

District 8 Virtual Outreach

On-Call Contract Construction Construction Materials Sampling & Testing

April 29, 2026

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

District 8 – Webex/Teams

Agenda

Purpose of the 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

Introductions

Role and Title for Participating Caltrans

Team Members:

Contract Manager: Chigo Dike

Small Business: Shanae Pharaoh

Calmentor Liaison: Elias Gutierrez

Discipline Division Manager: Sarah Hartz

Purpose of this Outreach

Contract Overview

Information Sharing

Questions and Answers Session

Networking & Partnering Opportunity

Sign-in Chat Box

Please indicate:

Name of company
Contact information (phone number/email)
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.

Caltrans Small Business Program Overview

Shanae Pharaoh
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District 8 Small Business Liaison

Certifications

Caltrans recognizes the following certifications:

Small Business (SB) – 25%

Includes Small Business for Public Works (SB-PW) and Micro Small Business (MB)

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) - 5%

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) – 0% (Currently on pause)

Eligibility Requirements

Small Business (**SB**) and Small Business Public Works (**SB-PW**)

Independently owned & operated

Not dominant in the field of operation

Principle office located in California

Owners must live in California

Small Business (**SB**):

Have 100 or fewer employees; and average annual gross receipts of \$18 M or less over the last 3 tax years.

Small Business Public Works (**SB-PW**):

Have 200 or fewer employees; and average annual gross receipts of \$43 M or less over the last 3 tax years.

Eligibility Requirements Cont.

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (**DVBE**)

Must have a service-oriented disability of at least 10%

U.S. Military, naval, or air service

Must be at least 51% owned by one or more disabled veteran

Must reside in California

Must be managed/controlled by a disabled veteran

Eligibility Requirements Cont.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (**DBE**)

Must be at least 51% owned by one or more socially & economically disadvantaged individuals

Must be a for-profit small business

Personal net worth of \$2.047 M or less

Must be managed/controlled by a DBE individual & a U.S. Citizen

Average annual gross receipts for the 5 previous fiscal years cannot exceed \$30.72 M

Certification Benefits

5% bid preference for SBs

Up to 5% incentive for DVBEs

Exclusive contract opportunities

Prompt Payment
Reciprocity Partners
Work with prime contractors

Certification Benefits Cont.

Recognized by sub-recipient local agencies in California. Firm listed in the CUCP database
California Unified Certification Program (CUCP)
Recognized by Local Agencies
Invitations to Procurement Fairs, Pre-Bids, and other outreach events

How To Get Certified?

SB/DVBE
DGS' website, CaleProcure.ca.gov
Apply online & submit documents electronically SB's and DVBE renews every 2 years,
DBE – Currently in reevaluation process [DBE System Weblink](#)

District Small Business Liaisons (DSBLs)

Services we offer:
One-on-One Assistance: Discuss strategies on working with our agency
Public Outreach Opportunities: To encourage small business participation on contracts and procurements
Resource for Caltrans Staff: Connect our District Staff who have purchasing and contracting needs with our small businesses
DSBL Contact List: [DSBL Contact List Weblink](#)

What's Next?

Attend outreach events

Caltrans Events Calendar - [Caltrans Events Calendar Weblink](#)

Find Caltrans projects and contracts to bid on

Cal eProcure – [Cal eProcedure Weblink](#)

Contractor's Corner - [Contractor's Corner Weblink](#).

District 8 Upcoming Events

1 May 2026: Spring 2026 Calmentor Event, Santa, CA (In-person)

8 May 2026: 08HAZARD27 – Virtual A&E Outreach at 10:00am

8 May 2026: 08LS26 – Caltrans District 8 Virtual A&E Outreach at 1:00pm

20 May 2026: Virtual Bidding and Bonding Workshop – Virtual

11 June 2026: SBDC Small Business Conference Riverside, CA

9 July 2026: Labor Compliance Contract Compliance Workshop – Virtual

Thank you

Shanae Pharaoh District 8

Small Business Liaison

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CALMENTOR PROGRAM

Increase the pool of small A&E businesses participation 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.

Enhances 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

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UPCOMING EVENT

DETAILS:

Friday, May 1, 2026, 10:00am to 1:00pm

Caltrans District 12

San Clemente Room

1750 E. Fourth Street., Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

HELPFUL LINKS

[District 7 Calmentor](#) | [Near Me](#) | [Weblink](#)

Email Address: D7.PPM.CONSULTANT.SERVICES.UNIT@DOT.CA.GOV

[LinkedIn Groups Weblink](#)

General Information Division

Contract Type

Location: District 8

Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside

Scope: Construction Materials Sampling & Testing

Estimated Contract Value: \$6,000,000

Duration: Contract term is 3 years

Goals: To be determined

Replacement to the existing Contract 08A3615

Requirements For Material Testing Services Scope

Perform testing and analysis on roadway materials such as Soils, Aggregates, Asphalt Concrete and Concrete (i.e. Portland cement concrete, rapid set concrete, and polyester concrete, etc....).

Testers are required to possess current certification in the California Test Method and the certification in the Fundamentals of Radiation Safety and Nuclear Gage Operation.

Testing is conducted at the project sites and at the consultant's materials laboratory. Prepare the field and laboratory testing reports. Submit the reports to the Caltrans' Resident Engineer.

Assignments will be anywhere within the boundaries of District 8 (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties).

Night work and weekend work may be required depending on the project requirements.

Requirements For Plant Inspection Services Scope

Familiar with Caltrans Manuals (Standard Specifications, Caltrans Construction Manual, Caltrans Test Methods, Special Provisions pertaining to Materials).

Familiar with MicroSoft Office and Required Software Programs.

Perform Inspections for material control at roadway processing plants operations during the production of Asphalt Concrete, Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt, Rapid Set Concrete, Portland Cement Concrete, and other related material.

Sample and test fine and coarse grade aggregates and base materials at the production plant in accordance with the California Test Methods and Caltrans Construction Manual.

Obtain samples of binders, in accordance with the California Test Methods and Caltrans

Construction Manual.

Prepare the required calculations and reports.

Material testing is conducted at the consultant's materials laboratory.

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

Colorado River Bridge Replacement along Route I-40

I-40 Upgrade Safety Roadside Rest Areas (Desert Oasis) Mojave

River Bridge Deck Overlay

New Fontana Maintenance Facility

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, managing, and leading a team of engineering firms for roadway project development and construction services contracts

The Consultant Contract Manager shall have a documented minimum of ten (10) years of demonstrated experience acceptable to Caltrans in roadway construction services work. Assure that deliverables are clearly defined, acceptance tested and that criteria are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound; and confirm with appropriate Consultant personnel that the deliverables satisfy the acceptance tests and criteria.

Implementing and maintaining quality control procedures to manage conflicts, assure product accuracy and identify critical reviews and milestones

Task Order Manager

Cumulative 5 years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times, with the total time not accounting for double-counting or any overlapping

Consultant Responsible Person

The cumulative five (5) years minimum years of experience, gained from multiple projects at various times, shall be in serial, with the total time not accounting for double-counting or any overlapping.

The Consultant Materials Sampling and Testing Material Tester responsible person shall be a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) licensed in the State of California.

Have knowledge of uses of engineering construction materials used in state transportation projects.

Have knowledge of field-testing frequencies shown in the Construction Manual, in the QC/QA procedures, or as outlined in the Special Provisions.

Have ability to interpret material test data and visually recognize basic material properties throughout production and placement.

Consultant Dispatch Coordinator

Assign material testers and plant inspectors to specific projects.

Consultant Plant Inspectors

Have knowledge of physical properties and uses of engineering construction materials used in state transportation projects.

Have familiarity with weighing and batching equipment.

Have knowledge of how materials are placed, sampled, and tested.

Consultant Field Material Testers

Have knowledge of uses of engineering construction materials used in state transportation projects.

Have knowledge of construction contract documents including plans and specifications.

Have knowledge of field-testing frequencies shown in the Construction Manual, in the QC/QA procedures, or as outlined in the Special Provisions.

Consultant supervisors of laboratory and/or field technicians

Minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated experience acceptable to Caltrans in performing the material tests, which are run by the technicians they are supervising.

("NICET") at Level III or higher OR Registered Professional Engineer with minimum of one

(1) year of demonstrated experience acceptable to Caltrans in highways OR Engineer-in-

Training ("EIT") certificate with minimum of two (2) years of demonstrated experience

acceptable to Caltrans in highways OR Bachelors, Masters, or higher degree in Civil

Engineering from an Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology ("ABET") and minimum of

three (3) years of demonstrated experience acceptable to Caltrans in highways.

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: June 5, 2026

SOQ Due: July 7, 2026

Interview: July 22, 2026

Negotiation: September 10, 2026

Award & Execution: September 16, 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 [A&E Contract Information Weblink](#)

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

Overview of Streamlined A&E Contract Process:

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

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