The following Special Program(s) are applicable to this RFP.

# Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

1. This solicitation and resultant Agreement is financed in whole or in part with federal funds and therefore subject to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 (49 CFR 26) entitled “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.” In compliance with 49 CFR 26, Caltrans set an overall annual DBE goal comprising both race neutral and race conscious elements. To ensure equal participation for DBE groups specified in 49 CFR 26.5, Caltrans specifies a contract goal for DBE participation. The required goal for DBE participation in this solicitation is XX percent (XX%).
2. To ensure applicable participation of the specified DBEs as defined in 49 CFR 26.5, this solicitation’s goal applies to all certified DBEs. Only certified DBE participation will count toward the Agreement goal for this solicitation. DBE participation will count towards Caltrans’ federally mandated overall annual DBE goal. In order to ascertain whether its overall annual DBE goal is being achieved, Caltrans tracks DBE participation on all federal-aid contracts.
3. It is the Bidder’s/Proposer’s responsibility to verify that the DBE firm is certified as a DBE by the specified bid submittal due date and time. For a list of DBEs certified by the California United Certification Program (CUCP), go to: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find_certified.htm>
4. Proposer shall complete and submit Attachment B, Bidder/Proposer *Disadvantaged Business Enterprise DBE Information ADM-0227F* and/or Bidder/Proposer *Disadvantaged Business Enterprise DBE Good Faith Efforts Documentation ADM-0312* for detailed information and the required forms. Required forms will be made a part of the Agreement. Failure to meet the DBE goal or Good Faith Effort requirements and provide required DBE participation may result a bid/proposal being rejected as non-responsive.
5. The requirement to advertise for the purpose of identifying potential DBEs is waived.