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Erie Canal creation contrasts with the glacial pace of public works in California

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By Dan Walters, CalMatters

This week one of the nation's earliest and most important public works projects, the 363-mile Erie Canal linking the Hudson River with Lake Erie, marked its 200th anniversary.

There was only negligible media and political notice. That's regrettable, because the canal opening in 1825 utterly transformed the nation's economy and ignited its expansion from a few sparsely populated former colonies on the Atlantic Coast some 3,000 miles westward to the Pacific Ocean.

Rugged mountains had stymied westward expansion from the coastal plain into the Ohio River valley and the Great Lakes region. But New York Gov. DeWitt Clinton saw an opportunity for New York City to become the nation's commercial capital, outfoxing rival Philadelphia.

The New York Legislature authorized construction with bonds in 1817 and just eight years later, having been dug mostly by hand, the Erie Canal opened. Tolls repaid all of its construction debt in the first year.

Eventually, of course, the canal's commercial importance was superseded by railroads and later highways. But it continues to operate for recreational and excursion boats and remains



Water rushes out of a spillway near the Oroville Dam in Butte County, on March 26, 2023. Photo by Noah Berger, AP Photo

major economic impacts.

A quarter-century after the Erie Canal opened, California was admitted as a state. During its first decades it was somewhat isolated, with an economy based on resources - gold, timber, farm produce, cattle, fish and, eventually, oil.

However, as California entered the 20th century, massive public works projects surfaced

a symbol of how timely public works can have to encourage economic expansion and transformation, notably in Southern California, Los Angeles and Long Beach created deep-water ports from what had been coastal mudflats. Los Angeles secretly tapped the Owens River 250 miles away on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, and built an aqueduct to carry its water to the city, making its meteoric population growth possible.

The Great Depression spawned other historic public works projects that were not only beneficial unto themselves but created muchneeded jobs

The federal government built the Central Valley Project, a network of dams, including Shasta Dam, and canals to provide water to farms in the 450-mile-long valley.

The state built a long-planned bridge over San Francisco Bay while simultaneously, a consortium of counties constructed the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. Both were finished in just a few

World War II was a massive public works project in California as billions of dollars were poured into military bases, aircraft factories, shipyards and other tools of warfare, transforming the state into an industrial powerhouse. The postwar era brought the construction of freeways to handle traffic from the state's population explosion.

Mid-century also saw arguably the state's last truly transformative public works project, the California Water Plan. It dams the Feather River near Oroville with an aqueduct to carry its water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California.

The last decades of the 20th Century and the first decades of the 21st have been a period of stasis in public works.

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How to Find Commercial Construction Jobs to Bid on Before Your Competitors

Article originally appeared in www.constructconnect.com

By Deirdre Pearson

In short:

- Contractors can avoid missing commercial construction bids by combining strategic focus with reliable project data.
- ConstructConnect® Project Intelligence helps contractors access over 825,000 active public and private projects, including early planning opportunities, so you can spot projects before competitors.
- Prioritize opportunities that match your team's capabilities by filtering projects by size, scope, bid date, and location, focusing only on high-value bids.
- Verify every lead using up-to-date contact info, plan documents, and bid dates to ensure you pursue active, legitimate proj-
- Using AI tools like Takeoff BoostTM can speed up the qualification process and reduces guesswork, making your bidding process more predictable.

The Scariest Words in Construction Bidding: "We Didn't Know About That Project."

Unpopular opinion: missing bids is avoidable.

Here us out. Most contractors have accepted that missing a perfect-fit project is just part of the game in commercial construction bidding. Sometimes you'll hear about a great opportunity after it's too late.

But with the right strategy, reliable project data, and powerful preconstruction software, you can reduce (or even eliminate) those gut-sinking moments and be first in line for every job. The secret is knowing where to focus your efforts so that surprises don't derail your pipeline.

How to Find Commercial Projects Before It's

One lost bid isn't just a missed paycheck. It can throw off your forecast, waste hours of prep work, and even hurt relationships with your

The good news? You can dramatically reduce missed bids by focusing on three key areas: visibility, prioritization, and verification.

1. Visibility: See Every Opportunity Coming

Know where your opportunities are. Even if you've built a solid network of contacts, relying on word-of-mouth or shared emails means you're still missing part of the picture.

To truly see what projects are on the horizon, you need a complete view of the market, including public and private jobs, and projects in early planning stages. Using a commercial construction project data tool helps you spot new opportunities before they're announced elsewhere, so you can get your foot in the door first.

Pro tip: Preconstruction software like Construct-Connect® Project Intelligence (CCPI) gives you access to commercial construction project data as well as contact info for other contractors and companies, helping you see what's happening in your territory, not just what crosses your desk.

"It increases our visibility. Our name is out there more now. The interface is better so the subcontractors can see us. We knew we needed a dirt work subcontractor and we just wouldn't have had access to those subs without CCPL."

- Brad Latham, Diversified Construction

2. Prioritization: Focus on the **Projects Worth Your Time**

Sometimes, the reason you miss a project isn't because you didn't know about it. It's that it got buried under hundreds of less relevant projects. Without a clear way to sort through them, you're left guessing which ones deserve your attention.

Commercial construction project data tools and bidding software let you filter by project size, scope, bid date, and location, so you can zero in on the best-fit opportunities for your team.

Think of it as clearing the clutter on your desk. Once you can actually see the most promising projects, it's easier to focus and move faster.

We're a month in [to using CCPI] and have added 3 projects we didn't know existed before!

- Will Grant, Ascent Construction Group

3. Verification: Vet Projects Quickly

A project might look great on the surface, but if the contact info, bid date, or plan documents are outdated, it's a dead end.

Make it a habit to verify key details before you dive in. Lean on tools that keep those details

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Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvements Project

Bid Proposal Submittal Date: December 23, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

Owner: City of Daly City

Performance/Payment/Supply Bond may be required

This advertisement is in response to City of Daly City's DBE Program, Barnard Construction Company, Inc. intends to conduct itself in "Good Faith" with DBÉ firms regarding participation on this project. Drawings and specs will be available via Isqft. Quotes are required by COB December 2, 2025. Quotes are fairly evaluated.

Please submit bids/proposals for the following work scopes:

Traffic maintenance; Sewer bypass; Geotechnical instrumentation; Temporary roads; Landscaping; Drilled concrete piers; Disposal of excavated material; Support of excavation; Erosion control; Water treatment and disposal; Earthwork/Sitework; Storm drain system; Lake intake; Slip-lining existing pipes; Shotcrete; Curb gutter, asphalt paving; Cured in place pipe (CIPP); Grouting; Precast vaults; Wetlands liner; Masonry; Potable water system; Concrete framework; Structural steel; Video inspection of pipes; Cast-in place concrete; Steel roof deck; Railing, gates, stairs; Self-priming pumps; Debris/solids screens; Fencing; Submersible pumps; Steel pipe; Metal roof; Fish screen; Ductile iron pipe; Steel slide gates; Debris/solids screens; Pipe connections/valves; Electrical work; Wetland planting; Janitorial; Instrumentation & controls; Hauling / Trucking; Security; Striping; Flagging; Temp site facilities; Temp Offices; Environmental; QA/QC Testing; Concrete; Planting; Irrigation.

Contact: Christian Beesing - Barnard Construction Company, Inc. 3520 Royal Wolf Way, Bozeman, MT 59718 Phone: 406-586-1995 • Fax: 406-586-3530 • Email: Christian.Beesing@barna



REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN NEVADA COUNTY NEAR GRASS VALLEY FROM 0.2 MILE SOUTH OF LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD TO 0.1 MILE NORTH OF SOUTH GRASS VALLEY OVERCROSSING (General work description: Rdwy excavation, place HMA, trenchless culverts, and retaining

Bid Date: November 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Engineers Estimate: \$83M

This is an Electronic bid submittal

Quotes not received by 11:00 AM on bid day may not be reviewed/evaluated

Flatiron Dragados Constructors, Inc. (FDCI) requests subcontractor/supplier/service participation for the following Items of Flatiron Dragados Constructors, Inc. (FDCI) requests subcontractor/supplier/service participation for the following Items of work, but not limited to: Construction Area Signs & Roadway Signs, Clear & Grub, Erosion Control, AC Paving, Cold Plane AC, Rebar, Tie Back Anchors, Overhead Signs 60° CIDH Sign Foundation, Painting/Concrete Staining, Asphalt Dike/Curbs, Underground Utilities, Fences & Gates, Metal Railing, MBGR, Bridge & Roadway Concrete Barrier, Striping & Markings, Electrical, Minor Concrete, Jack & Bore, Abandon Well, Traffic Control, Aggregates including: CL2 AB, Rip Rap(20lb to ½ ton), Ready Mix Concrete, Concrete Pumping Services, Steel Soldier Pile, Misc. Metals, Iron & Steel, Trucking Services, SWPP Plan & SWPP Materials, Lead Compliance Plan, Geotextile Materials, Form Liner, Underground Precast, QC Testing, Street Sweeping, Treated Wood Waste.

Refer to Caltrans new Spec Section 2-1.11 IN-USE OFF-ROAD DIESEL-FUELED VEHICLE LIST

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

To view and download projects docs for FREE from the Caltrans website you will need to "Create an Account" with Caltrans Bidding Connect. Use the following link: DES-PPM&OE - Advertised Projects (ca.gov) (https://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des?q=03-3H5604) select Advertised Projects page and enter the Contract number: 03-3H51U4. Sign in is required to access project plans.

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You will be provided with a BOX link to view & download plans and specs for FREE from our BOX.com ftp site. Please send an
email if you would like to schedule an appointment to review project docs virtually or meet with an estimator in our office. These services are offered by appointment only.

Please send all quotes by email to NORCALBIDS@flatironcorp.com

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Computer Generated Reports - Will fit right into your proposal, along with a list of interested firms to contact.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Black Cultural Zone CDC, in partnership with Eden Housing, Inc., invites qualified General Contractors to submit proposals for general contracting services for the Residences at Liberation Park development. Our mission is to ensure an equitable, inclusive, and community-driven process that aligns with local and funding requirements.

Please review the Request for Proposals by visiting: https://edenhousing.org/request-for-proposals-the-residences-at-liberation-park-gc-bid/

Important Dates

RFP Questions Due: Monday, November 3, 2025 FAQ / RFI Responses Published: Monday, November 17, 2025 RFP Responses / Submissions Due: Monday, December 1, 2025 RFP Shortlist Interviews (in-person): Monday, December 15, 2025 GC Selection Announced: Monday, January 5, 2025 Contract negotiation / execution: Through April 2026

Mayor Lurie Signs Legislation to Launch Major Downtown Development, Accelerate **Downtown Recovery**

[Article originally appeared in www.sf.gov l

Mayor Daniel Lurie today signed legislation unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors to advance a transformative new development at 530 Sansome Street in the heart of San Francisco's Financial District. Cosponsored by District 3 Supervisor Danny Sauter, the legislation authorizes a development agreement to deliver a new state-of-the-art fire station; a 41-story mixed-use tower with office, hotel, retail, and restaurant uses; and a reimagined public plaza between Sansome Street and Battery Street.

The signing represents another step in Mayor Lurie's work to drive San Francisco's economic recovery by revitalizing downtown-driving business activity, adding housing, and cutting red tape. In September, he unveiled his "Heart of the City" plan, leveraging more than \$40 million in initial investments to create a safe, clean, and activated neighborhood. The mayor took immediate action to turn around downtown, launching the San Francisco Police Department Hospitality Zone Task Force to revitalize critical commercial districts and improve public safety. Crime is down more than 40% in Union Square and the Financial District. More downtown office space is being leased and workers are returning to the office more quickly in San Francisco than in any

"Downtown drives San Francisco's economy, and a thriving downtown where people can live, work, play, and learn will be key to our city's comeback," said Mayor Lurie. "With the support of Supervisor Sauter, we're signing this legislation and delivering new spaces for residents and visitors, while taking advantage of innovative tools to support public safety. Our administration is setting ambitious goals and thinking creatively about how to achieve them, and that's what it will take to make San Francisco the greatest city in the world again."

"530 Sansome represents a major step forward for San Francisco's downtown comeback,' said Supervisor Sauter. "But let's be clear: This is also a significant win for our neighborhoods. A new fire station will keep our residents and small businesses safe while affordable housing funds will directly contribute to new homes built nearby, including 100% affordable senior housing in Chinatown."

The 530 Sansome development will use an innovative financing mechanism to offset the construction costs of the new fire station based on a percentage of actual revenue collected from new hotel taxes, without any upfront investment of city capital dollars. The completed project is expected to generate more than \$800 million in annual economic activity and includes nearly \$15 million paid prior to construction to support the creation of 100% affordable housing.

The 530 Sansome project is the result of a public-private partnership with Related California and will deliver a vibrant mix of daytime and nighttime uses on a key site at the edge of the Financial District near Jackson Square, Spanning approximately 24,830 square feet, one block east of the Transamerica Pyramid and one block west of One Maritime Plaza, the project includes a 41-story, 544-foot-tall mixed-use tower containing up to 390,000 square feet of office space along with a restaurant and meeting spaces, up to 200 hotel rooms, and below ground, three levels of parking and bike storage

"Related is proud to reach this major milestone in collaboration with the city to reimagine a quiet corner of the Financial District and Jackson Square as a vibrant new destination," said Gino Canori, President of Related California. We appreciate the support of our partner and lender Prime Finance in making this develop-

Visit link for the full article: https://tinyurl.com/29oogfgf

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CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS

and RFQ's FROM LBABE/LIABE/SBE/VSBE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)
RFQ Period: October 27th

Turner Construction Company (Turner) is seeking RFQs for the following Trade Packages for: Oakland International Airport M103 AHU and Roof Replacement Approximate Construction Value: \$34,000,000 Owner: Port of Oakland

Project Description

Turner has been awarded the Oakland International Airport M103 AHU project designed by Gensler Architects, located at the Oakland International Airport. This project involves the replacement of four (4) existing rooftop air handling units (AHUs), roofing membrane, and associated components on Building M-103. This project is classified as a Level 1 Alteration per the 2022 California Existing Building Code.

Only those Subcontractors who meet pre-qualification criteria and are deemed pre-qualified to perform work on their respective trades will be invited to submit a bid. Trade Subcontractors who do not submit the prequalification information and are not pre qualified will not be allowed to bid the project.

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE TRADE PARTNERS:

Prequalification's are to be submitted online via www.Turnerconstruction.com. Contact Max Hanna mahanna@tcco.com for more information. In addition to the online Prequalification, the documents listed below will need to be provided by the trade partner.

(Note: Turner has a 40% LBABE/LIABE goal which includes a 20% SBE/VSBE goal for this project.)

1. Oakland Port Certifications: (Local Business Area Business Enterprise (LBABE), Local Impact Area Business Enterprise (LIABE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE) & Very Small Business Enterprise (VSBE)).

2. Include your Department of Industrial Relations Certificate. (Note: For trades submitting multiple packages, please pre-qualify for each trade package.)

Turner is currently seeking RFOs for the following Trade Packages:

Trade Subcontractors who do not submit the pre-qualification information and are not pre-qualified will not be allowed to propose on the project.

Turner is currently seeking RFQs for the following Trade Packages

Bid Package #	Trade Package	Approximate Value
BP-01	HAZMAT	\$575 K
BP-01	DEMOLITION	\$1.6 M
BP-01	CONCRETE	\$350 K
BP-01	SCAFFOLD	\$1.5 M
BP-01	MISC METAL	\$3.75 M
BP-01	ROOFING	\$3.3 M
BP-01	FIREPROOFING	\$275 K
BP-01	GLAZING	\$75 K
BP-01	DRYWALL	\$500 K
BP-01	ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE	\$300 K
BP-01	FLOORING	\$30 K
BP-01	PAINTING	\$30 K
BP-01	FIRE PROTECTION	\$125 K
BP-01	PLUMBING	\$400 K
BP-01	HVAC	\$5.8 M
BP-01	ELECTRICAL	\$1.6 M

Project Goals: Turner has a 40% LBABE/LIABE goal which includes a 20% SBE/VSBE goal for this project. Persons claiming local business status shall apply to the Social Responsibility Division at least seven (7) business days before the bid or proposal due date for certification as a local business and return the application with documentation evidencing its business location, the length of time its business was located and operated in the LIA or LBA. Applications may be downloaded at https://www.portofoakland.com/ business/small-local-business/certification-application.

Social Justice Fund: The Port of Oakland Maritime and Aviation Project Labor Agreement (MAPLA) contains a provision (Section 6.4) that requires contractors to pay into the Social Justice Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund. Contractors shall pay thirty cents (\$0.30) per hour worked or paid into the Social Justice Trust Fund established.

For information on how to Pre-Qualify with Turner, please contact Max Hanna- Subject: OIA M103 AHU at the following email

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fresh automatically. Preconstruction software that updates in real time ensures you're only chasing real, active opportunities.

Bonus tip: If you're on the fence about a project, use an AI-powered tool like Takeoff Boost TM to run a quick check. You'll know in minutes if the scope and quantities make sense before you commit more of your time into it.

From Missed Bids to Managed Pipelines

The contractors who consistently win aren't luckier. They just have all the information they need to make the right decisions. When you have visibility into the full market know which projects matter most, and can verify every lead, your commercial construction bidding process becomes predictable instead of reactive.

That's exactly what CCPI was built for: helping contractors find, qualify, and pursue the right projects with confidence. No guesswork involved

Avoid Missed Opportunities and Find the **Right Projects**

Missing bids doesn't have to be part of the job. With the right project data, you'll know what's out there, when to act, and which opportunities are worth your time.

"We've grown tenfold, and can directly relate that to the number of bid opportunities we've done. There's more bid opportunities we've seen because of ConstructConnect, and that's helped allow for that growth.

- Shamus Stephens, Skold Companies

SOURCE: https://tinyurl.com/2xzq82fz



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Project: Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project Phase 1 Mitigation Maintenance ITB No. VW0618

Scope of work: Maintain 55 acres of riparian and upland mitigation and restoration for Phase 1 of the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project.

Location: Morgan Hill and Gilrov. CA **Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District**

Bid Date & Time: November 12, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hanford is requesting the following trades including but not limited to: Water Truck, Irrigation Materials, Erosion Control Materials, Equipment Rental, Plants and Seeds.

David Leyva is the estimator this project, he can be reached at d.leyva@hanfordarc.com or 707-782-3454. Contact him with any questions regarding the scope of work, interpretation of plans or specifications, or if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance. Prevailing wages and certified payroll reports are required. You must be registered with the Dept. of Industrial Relations. Please submit a copy of your current DIR certification, a current copy of your contractor's license (if applicable) and a current copy of your SBE certification with your quote. Please send all quotes by end of business November 11, 2025.

Plans and specs can be downloaded for free at https://www.valleywater.org/contractors/doing-businesses-with-the-district/construction-administration or at local builder's exchanges. You can also send an e-mail to our estimating dept. (estimating@hanfordarc.com) for an e-mailed copy of the plans and specs.

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Requests bids from qualified California Department of General Services (DGS) certified Small Business, Microbusiness, Small Business for the Purpose of Public Works, Subcontractors, Consultants, and/or Suppliers seeking to participate in the following project in San Jose, CA:

PENITENCIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESIDUALS MANAGEMENT PROJECT Project No. 93234044 Contract No. C0711 Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District

REVISED Bid Date: November 12th, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M

Scopes are due November 5th, 2025, and Quotes NO LATER THAN November 11th, 2025, at 2 PM.

Small Business, Microbusiness & Small Business for the Purpose of Public Works

wanted for the following scopes, including, but not limited to: AC Paving · Aggregates · Bird Control Devices · Lockers · Window Blinds · Building Insulation · Toilet Accessories · Casework and Countertops · Clearing & Grubbing · Concrete Paving · Concrete Pumping · Concrete Readymix · Cranes & Hoists · Dampproofing · Demolition · Doors, Frames and Hardware · Electrical · Erosion Control Supplies · Final Cleaning & Janitorial · Fire Alarm · Fire Extinguishers · Fire Suppression · Flooring · Framing and Drywall · FRP Fabrications · FRP Tanks · Glass and Glazing · HVAC · Joint Seal and Firestopping · Landscaping & Irrigation · Masonry · Mechanical Equipment · Metal Roofing · Minor Concrete · Misc. Metals and Structural Steel · Overhead Coiling Doors · Painting and Coating · Piping & Valves · Plaster · Plumbing · Potholing · Precast Concrete · Pre-Engineered Building and Canopy · Quality Control · Rebar · Scales · Sound Absorbing Panels · Tiling · Trucking & Hauling

Bonding, insurance and any technical assistance or information related to the plans or specifications and requirements for the work will be made available to interested DGS certified. Small Business, Microbusiness, Small Business for the Purpose of Public Works. suppliers and subcontractors. Assistance with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or services for this project will be offered to interested certified suppliers and subcontractors.

Plans are available for viewing through BuildingConnected after completion of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) provided by Santa Clara Valley Water. Please email norcal.bids@kiewit.com to have your company be able to receive the NDA, bidding information, Plans and Specifications.

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

Subcontractors must possess & provide current California contractor's license number & DIR Registration number

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

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Erie Canal creation contrasts

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Projects such as the tunnel to carry water under the Delta and the Sites Reservoir to divert and store high flows on the Sacramento River have kicked around for decades. Sites appears to finally be on track, but the tunnel struggles to overcome opposition from local landowners and environmentalists.

And then there's the bullet train to link the northern and southern halves of the state, first pro-

posed a half-century ago and approved by voters in 2008 — but limping along, neither fully alive nor dead, with some construction underway but no firm financial footing.

Looking back, it's amazing that the 363-mile Erie Canal could have been dug by hand in just eight years, or that the two San Francisco bridges were erected in just a few years. The contrast with 21st Century foot-dragging is palpable.

SOURCE: https://tinyurl.com/25ds7uco

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

Project: FY 2021 Onsite and Young's Farmland Non- Potable Water Pipeline Projects Specification No. 2024-03

Owner: Coachella Valley Water District Revised Bid Date: November 12th, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

Please note this is an electronic bid, to ensure your quote has been received and reviewed please have all quotes to MCI by 12pm *

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, SLURRY, PIPE SUPPLIERS, AC OILS, ADJUST MH/WV, ASPHALT GRINDING, CATHODIC PROTECTION, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, SAWCUTTING, SWPPP, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, CPM SCHEDULE, DIP.

The project consists of onsite non-potable water pipelines in the facilities: Annenberg Estates, Jack Ivey Ranch, Palm Royale Country Club, Southwest Church, Suncrest Golf Course, Tamarisk Country Club and Young's Farmland. The work includes installing approx.. 14,450 lf. of C900 PVC pipe and installing zinc coated DIP with V-Bio Polyethylene encasement, including valves, fittings, restrained joints.

Additional facilities include:

- 1. Five meter vaults with electromagnetic flow meters & electronic pressure regulating valves
- 2. Six control valve vaults
- 3. Six lake discharge structures Engineers Estimate: \$2,010,000

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

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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This is Part of a Good Faith Outreach. Your response is greatly appreciated



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

Project: Sedco Hills to Septic Sewer Conversion Package 3 Owner: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Bid Date: November 6, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

Please note this is an electronic bid, to ensure your quote has been received and reviewed please have all quotes to MCl by 12pm *

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, SLURRY, PIPESUPPLIERS, PECAST MATERIALS, CCTV, ELECTRICAL-BUILDING, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, TRUCKING.

The Project consists of installing approximately 12,930 linear feet of gravity sewer to serve about 127 residences. In addition to the gravity main system, the project includes on-site lateral installation, grinder pump installation where required, connections to each property, and septic tank destruction. The project includes all work located on private property to complete conversion of each address opted into the program.

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

bids.com/portal/32069/bo/bo-<u>detail/133451</u> or: <u>esti</u>

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Project: Construction on State Highway in Fresno County in and Near Clovis at Various locations from 0.1 mile east of Fowler Avenue overcrossing to 0.1 miles east of Warbler Lane Contract No. 06-0X2204 **Owner: Caltrans**

Bid Date: November 5th, 2025 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DBE Goal: 19%

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

AGGREGATES, ASPAHLT, CONCRETE MATERIALS, CURIED IN PLACE PIPE, SLURRY PIPE SUPPLIERS, AGGREGATES, ASPARLI, CONCRETE MATERIALS, CORIED IN PLACE PIPE, SLURRY PIPE SUPPLIERS, DRAINING SYSTEMS PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERAILS, AC DIKES, AC OILS, ANALYTICAL TESTING, COCNRETE FLATWORK, CONCRETE STRUCTURES, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, HYDROSEEDING, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CORRUGATES METAL PIPE (CSP), REINFORCING STEEL, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, RUMBLE STRIP.

Project Description:

The project includes, but not limited to, RCP culverts, CIPP, structural concrete (DI), and HMA (Type A). Engineers Estimate: \$8.900.000

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

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Project: Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Specification No. 22-451
Owner: Casitas Municipal Water District Bid Date: November 12, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, SLURRY, LOW DENSITY CELLULAR GROUT, PIPE SUPPLIERS,
PRECAST MATERIALS, EROS MATERIALS, AC DIKES/OILS, ADJUST MH/WV, ASPHALT GRINDING/PAVING/
STAMPED, BORE & JACK, BYPASS-PUMPING, CATHODIC PROTECTION, CCTV, CDS UNITS, CHIPSEAL/SLURRY
SEAL, CONCRETE FLATWORK/PAVEMENT/PUMPING/STRUCTURES, DEMOLITION, DEWATERING, DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, HDD, ELECTRICAL-BUILDING, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS,
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, EROSION CONTROL, FALSEWORK/SCAFFOLDING/FORMWORK, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, GUARDRAIL, HANDRAILING, HYDROSEEDING, PIPE LINING (CEMENT MORTAR), CAST-IN-PLACE CONPOPETE BIDE PEINFORCED, CONCRETE BIDE LOCKED BEINFORCED CONCRETE BIDE CORPULATED METAL CRETE PIPE, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, JACKED REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CORRUGATED METAL PIPE, PLASTIC PIPE, JOINT SEAL, K-RAIL, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, MASONRY, MICROTUNNELING, SAW-CUTTING, SHORING SUBS, SOIL REMEDIATION, STRIPING, STRUCTURAL STEEL, SURVEYING, SWPPP, TRAF-FIC CONTROL, TREE REMOVAL/ARBORIST, VIBRATION MONITORING, WELDED STEEL, SURVETING, SWPP; TRAFFIC CONTROL, TREE REMOVAL/ARBORIST, VIBRATION MONITORING, WELDED STEEL/JACK WELDED STEEL PIPE, CRANE RENTAL, CONVEYOR/EQUIPMENT RENTAL, TRUCKING, ACCESS DOORS/HARDWARE, ACOUSTICAL, BATHROOM FIXTURES, BLDG. MASONRY, BLDG. CONSTRUCTION, PUMPING PLANT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, DRYWALL, EARTHWORK, FIRE PROTECTION, GENERATORS/SWITHC GEAR, HVAC/MECHANICAL, DRAINAGE PUMPING EQUIPMENT, PAINTING/COATINGS, PIPE INSULATION, PLUMBING, ROOFING, STUCCO, TANKS, WATERPROOFING, HAZMAT, GRATE,B-DECKING, WOOD TRUSS, ROAD SIGNS/SIGNAGE, VALVES/WATER MAIN/TEMP FACILITIES, BLDG. INSULATION.Project Description:

- Open trench pipeline installation and horizontal directional drill (HDD) pipeline installation in both Ventura County and Santa Barbara County;
- Two pipeline relocation segments:
- Installation of two booster pump stations; and
- Bypass piping at the Rincon Control Reservoir, Rincon Chlorine Station and Rincon Pump Plant. The work location spans Highway 192 near Highway 150 and multiple sites along the District's existing Rincon Main

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

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Project: Construction on State Highway in Monterey County at Various Locations, from 0.1 Mile North Paris Valley Road overcrossing to 0.4 mile south of Mallory Canyon Road Contract No. 05-1J8904

Owner: Caltrans
Bid Date: November 06th, 2025 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DBE Goal: 22%

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DVBE/SBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERAILS, SLURRY, LOW DENSITY CELLULAR GROUT, PIPE, SUPPLI-ERS, PRECAST MATERAILS, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING, CIDH PILES, CONCRETE FLATWORK, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONCRET EPUMPING, CONCRETE STRUCTURES, CONCTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, ELECTRICAL- STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, GUARDRAIL, HYDROSEEDING, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CORRUGATES METAL PIPE (CSP), JOINT SEAL, K-RAIL, LANDSCAPING/ IRRIGATION, REINFORCING STEEL, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC OCNTROL, CONVEYOR/EQUIPMENT RENTAL, TRUCKING, ACCESS DOORS/ DOORS & HARDWARE, PUMPING PLANT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, DRAINAGE PUMPING EQUIPMENT, PAINTING/ COATING, HAZMAT, GRATE, ROADSIGN/ SIGNAGE, VALVES/ WATER MAIN/ TEMP FACILITIES, MISC METALS

<u>Project Description:</u>
The project includes, but not limited to, Repair and replace drainage culverts, and modify pump plants.

Engineers Estimate: \$18,900,000

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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For more info contact Valerie Voorhies at www.esbeinc.com

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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: IIGC Downtown Water and Sewer Improvements Bid File No. 12600298 Owner: City of Fresno Bid Date: November 4th .2025 @ 3:00 P.M.

*** THIS IS AN ELECTRONIC BID PLEASE HAVE ALL QUOTES TO ESTIMATING BY 12PM ON BID DAY TO ENSURE THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED**

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST CONCRETE MATERIALS, AC OILS, ASPHALT GRINDING/PAVING/STAMPED, BYPASS PUMPING, CATHODIC PROTECTION, PIPELINE CLEANING & CCTV INSPECTION, CONCRETE FLATWORK/PAVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL - STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, EROSION CONTROL, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, PLASTIC PIPE, MANHOLE REHAB & COATINGS, REINFORCING STEEL, SAW CUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPPP, TRAFFIC CONTROL, REINFORCED CONCRETE DRAINAGE PIPE, DIP & FITTINGS, TRUCK ING, CIPP/CURED IN PLACE PIPE LINING.

Project Description:

The scope of work includes but is not limited to; Installation of 12-inch, 16-inch and 24-inch ductile iron water mains and installation of 10-inch and 12-inch sewer mains within the Downtown area bounded by State Routes 41, 180 and 99. Project Bid alternate work provides the potential for installation of additional 8-inch, 12-inch, and 16-inch ductile iron water main, as well as fire hydrants, water service transfers and 30-inch and 36-inch $Cured-in-Place\ sewer\ main\ rehabilitation,\ 10-inch\ Cured-in-Place\ pipe\ liner\ with\ Vinyl\ Ester\ Resin\ and\ all\ pertinent$

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

http://www.fresno.gov/

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

Project: Skyview Reservoir Replacement Project WT7099 Owner: City of Vallejo

Bid Date: November 20th, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

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

PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS, CONCRETE TANK, ELECTRICAL- PUMPING PLANT, PLASTIC PIPE. HATCHES, ACCESS DOORS/DOORS & HARDWARE, HVAC/MECHANICAL, PAINTING/COATINGS, WATER PROOFING, DEMOLITION, DEWATERING, FENCING, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, GUARDRAIL, STEEL PIPE

The scope of work includes but is not limited to: construction of a new 6.0 MG AWWA D110 Type I, strand-wound, prestressed concrete reservoir; demo of existing reservoir, erosion & dust control, SWPPP, dewatering, earthwork, prestressed concrete steel reinforcement

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

http://www.planetbids.com

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Project: Milliken Raw Water Pipeline Hardening HMGP Owner: City of Napa
Bid Date: November 20th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.

Engineers Estimate: \$5,000,000

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/ HUD Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, CONCRETE MATERIAL, PIPE SUPPLIERS, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, PLASTIC PIPE, WELDED STEEL PIPE, TRUCKING, PAINTINGS/ COATINGS, VALVES/ WATERT MAIN/ TEMP FACILITIES

Project Description:

The Project is located at 630 Chaparral Circle, Napa, CA 94558and is described as follows: Installation of approximately 6,200 feet of 16-inch Steel Raw Water Pipeline on a narrow canyon trail from the Milliken Diversion Dam to the Milliken Water Treatment Plant, approximately 3,500 feet of which will be buried, and 2,700 feet of which will be above ground with a shield cover.

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

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Project: Sun City Palm Desert Water Main Replacement Phase 2B Project Specification No. 2025-7 Owner: Coachella Valley Water District

Bid Date: November 20th, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

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BY 12PM ON BID DAY TO ENSURE THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND REVIEWED ***

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

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, CONCRETE MATERIAL, SLURRY, LOW DENISTY CELLULAR GROUT, PIPE SUPPLI-ERS, AC OILS, ADJUST MH/WV, ASPHLAT GRINDING, CCTV, CONCRETE FLATWORK, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DEMOLITION, EROSION CONTROL, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, SAW CUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEY-ING, SWPPP, TRAFFIC CONTROL, CONVEYOR/EQUIPMENT RENTAL, TRUCKING, FLOWABLE FILL, DIP.

Project Description:

The scope of work includes but is not limited to; furnish and install all labor, material and equipment to construct approximately 19, 164 linear feet of 8-inch diameter ductile-iron watermain pipe, 542 linear feet of 12-inch ductile-iron watermain pipe and 990 linear feet of 18-inch ductile-iron watermain pipe, including water service connections. tions, fire hydrant assemblies, valves (including air & vacuum and blow-off), flanged fittings.

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

or

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

Project: City of Parlier Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (REBID) Owner: City of Parlier
Bid Date: December 3rd, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: PIPE SUPPLIERS, PIPE SUPPORTS, PRECAST MATERIALS, MISC. METALS, CONCRETE STRUCTURES, ELEC-TRICAL, HANDRAILING, STEEL PIPE, MASONRY, ROLL-UP DOORS/ACCESS DOORS/DOORS & HARDWARE. PUMPING PLANT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, GENERATORS/SWITCHGEAR, HVAC/MECAHNCIAL, DRAINAGE PUMPING EQUIPMENT, PAINTING/COATINGS, ROOFING, GRATE, WOOD TRUSS, VALVES/WATER MAIN/ TEMP

FACILITIES, LINER. Project Description:

The major work consists of the replacement of an existing aerated lagoon wastewater treatment plant with a new extended aeration treatment facility. The new treatment facility will provide aeration via turbo blowers and floating aerator chains with motorized butterfly valves. Secondary treatment will be provided by two circular clarifiers with spiral blade scrapers, density current baffles, and fiber glass weirs. Sludge will be pumped by three self-priming chopper pumps and either recirculated to the plants new influent structure or directed to the high-rate textile media sludge drying beds for dewatering. Polymer will be injected prior to the discharge of the sludge into the sludge drying beds. Scum collected by the secondary clarifiers will also be pumped via submersible pumps to the sludge drying beds. The water collected by the sludge drying beds will be directed to a drain pump station where two submersible pumps will recirculate the drain water back into the plant. Plant effluent will be collected within existing storage ponds and distributed to four new reclamation fields via two mixed flow impeller vertical turbine pumps

All new equipment will be housed in CMU buildings.

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

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

Project: Sedco Hills to Septic Sewer Conversion Package Owner: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Bid Date: November 20, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

Please note this is an electronic bid, to ensure your quote has been received and reviewed please have all quotes to MCI by 12pm

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, SLURRY, PIPESUPPLIERS, PECAST MATERIALS, CCTV, ELECTRICAL-BUILDING, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, TRUCKING.

Project Description:

The Project consists of installing approximately 12,930 linear feet of gravity sewer to serve about 127 residences. In addition to the gravity main system, the project includes on-site lateral installation, grinder pump installation where required, connections to each property, and septic tank destruction. The project includes all work located on private property to complete conversion of each address opted into the program.

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting: https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/32069/bo/bo-detail/133451 or: estimat

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PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENTS



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) seeks bids for Contract No. 2025-F-071, Scheduled Drydocking and Capital Improvements for MV Golden Gate. Interested Bidders must

submit bids by way of upload to the District's Procurement Portal: https://ggbhtd.bonfirehub.com by November 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., PT, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held online only via Microsoft Teams on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 11:30 A.M., PT.

Requests for approved equals, modifications or clarifications of any requirement must be submitted in writing by November 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., PT. Conference link/information can be found in the bid documents The Bid Documents are available for download on the District's Procurement Portal. In order to download and respond to posted solicitations, Proposers will need to register. Once registered, to download the

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

3. Scroll down to "Supporting Documentation" section to download documents.

For general questions regarding this Contract, please contact Johnathan Lucas, Contracts Officer, at (415)-923-2091.

/s/ Johnathan Lucas, Contracts Officer Dated: October 14, 2025 10/23, 10/30/25 CNS-3977445# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- 1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Union School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project, Bid No. 200180-LTZ: Lietz Elementary School HVAC Replacement
- 2. The Project consists of:

Removal and replacement of rooftop HVAC equipment at Lietz Elementary School.

3. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s): B or C-20

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

- 4. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.
- 5. Contract Documents will be available on or after November 3, 2025, and may be downloaded from the District's website, https://www.unionsd.org/community/request-for-proposals-rfp.
- 6. Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., November 21, 2025, at the District Facilities Office, 5175 Union Avenue, San Jose, California 95124 at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read

aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code

- 7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6, only prequalified bidders will be eligible to submit a bid for a public project involving a projected expenditure of \$1 million or more using or planning to use state general fund or state school bond funds. Any bid submitted by a bidder who is not prequalified shall be non-responsive and returned unopened to the bidder. Moreover, any bid listing subcontractors holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 licenses for the performance of electrical, mechanical or plumbing components who have not been prequalified shall be deemed nonresponsive.
- 8. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.
- 9. A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Union School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

10. A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on November 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Lietz Elementary School (5300 Carter Ave, San Jose, CA 95118), California. All participants are required to sign in front of the Administration Building. The site visit is expected to take approximately 1 hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

- 11. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.
- 12. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall comply with sections 2449, 2449.1, 2449.2 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, including by providing Certificate(s) of Reported Compliance for In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets for the fleet selected for the contract and their listed subcontractors, if applicable, with its executed Contract.
- 13. The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.
- 14. The successful Bidder will be required to certify that it either meets the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") goal of three percent (3%) participation or made a good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the Contract for the Work
- 15. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the

general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at:

- 16. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.
- 17. The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:
- A. The base bid amount only.
- 18. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

10/30, 11/6/25 CNS-3981189# SMALL BUSINESS EXCHANGE

California high-speed rail CEO has a plan to get the project back on track

[Article originally appeared in www.yahoo.com]

By Dan Zukowski

California's project to build a high-speed rail line between San Francisco and Los Angeles, approved by voters in 2008, has faced delays, cost overruns and political opposition from two Trump administrations and congressional Republicans.

Stepping into that quagmire, Ian Choudri was named chief executive officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority in August 2024. No stranger to rail megaprojects, he's worked with Bechtel Corporation, HNTB and other major contractors. He worked on the construction of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Dulles Airport line in Washington, D.C., and was a field engineer on the Channel Tunnel that links southern England and northern France.

Now he's tasked with finding the money to complete the California project, meeting construction deadlines and restoring the trust of politicians and the public. Smart Cities Dive spoke

with Choudri about the challenges the project faces and how he plans to overcome them.

SMART CITIES DIVE: What was your impression of the project when you became CEO in 2024?

IAN CHOUDRI: I was already aware of a lot of the challenges this project was having. One was organizational structure. The funding has been always the biggest constraint to get anything organized in the right order. I also wanted to look at the design criteria that we were using to build this high-speed rail, and so we had to make improvements in all those areas.

What did you do first?

I had to hire the entire team at the top from the most relevant industries. So, if there's a construction chief, his entire career has been construction before and has been in rail construction. [The] engineering chief is someone who has worked on high-speed rail engineering and planning.

My instruction to our leadership was to look at every opportunity that could help this project to get further streamlined so that we can build it as fast as we can. We improved the design criteria and brought it in line with European and Japanese high-speed rail system design standards. We found a lot of opportunities to not overbuild, [and] that gave us the opportunity to relook at right-sizing the project, which is how we optimized the cost.

We looked at everything: funding, financing, commercializing, monetizing, legal challenges that we had and also return on investment. We had to then put this plan forward with optionalities in it.

[The state] legislature made the choice of what they wanted to do for now. The choice was \$1 billion [a year] for 20 years. There were seven or eight other legislative actions that we asked for that will actually expedite the construction, expedite solving issues and build it much faster. We are going to go back and have more discussions in January, February 2026 and continue to have a dialog.

There's a lot of appreciation of the issues at the legislature, and I have a lot of support from [Gov. Gavin Newsom]'s team. They are behind it. So, I'm hoping that within the next two, three months, we get these things moving.

You have spoken about the possibility of involving the private sector. What can you tell us about where that stands?

We started our one-on-one discussions [in January] in confidence with different groups: financiers, concessionaires, banks and so on. We released requests for expression of interest from the industry of P3 (public-private partnership) groups, and we got 30 responses from 30 different entities. Six or seven are the largest investors, concessionaires that have shown extreme interest

They were waiting for legislative action. Now they know that the funding is there, so in November we are going to be soliciting the P3 investors, and we will [select] the most qualified team by, I would say, May or June of next year.

What other funding options are you considering?

Imagine a fiber connection, 5G broadband, different entities using the [rail] corridor that now is owned by the state on a long-term concession basis.

Visit the link for the full article: https://tinyurl.com/27pef4ou