ehPipelineSubs/dspOpenProject/projectID/330643

Please contact Patricia Arnett at <a href="mailto:patricia.arnett@gcinc.com">patricia.arnett@gcinc.com</a> if you need any assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Granite is an equal opportunity employer.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

100%bondsmayberequiredforthefullsubcontractprice. Granitewillassistwithbondingcostsforsubcontractors. The US Small Business Administration may also assist you in obtaining bonding - please see the following site for information: <a href="http://www.sba.gov/content/contractors#">http://www.sba.gov/content/contractors#</a>

All quotes are subject to Granite applicable terms found at:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.graniteconstruction.com/ca-resources/quote-solicitation}}$ 

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## California lawmakers finally achieve 'holy grail' reform of state's key environmental law

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proceed or die. Those who oppose high-density housing in their neighborhoods will not just roll over.

Ironically, as the Legislature was passing the two new laws on Monday, The Atlantic was publishing a lengthy article entitled "The Whole Country Is Starting to Look Like California," that describes how red tape and local opposition are adversely affecting housing development in red states such as Texas and Florida, which had been viewed as developer paradises.

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REQUEST FOR DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR:

Bid No. 2025-68999-68 Los Robles Ronald McNair Field Modernization Ravenswood City School District Palo Alto, CA BID DATE: July 24, 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, Sawcutting, Survey, Soil Offhaul and Disposal, Tree Removal, SWPPP, Temporary Fence, Lime Treat, Storm Drain, Temporary Shoring, Concrete, Landscape & Irrigation, Fencing & Gates, Electrical, CIDH, and Construction Materials

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Jason Martin (510-809-3432 <a href="mailto:jmartin@ocjones.com">jmartin@ocjones.com</a>) 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. 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 DVBE Subcontractors, Suppliers and Truckers are highly encouraged. OCJ is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DVBE 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. 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.

### The Age of Uncertainty: Monitoring Construction Policy Shifts

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indicate sharp increases in the prices of steel mill products and other key construction inputs. Higher construction delivery costs coupled with stubbornly elevated interest rates are conspiring with growing local and state government fiscal issues to threaten public construction momentum. Having spent down pandemic era stimulus, several states are facing challenges during the fiscal years ahead, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania.

Even the world of data center construction has been rattled by recent events. On Jan. 27, the Chinese start-up DeepSeek "sent waves through the global tech community" by offering a new open-source artificial intelligence model offering similar performance to other leading models at a fraction of the cost. According to the World Economic Forum, DeepSeek's AI assistant surpassed ChatGPT to emerge as the top-rated free app on the U.S. Apple App Store. All of a sudden, it became conceivable that generating powerful AI platforms would not require inordinate expenditure, including on computer chips or data centers. Shares of companies like Nvidia, a producer of computer chips used to support such platforms, tumbled in response.

Nonetheless, enterprises like AWS, Meta, Google and others continue to push ahead with major data center construction projects. J.P. Morgan has estimated that spending on data centers could add between 10 to 20 basis points to U.S. economic growth in 2025 and 2026. Spending on data centers likely contributed 0.1 to 0.3% to GDP in 2024, according to J.P. Morgan estimates.

Still, concern lingers. Tech giant Microsoft recently indicated that it is "slowing or pausing" some of its data center construction, including a \$1-billion project in Ohio. This is the latest indication that demand for artificial intelligence infrastructure may not implicate as much demand for hyper-powerful computers and computer chips as anticipated.

Much of that does not appear especially promising, but the notion that policymaking related to tariffs is designed specifically to bring more supply chain/manufacturing back to America is encouraging. This suggests good things to come for America's construction industry.

On April 2, 2025, America commemorated Liberation Day with the Trump administration's announcement of a set of "reciprocal" tariffs. Though economists generally do not look favorably upon barriers to trade like tariffs, the notion of reciprocal tariffs was viewed more favorably because of the dynamics that it could trigger. The idea was that if, for instance, Brazil charged 35% tariffs on American vehicles and parts, the U.S. would reciprocate by setting its tariff rate against corresponding Brazilian output at the same level. That would, presumably, induce the Brazilians to reduce their tariffs to regain prior access to U.S. markets, prompting America to do the same. As this dynamic played out, tariff rates could decline to incredibly low levels, promoting both freer and fairer trade in the process

That is not what occurred. Instead, the Trump administration generated a formula that effectively equaled (exports-imports)/(imports) divided by two. The tariff on China was set at 34% which, when added to a previously enacted 20% tariff, meant that there were now 54% tariffs on Chinese goods. Subsequent retaliations pushed America's tariff on China up to 145% while China pushed its tariff on U.S. exports to 125% on April 12. The tariff on India was set at 26%, 24% on Japan, 20% on the European Union, 46% on Vietnam and so on. Less than a week after Liberation Day, the Trump administration reversed course, pausing the implementation of the new tariff formula on all but China.

Prior to recent events, the prediction had been that tariffs would push more manufacturing into America.

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