

District 8 Virtual Outreach

On-call Contract: Construction Specialty Construction Inspection Services

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am Location: District 8 WebEx, Teams

Agenda

Purpose of Outreach & Introductions

Small Business Program

Calmentor Program

Contract Overview

DPAC: Overview of Streamlined A&E contract Process (YouTube)

Submit Questions/ Networking Session

Response to Questions

Adjourn

Introduction

Role and Title for Participating Caltrans Team Members

Contract Manager: Chigo Dike

Small Business: Shanae Pharaoh

Calmentor Liaison: Elias Gutierrez

Discipline Division Manager: Xavier Quintanar

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Contract Overview

Information Sharing

Questions and Answers Session

Networking & Partnering Opportunity

Sign-In Chat Box

Please indicate:

Name of Company

Contact Information (Phone Number, E-mail)

Prime or Sub

Optional: Affiliations and Certifications

Disclaimer

All information presented in this outreach event does not constitute a solicitation or offer of any contract with Caltrans. The scope of work, duties, personnel requirements, contract amount, schedule, and all aspects of the contract are NOT final. Information provided is preliminary and subject to change.

Small Business Program Overview

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Meet the Staff

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Small Business Office Role

Educating internal and external stakeholders on the Caltrans' Small Business (SB), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs.

Tracking and reporting outreach activities and performance metrics.

Organizing and/or participating in events and activities for small businesses.

Cultivating partnerships with business assistance organizations, industry groups, and other state and local government agencies.

Marketing Caltrans' contracting and procurement opportunities to the small business community including certified SB, DVBE, and DBE firms.

Opportunities

1:1 Meetings

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings

Minor Program

Calmentor Program

Construction Mentor Program

Federally-Funded Contracts

District 8 federally-funded major construction contracts for Federal Fiscal YTD October 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026:
Awarded contracts: 6, totaling \$149,985,511
Total DBE commitment \$0 (0%)

State-Funded Contracts & Procurement

Contracting and procurement awards for 2nd Quarter State fiscal year have reached a total of \$97,461,829.

Small Business (SB) participation 20%

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation 2% Contracts — total awarded: \$87,297,425

SB participation: \$17,474,162 (20%) DVBE participation: \$1,758,723 (2%)

Procurement — total awarded: \$10,164,404

SB participation: \$2,018,504 (20%) DVBE participation: \$126,428 (1%)

District 8 Upcoming Events

April 17, 2026: In-Person – D7, D8, and D12 Procurement Fair Compton, CA

May 1, 2026: Spring 2026 Calmentor Event Santa, CA

May 20, 2026: Virtual Bidding and Bonding Workshop, Virtual

June 10, 2026: Construction Contracts, Buy America Workshop

June 11, 2026: SBDC Small Business Conference, Riverside, CA

June 24, 2026: Virtual Prevailing Wage Workshop, Virtual

July 9, 2026: Labor Compliance – Contract Compliance Workshop, Virtual

DBE Reevaluation

DBE firms will be required to submit updated information and documentation to support continued certification. Detailed instructions, timelines, and resources will be provided directly to firms to guide them through the reevaluation process.

Upcoming Webinar Series

To support firms statewide, the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Small Business Development Branch (SBDB), will host a series of webinars designed to provide guidance and answer questions.

Live Questions & Answers (Q&A) Sessions:

April 1, 2026

April 2, 2026

April 6, 2026

April 14, 2026 (Final session)

Time: 10:00 a.m. PST

These sessions provide an opportunity for firms to ask questions, receive clarification, and better understand the DBE reevaluation process.

[Click here to register for Caltrans DBE Reevaluation Q&A sessions](#)

[Click to view the FAQ Guide for DBE Reevaluation](#)

Recordings are now available for the following webinars:

Understanding New DBE Requirements:

[Understanding New DBE Requirements - YouTube Video](#)

Personal Narrative Guidance Webinar:

[Personal Narrative Guide Webinar - YouTube Video](#)

Thank You!

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Calmentor Program

Increase the pool of small A&E businesses participating in transportation projects.

Goals & Objectives

Mentoring Program that pairs small A&E businesses with large A&E firms

Enhance small business operations to achieve their growth potential

Create small business opportunities that provide more meaningful participation in transportation projects

Establish an entry point for small A&E firms that desire to do business with Caltrans and other public agencies

Develop business relationships that cultivate new opportunities for both large and small firms

Why Should a Small A&E Firm Participate?

Develop more meaningful relationships with large firms

Enhances readiness to pursue business opportunities

Enhance perspectives on successful business practices

How Do I Start?

Request informational brochure and application

Submit Mentor or Protégé application.
Request active Mentor or Protégé list for potential pairing
Submit MOU with Caltrans

Title VI

Caltrans ensures that no person in the state of California is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in Caltrans programs, policies, procedures, activities, and services on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. For more information on title vi of the civil rights act of 1964 at Caltrans, please visit:

[Caltrans Title VI](#)

Upcoming Event

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Karthik Radhakrishnan | LA Metro
David DeLuz | Caltrans Office of Civil Rights
David Prizmich | Caltrans DPAC
Robert Gunn | Caltrans DPAC

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

LA 28 Olympics update
Latest on DBE requirements
Fair and Reasonable Rates and In-person interviews
Upcoming Caltrans opportunities
Back by popular demand - Speed Networking

Upcoming Event

Calmentor Spring Event 2026

Please join the Caltrans Southern California Alliance Districts 7, 8, and 12 for another exciting networking event geared towards cultivating and supporting large and small business mentoring relationships.

Details:

Friday, May 1, 2026, 10am to 1pm
Caltrans, District 12, Sam Clemente Room
1750 E. Fourth St., Santa Ana, CA 92701

Register Now

[Calmentor Spring Event 2026](#)

Registration closes April 24, 2026

General Information Division Contract Type

Location: District 8

Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside

Scope: Construction Specialty

Estimated Contract Value: \$4,000,000

Duration: Contract term is 3 years

Goals: To be determined

Replacement to the existing Contract 08A3608

Scope of Services

Types of services include but are not limited to:

Electrical Construction Inspection

Landscape Architectural Construction Inspection

Construction Claims Support

Construction Scheduling / Critical Path Method ("CPM")

Construction Stormwater Implementation

Exclusion of Work

Construction Materials Sampling and Testing

Roadway Construction Management – Consultant Resident Engineer

Consultant Personnel Classifications

All personnel requirements will be specified on the advertised scope of work.

The Department's expectation is that the submitted Statement of Qualifications contain personnel that meet the minimum requirements specified in the advertisement for all classifications including, but not limited to, educational requirements, certifications, licensing, experience, and any other requirements as specified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) advertisement.

Major Projects Under this Contract

Replace 2 bridges and restore RSP at 6 bridge locations to mitigate scour. Replace Woods Wash bridges (Br. No 54-0804 R/L)

Pavement Rehabilitation, const 8' shoulders & median & shoulder rumble strips, restore TMS elements, upgrade sign panel, upgrade guardrail, extend culverts & install pedestrian hybrid signals

Seismically Retrofit Lytle Creek Bridge

Summary of General Personnel Requirements

Detailed qualifications for each position will be identified in the advertised RFQ.

The Consultant's personnel shall be capable, competent, and experienced in performing the type of work in this Contract with minimal instruction.

The CONSULTANT shall provide the following employees:

Consultant Contract Manager:

Minimum of five (5) years of responsible experience performing the duties as a consultant contract manager.

Minimum of ten (10) years of demonstrated experience acceptable to Caltrans in roadway construction services work

Task Order Manager

Conduct, or direct the conduct of, all work assigned under a single Task Order.

Primary contact for the assigned Task Order and be available as needed for communication with Caltrans.

Cumulative 5 years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times.

Consultant Electrical Construction Inspector (Registered)

Registered Professional Engineer (Electrical) licensed in the State of California.

Cumulative 5 years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times.

Consultant Electrical Construction Inspector

Graduation from a four (4) year curriculum in electrical engineering accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology ("ABET").

Consultant Landscape Architecture Construction Inspector (Registered)

Landscape Architect, issued by the California Landscape Architects Technical Committee.

Cumulative 5 years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times.

Consultant Landscape Architecture Construction Inspector

Graduation from a four-year curriculum in Landscape Architecture accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board ("LAAB")

A documented minimum of two (2) years of demonstrated experience in Landscape construction inspection of highways or major public works projects performing the duties described in this Contract.

Responsible Person – Construction Claims Support (Registered)

Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) licensed in the State of California

Minimum five (5) years of experience acceptable to Caltrans in performing lead duties

A documented minimum of two (2) years of demonstrated experience in Landscape construction inspection of highways or major public works projects performing the duties described in this Contract.

Responsible Person – Construction Claims Support (Registered)

Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) licensed in the State of California

Minimum five (5) years of experience acceptable to Caltrans in performing lead duties.

Consultant Construction Scheduling Support Analyst Responsible (Registered)

Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) licensed in the State of California

Five (5) years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times

DBE – Small Business

This contract will have a DBE goal: TBD

Estimate goal: XX%

A voluntary goal of XX% for Small Business Participation highly encouraged

Tentative Schedule

Advertisement: May 7, 2026

SOQ Due: June 9, 2026

Interview: June 24, 2026

Negotiation: August 12, 2026

Award and Execution: August 18, 2026

Division of Procurements and Contracts (DPAC)

For information and procedures on Caltrans A&E contracts, visit the Division of Procurements and Contracts (DPAC) website:

A&E Contract Information: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information>

Inquiries: AE.customer.service@dot.ca.gov

Overview of Streamlined A&E Contract Process:

[Overview of Streamlined A&E Contract Process - YouTube Video](#)

Question and Answer Session

Please post questions in the chat.

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

[DPAC A&E Website](#)

Networking

Time to meet and connect with fellow conference attendees to establish subcontracting and partnering connections.

Participant Name (Plan to be a Prime or Sub)

Firm, Affiliations and Certifications