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Most Frequent Value Engineering Problems in Animal Care Facilities

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By Hannah Skidmore

Whether it is your first animal care facility or your hundredth, construction professionals know that engineers design animal care facilities with complex systems because of their unique use. Think about animal hospitals, veterinary clinics, dog daycares, groomers and animal shelters, among others. Given the complexity and unique requirements, cost is a crucial element. However, with such complex systems, contractors and construction professionals must understand which areas of construction are well-suited for value engineering and which areas to reconsider when making value engineering decisions.

Value engineering is a practice that contractors and construction professionals use when they need to meet budget requirements and make real-time decisions regarding products or systems before or during construction. The idea is to maximize the value derived from the cost realities encountered during construction. Value engineering is a critical practice that helps construction stay on time and within budget. Without a thorough understanding of animal care facilities, a contractor's effort to value engineer an aspect of a project can sometimes lead to a problem—or a set of problems. Here are the top five problems animal care experts and building engineers encounter when value engineering for animal care facilities specifically:



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Dehumidification

As a best practice, engineers often design animal care facilities with extensive dehumidification in mind. In other facility types, engineers typically rely on rooftop units to handle dehumidification needs themselves. However, animal care facilities are extremely wet environments with high fresh-air requirements, along with frequent odor and disease issues—regardless of geography. With that in mind, engineers often specify a series of independent units to handle the unique dehumidification needs within the facility.

The Susquehanna SPCA is an excellent example of an animal shelter that utilizes independent units within its building.

Animal care and building engineers experts strongly recommend against attempting to value engineer dehumidification systems during the construction phase under any circumstances.

Exhibit A: Value engineering dehumidification systems is the number one issue animal care engineers at Design Learned encounter when conducting expert witness services for construction litigation and remediation.

Flooring

The everyday wear and tear on typical flooring uses is nothing compared to what flooring in animal care facilities experience. Animals can be everywhere within animal care facilities depending on the need and circumstance—even in spac-

es labeled 'non-animal' such as offices and break rooms. Due to constant use by animals, flooring decisions are crucial. As a best practice, designers will specify flooring that can withstand water, humidity, dog claws and cleaning chemicals (such as accelerated hydrogen peroxide).

For dog-holding areas, building engineers regularly specify fluid-applied epoxy or urethane flooring with a flake and double polyurethane topcoat that has an integral cove. In more public spaces, they often specify porcelain tile with epoxy grout for aesthetic purposes.

Visit the link for the full article: https://tinyurl.com/2b395uzr

Nine years later, California court saga over \$23,420 housing fee remains unsettled

[Article originally appeared in www.calmatters.org]

By Dan Walters, CalMatters

Nine years ago, in preparation for his retirement, engineer George Sheetz bought a plot of rural land in El Dorado County and applied for a county permit to place a manufactured home on his parcel.

Little did he know that what he thought would be a routine administrative transaction would turn into a legal dispute that would wind its laborious way through California courts, reach the U.S. Supreme Court — where he won a unanimous ruling — and is now back in California's judicial system with the eventual outcome still uncertain.

El Dorado County was willing to give Sheetz his permit but only if he paid a \$23,420 fee to offset the home's supposed traffic effects along county roads and Highway 50. The levy resulted from a general plan adopted by county supervisors in 2004 and amended two years later to impose a "traffic mitigation fee" as a condition for receiving a building permit.

Sheetz paid the fee under protest but sued the county, contending that it violated the state's Mitigation Fee Act, which requires that such fees have reasonable relationships to both the proposed development and its impact on public facilities, such as roadways. He also alleged that the fee violated U.S. Supreme Court rulings on property issues, declaring that excessive fees can be a form of extortion.

Sheetz lost in the trial court, which said the laws and rulings governing mitigation fees didn't apply when they are enacted by legislative action, such as the El Dorado County's traffic fee. In 2022, a three-member state appellate court panel unanimously agreed that the fees were legally valid. The state Supreme Court declined to take the case.

Sheetz's attorneys and the Pacific Legal Foundation, a Sacramento organization that specializes in property rights issues, among other things, took his case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Last year, it unanimously rejected lower courts' contentions that legislatively imposed fees are exempt from the Mitigation Fee Act and earlier

Supreme Court rulings.

"There is no basis for affording property rights less protection in the hands of legislators than administrators," Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote in the decision, referring to the Fifth Amendment prohibiting arbitrary "takings" of property. "The Takings Clause applies equally to both — which means that it prohibits legislatures and agencies alike from imposing unconstitutional conditions on land-use permits."

Pacific Legal Foundation hailed the ruling as closing a loophole through which governments, claiming an exemption for legislative acts, could impose fees without restriction.

"The government's fee was nothing more than an exorbitant ransom to pay for permission to build a small, manufactured home," the foundation said at the time. "It unfairly imposed costs that had nothing to do with his project."

One might think that a unanimous decision by an often-divided Supreme Court might have settled the issue, but it didn't.

While the Supreme Court rejected the California appellate court's decision, it sent the case back down for "further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion." That opened the door for the state appellate court to have another go.

Last month, it grudgingly acknowledged the Supreme Court ruling that legislatively imposed fees are not exempt from scrutiny, "contrary to settled California law." However, it declared that the fee imposed on Sheetz "is not an unconstitutional condition imposed on land use in violation of the Fifth Amendment's takings clause. Accordingly, we again affirm the judgment."

In other words, the case is back where it started nearly a decade ago with the \$23,420 traffic mitigation fee being upheld by three state court judgments, notwithstanding what the U.S. Supreme Court declared.

We probably haven't heard the last word yet.

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

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

BID DATE: September 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Key Subcontractor Qualifications: CA DBE Experience with Behavioral Health projects

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

This project requires:

- Prevailing Wages
 Community Workforce Agreement
- Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

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

McCarthy Name: Todd Foos Title: Preconstruction Director E-Mail: tfoos@mccarthy.com

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is requesting bids for the project listed below ROUTE 99 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN TEHAMA COUNTY IN AND NEAR LOS MOLINOS

FROM BUTTE COUNTY LINE TO LOS MOLINOW CREEK BRIDGE Contract No 02-3H7704 Federal-Aid Project No. ACNH-P099(695)E Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 23%

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

REVISED BID DATE: SEPTEMEBER 03, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

REVISED BID DATE: SEPTEMEBER 03, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to: AC DIKE, BIOLOGIST CONSULTANT, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, DELINEATORS, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, UNDERGROUND, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (OPENGRADE) MATERIAL, AND RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL. Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our offices located at 11555 bublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or 3855 N Freeway Blvd Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834, or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the dropbox site at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/Srvdc1bwfbasgl9/AABbrd0ba51_kN3GtAESfBUoa?dl=0 or from the Owner's site at www.dot.ca_gov/hg/esc/oe/weekly_ads/all_adv_projects.php

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

EVRA Construction. Inc.

We are requesting bid quotations from all subcontractors and suppliers and DVBE Subcontractors/Suppliers for the following

> **Pleasanton Unified School District** REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS Valley View ES Transitional Kindergarten Building Inc 2 480 Adams Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566

> > Bid Date: September 9, 2025, 2:00pm

Please fax or e-mail us your Bid proposal at least 2 hours prior to the Bid Opening.

Please note: all Subs above \$150,000 might require bonds.

EVRA Construction, Inc.

2227-26th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116. Estimator: Alex Yunak Phone: 415-467-1336; Fax: 415-467-1356 e-mail: alex@evraconstruction.com

MCCARTHY BUILDING COMPANIES, INC.

ntractor Solicitation of Interest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McCarthy Building Co, Inc. Name: Michael Bockhold Title: Preconstruction Assistant Manager E-Mail: MBockhold@mccarthy.com
Phone: 949.851.8383

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ESTIMATOR: DAVID CZECH An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer

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 5%

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

REVISED BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

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DeSilva Gates Construction (DGC) is requesting bids for the project listed below

ROUTE 20 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN NEVEDA AND PLACER COUNTIES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FROM 0.1 MILE EAST OF DOW ROAD TO 0.5 MILE EAST OF YUBA PASS SEPARATION AND OVERHEAD Contract No. 03-0J5204, Federal-Aid Project ACNH-P020 (204) E Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 20%

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BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to: AC DIKE, BIOLOGIST CONSULTANT, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, EROSION CONTROL, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, MISC. IRON AND STEEL, PIPE LINING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TESTING, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEP-ING, AND HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

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IMPROVEMENTS OF MEEKLAND AVENUE FROM BLOSSOM WAY TO EAST LEWELLING BOULEVARD, Specification No. 2329, Federal-Aid Project No. CRPL-5933(168) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 21%

OWNER: ALAMEDA COUNTY - 951 Turner CT, Rm 300 Hayward, CA 94545

BID DATE: September 9, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to: Adjust Iron, Bridge, Cellular Concrete, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Construction Area Signs, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Fencing, Landscaping, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structure, Roadside Signs, Slurry Seal, Striping, Survey/Staking, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material, Class 4 Aggregate Base Material and Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material.

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ROUTE 101 – FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY FROM THE SAN BENITO COUNTY LINE TO 0.5 MILE SOUTH OF ROUTE 25/101 SEPARATION.

Contract No. 04-1W1904, Federal-Aid Project ACNH-Q101 (450) E Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 21%

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

BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to: AC DIKE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, COLD PLANE, CONCRETE BARRIER, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, EROSION CONTROL, METAL BEAM GUARDRAIL, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, VEGETATION CONTROL, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, EROSION CONTROL MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL AND RUBBERIZED HAMA (CARA CRADE) MATERIAL HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.

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Project: Urban Pocket Area 9- Colorado- Rouse Project Contract No. 220021 Owner: County of Stanislaus Department of Public Works Revised Bid Date: Sept. 3rd, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M. Engineers Estimate: \$24,681,024

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

We are requesting quotes from all qualified MBE/ SBE/ WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: AGGREGATES, ASPAHLT, CONCRETE MATERIALS, SLURRY, PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS AC OILS, ADJUST MH/ WV, CCTV, CONCRETE FLATWORK, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, DE-MOLITION, ELECTRICAL- STREET LIGHTS/ TRAFFIC SIGNALS/ LOOPS, ENVIRIONMENTAL SEERVICES, ERO-SION CONTROL, FENCING, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, CORRUGATED MATAL PIPE, PLASTIC PIPE, LIME TREAT, SAWCUTTING, STRIPING, SURVEYING, SWPP PLAN ONLY, TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRUCKING, FDR

Project Description:

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

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

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

Project: Lafayette Reservoir Tower Safety Upgrade Spec. No. 2175 Owner: EBMUD Bid Date: September 17th, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/MBE/WBE/ Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Low Density Cellular Grout, pipe Suppliers, Scaffolding, Divers, Steel Pipe, Construction Area Signs, Electrical-Building, Fencing, Hydroseeding, Misc. Metals, Trucking, Crane Rental, Valves/Water Main/Temp Facilities, Access Doors/Doors/Hardware/Gates & Actuators, Painting/Coatings, Roofing, Waterproofing, Concrete Repair, Bird Control/Netting.

Project Description:

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

inch ID steel pipe and supports within the existing 60-inch conduit; and performing related required work.

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

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

http://www.ebmud.com/current-construction-bids or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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Project: Cache Creek Pipeline Replacement Owner: Mojave Public Utility District
Bid Date: October 1st, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE/WBE/MBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to: Aggregates, Asphalt, Concrete Material, Pipe Suppliers, Precast Materials, EROS Materials, Blasting, Bore & Jack, Cathodic Protection, Concrete Flatwork, Directional Drilling, Electrical-Street Lights/Traffic Signals/ Loops, Fencing, Geotech Engineers, Landscaping/Irrigation, Sawcutting, Surveying, SWPPP, Traffic Control, Vibration Monitoring, Trucking.

Project Description:

The work involves construction of a potable water booster pump station and over 6 miles of water pipeline within the hills north and South of State Route 58 east of Cameron Road and west of the Community of Cache Creek. The work includes two jack and bore and one open trench casing installations. The Project bid is subject to DBE Good Faith Effort requirements.

Engineers Estimate: \$8 Million

Time limit for completion of the work is 365 calendar days

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

Bid Date: September 17th. 2024 @2:00 PM ELECTRONIC BID

DBE Goal: 21%

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

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

Project Description:

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

Engineers Estimate: \$2,630,000

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

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

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

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

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

Project Description:

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

Engineers Estimate: \$65 Million - \$75 Million

Time limit for completion of the work is 1825 calendar days

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

http://www.vendors.planetbids.com/portal/48397 or: estimating@mountaincascade.com

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

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

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

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

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CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. 1 Harbor Center, Suite 200 · Suisun City, CA 94585 Phone (707) 410-5070 License No. 594575, DIR No. 1000001063

MBE and WBE Subcontractor/Supplier Bids Requested For:

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Lafayette Reservoir Tower Safety Upgrade Specification No. 2175

BID DATE: Wednesday, September 16th, 2025 at 2pm Total Project Cost: \$11M - \$14M

Project Location: Lafayette, CA

Email quotes to jmiranda@shimmick.com

Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. is requesting quotes from certified MBE and WBE subcontractors and suppliers in the following scopes of work, including, but not limited to:

Subcontractors: Concrete, Demolition, Electrical, Erosion Control, Joint Seal, Marine, Painting, Paving, Rebar, Survey, Trucking, Welding

Suppliers: Aggregate, Architectural Items, Flapgates, Joint Seal, Mechanical Equipment, Misc. Metal, Steel Pipe, Ready Mix, Steel Fabrication, Trashracks, Valves & Fittings

Plans are available to download on EBMUD's website https://construction-bids.ebmud.com/CurrentorFutureBid.aspx?BidMode=Current. You may also contact Jamie Miranda at jmiranda@shimmick.com for a download link to view plans and specifications or to schedule an appointment via Teams to discuss the documents. Meetings are held during regular business hours.

Should you require assistance with your bid, please contact our lead estimator Eric Himmelberg at eric.himmelberg@shimmick.com.

All items of work listed above are made available, even items of work normally performed by Shimmick. Please contact the lead estimator listed above for assistance with breaking down items of work into economically feasible units, with assistance obtaining equipment, supplies, materials, bonding, insurance, estimating, or related assistance. 100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company subject to approval of Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. are required of subcontractors for this project. Shimmick Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest SCCI Long Form Standard Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. Shimmick Construction's listing of a Subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote. Shimmick Construction requires that Subcontractors and Suppliers price quotes be provided at a reasonable time prior to the bid deadline to enable a complete evaluation. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Todd Yoder at todd, yoder@shimmick.com.

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

ROUTE 99 - FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY NEAR ELK GROVE
FROM 0.2 MILE NORTH OF ARNO ROAD TO 0.4 MILE SOUTH OF DILLARD ROAD
Contract No. 03-1J6304, Federal-Aid Project ACNH-P099(696)
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Assigned is 21%

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

BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

DGC is soliciting quotations from certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to: AC Dike, Biologist Consultant, Bridge Deck Resurfacing, Bridge, Bridge Removal, Clearing and Grubbing/Demolition, Cold Plane, Concrete Barrier, Construction Area Sign, Electrical, Emulsion Supplier, Erosion Control, Fabric/Geosynthetic Pavement Interlayer, Joint Seal, K-Rail Supplier, Lead Compliance Plan, Metal Beam Guardrail, Misc. Iron and Steel, Reinforcing Steel, Roadside Signs, Rumble Strip, Striping, SWPPP Prep/Water Pollution Control Plan Prepare, Temporary Erosion Control, Testing, Traffic Control Systems, Underground, Vegetation Control, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material, Rubberized HMA (Open Grade) Material and Rubberized HMA (Gap Grade) Material

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

Fax your bid to $(925)\,803-4263$ or email to dgcestimating@desilvagates.com to the attention of Estimator Paul Brizuela. If you have questions for the Estimator, call at $(925)\,829-9220$. When submitting any public works bid please include your DUNS number and DIR number. For questions regarding registration for DIR use the link at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

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

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

Tips from an Expert: How to Track Bid Success and Improve Win Rates

[Article originally appeared in www.calmatters.org]

By Daniel Behrendt

In Short

- Define your business strategy. Make sure your bidding approach supports your biggest goals—be intentional about which projects you go after.
- Make your work quantifiable. Track the number of bids, project values, and relationshipbuilding activities each month.
- Use historical data and industry standards. Compare your win rates to industry averages: 10–20% for hard bids, 30–50% for negotiated jobs.
- Focus on cost control and estimating accuracy. Regularly check your pricing, labor costs, and estimating process.
- Track your time to complete bids. Find the balance between working quickly and keeping your bids accurate.

Winning more construction jobs isn't just about sending out a lot of bids. Measuring your performance and adjusting your strategies helps you work smarter and increase win rates.

Jon Curry, Customer Success Manager at ConstructConnect, has helped contractors all over the country win more work by aligning their bidding process with their business goals. Below are his top recommendations:

1. Define Your Business Strategy First

A good bidding approach starts with knowing where you want your business to go. Curry explains, "You want to make sure your bidding strategy aligns with your business goals, not just focused on the numbers." Before selecting projects, ask yourself: are we focused on growth, entering new markets, or strengthening our work in current ones?

Make sure every project you pursue moves you toward these priorities. Curry adds, "Ensure your approach moves your business forward, not just keeps you busy."

You might decide to:

- Increase your bid volume. This is helpful if the goal is to grow quickly or enter new markets.
- Select projects that fit your strengths. Focusing on jobs you do well can help boost win rates and create stronger relationships.

Connect your bidding efforts to your overall direction, so you make meaningful progress. Revisit your strategy regularly to ensure it reflects your long-term objectives.

2. Make Your Work Quantifiable

Once your strategy is clear, set measurable goals. As Curry explains, "I think it's really imperative to

ask yourself, how can you make your work quantifiable? If you were thinking of setting a goal and you envision it as a hierarchy, you have your goal at the top. (You) need to start understanding what are the key metrics and the results that are going to help you track to that goal."

Curry suggests tracking:

- Number of bids each week or month
- Relationship-building outreach (calls/emails)
- Average value per bid
- Bid success rate (wins out of total bids)

For example, if you submit eight bids a month and win two—you've got a 25%-win rate. Tracking your past performance and comparing it to industry standards helps you see if you're on track to reach your goals—and makes it easier to fix what's not working.

3. Use Historical Data and Industry Standards

Don't rely on guesswork—let your own data and industry standards guide you. Curry says:

"You could look at historical data that you've already prepared (by) going back into the backlog of projects that you've been working on. You could also look at industry standards. They say a 10-to-20%-win rate is typical for hard bid or, public competitive work, and a 30-to-50%-win rate is common for negotiated or selected bid work."

According to Curry, you should consider reviewing:

- Revenue by month or quarter
- Win rates for different types of projects
- Trends in the projects you do best

This helps you strategize more effectively, such as growing your win rate or finding more of your best-fit jobs.

4. Focus on Cost Control and Estimating Accuracy

Knowing your costs is essential to smart, profitable bidding. Curry encourages contractors to:

- Regularly compare quotes to ensure your vendor pricing remains competitive. Even if you have trusted suppliers, it's important to verify their rates and value.
- Check your labor rates and compare them with local averages.
- Review your estimating process. Simple mistakes can change your pricing.

"If your bids are too high because your costs are off—even by a little bit—you're going to lose out. But if your bids are too low, you could win a project and lose money on it," Curry points out. Keep reviewing and improving your approach.

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