

District 5

A&E Contract Outreach

Construction Materials Testing

March 25, 2026

10:00 am to 11:30 am

In-Person and via Webex

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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/title-vi>

Agenda

10:00 AM – Welcome & Purpose of the Outreach

10:05 AM – Roundtable Introductions

10:25 AM – Office of Civil Rights

10:30 AM – Calmentor

10:35 AM – Contract Overview & DPAC Updates

11:00 AM – Compile Questions

11:25 AM – Questions and Answer Session

- Prime will hold offsite virtual networking sessions.
- Official responses to be posted to DPAC website.

11:30 AM – Adjourn

Purpose of Outreach

General Information Sharing

Office of Civil Rights Opportunity

CalMentor Program

Contract Overview & DPAC Updates

Networking and Partnering Opportunities

Question and Answer Session

Consultant Roundtable Introduction

Participant Name and firm title

Services your firm provides/Personnel Current Certifications

Goal for Attending this Event (for Non-Caltrans Participants)

Are you planning to be a

- Prime or sub-consultant
- Primes are encouraged to host separate team building online virtual meeting.

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Disclaimers

The information provided in this event does not constitute a solicitation or offer of any contract with Caltrans.

For this outreach, the scope of work, duties, contract, amount, schedule, and all aspects of the contract are not final.

Information provided is preliminary and subject to change.

Small Business Program Overview

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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DBE Program Overview

On September 30, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule that makes major changes to the DBE Program. The rule was published in the *Federal Register* on October 3, 2025, and it is effective immediately.

The rule eliminates race- and gender-based presumptions of disadvantage. From now on, all DBE applicants must prove social and economic disadvantage individually. This means every firm currently certified must go through a reevaluation process. Once you are recertified under the new standards, you will again be eligible to participate in the DBE Program. Until this process is complete, DBE goals will not be assigned to federal aid projects or procurements.

Until reevaluations are completed, your current DBE certification is not valid for contracting purposes and cannot be counted toward DBE goals.

You will be contacted by certifying agency with instructions on how to complete the recertification process. As part of that process, you will need to provide:

A personal narrative describing the barriers and disadvantages you have faced,

A new Personal Net Worth statement, and

Any supporting financial or business documents that may be requested.

Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

DBE Questions:

- Contact the DBE “Analyst of the Day” at (916) 324-1700 or DBE.certification@dot.ca.gov.
- Email the OCR Outreach Branch at SmallBusinessAdvocate@dot.ca.gov.

Caltrans and other certifying agencies are reviewing the new requirements and will provide templates and outreach to help in completing this process.

Please watch for communication from your certifying agency with specific instructions.

Thank you for your patience as we implement these federally required changes.

- For DBE certification questions, call: (916) 324-1700 – ask to speak to the Analyst of the Day, or email them at: DBE.Certification@dot.ca.gov

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights>

Small Business Resources

Caltrans Event Calendar

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/caltrans-events-calendar>

Statewide Resources

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/business-resources>

Caltrans Contractor's Corner

<https://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/contractor-info.html>

Construction Contracting Opportunities Portal (CCOP)

<https://ccop.dot.ca.gov/>

A&E Contract Information

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information>

Upcoming Small Business Events

April 2026 – June 2026

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/caltrans-events-calendar>

(Caltrans Event Calendar)

- April 9th – Virtual – NR – Northern Quarters
- April 14th – D5 Bonding, Estimating, and Labor Compliance (For Subcontractors)
- April 17th – Compton – D7, D8, D12 Annual Procurement & Resource Fair
- April 22nd – Hybrid – San Diego Local Small Business Council Meeting
- April 23rd – D5, D10 Understanding Caltrans Small Business Codes
- May 7th – Virtual – NR – Northern Quarters
- May 15th – D2 Redding-In Person – Procurement Fair
- May 21st – Virtual – NR – Northern Quarters
- May 27th – D5, D10 Selling Goods and Services to Caltrans
- June 4th – Virtual – NR Northern Quarters
- June 18th – Virtual – NR – Northern Quarters
- June 24th – Hybrid – San Diego Local Small Business Council Meeting
- June 24th – D5, D10 Understanding Caltrans Procurement and Services Contract

Calmentor Program

What is it?

- Mentor/protégé program

How does it work?

- We partner with ACEC to promote partnerships with the private consulting industry
- Encourages new business
- Grows existing business
- Promote small and emerging businesses contracting with the State of California
- Supports SBE firms in the Central Region
- Voluntary participation in the program is through acceptance and screening of completed applications from mentors and proteges.

The program is currently accepting new members. Please reach out to Lori Goodwin at Lori.Goodwin@nv5.com for more information or registration forms.

Calmentor Program

Mission, Goals, and Objectives

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Calmentor Program is to increase the pool of small firms participating in transportation projects by providing them opportunities to network and partner with larger, established firms.

Goals and Objectives

- Establish a mentoring Program that pairs small firms with larger, established firms in the same field of expertise
- Enhance the growth potential of small firms
- Ensure that both small and large firms have equal opportunities to participate in transportation projects
- Establish a clear, accessible entry point for small firms that want to do business with Caltrans or other public agencies
- Develop business relationships that foster new opportunities for both large and small firms
- Encourage small firms to obtain certification from appropriate agencies
- Increase the pool of small business

Calmentor Program

Participants

Participants

- Participants of the Program are Mentors, Proteges, Sponsors, and/or Steering Committee members.
- Mentors are large, established firms who are typically prime consultants willing to commit time to help small firms achieve their growth potential.
- Proteges are small firms who are seeking A&E contracts with Caltrans or other public agencies.
- Caltrans Region District CSU is the program's primary sponsor whose aim is to facilitate the growth of small firms. Any public or local organization may join to co-sponsor the Program.

Calmentor Program Contacts

Contract Information for Central Region

Public Sector Members

- Humberto Almaguer – Caltrans Central Region
 - Humberto.Almaguer@dot.ca.gov
- Jin Thao – Consultant Services Unit
 - Jin.Thao@dot.ca.gov

Private Sector Members

- Lori Goodwin – Chairperson
 - Lori.Goodwin@nv5.com
- Darcy Taylor – Co-Chairperson
 - dtaylor@ghirardelliassoc.com

Central Region Calmentor Program Website

<https://dot.ca.gov/Caltrans-near-me/district-6/district6-programs/d6-calmentor>

County Locations

District 5:
Santa Barbara
San Luis Obispo
Monterey
San Benito
Santa Cruz



General Information

Construction Materials Testing

- **Contracts:** Two (2) Contracts, one (1) for Engineering Surveying Services and one (1) Right of Way Engineering Services
- **Location:** District 5 – Administered out of Central Region
- **Cost:** Estimated \$9.6 million to \$15.6 million
- **Duration:** Contract term is 3 years
- **Existing Contract #:** 06A2969
- **Current Consultant:** Atlas Technical Consultants
- **Work Performed:** Construction Material Testing.

Scope of Work

Construction Materials Testing

Required Services:

- The Consultant may perform professional and technical services required for Roadway Construction Services on an “as-needed” basis in the following areas:

Excluded Services:

- Roadway Construction Inspection and Office Engineering
- Electrical Construction Inspection
- Landscape Architectural Construction Inspection
- Construction Claims Support
- Construction Scheduling / CPM
 - (Pre & Post Construction Acceptance)
- Construction Stormwater Implementation
- Roadway Construction Management – Consultant Resident Engineer

Typical Scope of Required Services

Materials Testing

The Consultant may perform services on an On-Call and As-Needed basis.

Scope of Work Attachments Include:

- Construction (Base)
- Materials Sampling and Testing Services

Typical Personnel Classifications

Materials Testing

- Consultant Contact Manager
- Consultant Task Manager
- Material Tester

Tentative Schedule

Materials Testing

(Subject to Change)

Advertisement – Week of 04/12/26

SOQ Due – Week of 05/10/26

Interview – Week of 05/31/26

Cost Negotiation – Week of 07/19/26

Award & Execution – Week of 07/26/26

DPAC

A&E Negotiation Phase

https://youtu.be/mGgVEnUJ_S8

A&E Negotiation Phase Video Deadlines

Presented by Richard Yost

DPAC

Caltrans Division of Procurement and Contracts Your Procurement Partner

Caltrans Website ADA Compliance

With Section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act for persons with disabilities

Safe Harbor Rate Program

Continues at a rate of 90% - 120% until California's proposal is approved by FHWA

Personnel Additions

Additions will not be allowed within 6 months of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) start date, regardless of execution date.

Advertisement Period

All advertisements will be for 30 calendar days.

Main Contact for Documents and Questions

AE.Customer.Service@dot.ca.gov

Websites

Caltrans Website:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/>

Caltrans, Division of Procurement and Contracts (DPAC) A&E Website:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts>

Look Ahead Report:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information>

Networking and Partnering Opportunity

A list of all today's attendees will be posted on the DPAC Website with Prime-Consultants and Sub-Consultants for your reference.

Utilize the list to form your potential team partners

Are you planning to be a:

- Prime or sub-consultant and
- Primes to possibly host teaming Webex? (Advertise in OCR Events calendar)

Question and Answer Session

Outreach information including questions and answers will be posted on the DPAC A&E website:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information/a-e-outreach-events>

Closing

Thank you for attending this A&E outreach event. We look forward to seeing your SOQ submittals!