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RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM

91 Project Overview

Southern California's population continues to grow. About 280,000 vehicles per day travel State Route 91 at the Riverside County/Orange County line, and that number is expected to increase by 140,000 vehicles by 2035. Traffic congestion on the eastbound 91 between Anaheim and Corona during afternoon commute hours is among the worst in the nation.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is working to relieve traffic problems by adding lanes and improving ramps, bridges and local streets on the 91 through Corona and Riverside. Construction is expected to start in early 2014, with new lanes estimated to open in 2017. An innovative design-build strategy should speed up project delivery by three to four years, reducing the impact of construction to the area.

A construction contract valued at \$664 million was awarded in May 2013. Because the project is funded in part by federal sources, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulations apply to the contract.

DBE Program Requirements

A DBE contract goal of 9.4% has been established for this project. This goal will equate to approximately \$62 million in available contracting opportunities for DBE firms.

RCTC will be monitoring compliance with DBE requirements. Atkinson/Walsh, the design-build firm that is selected for the project will be required to submit and implement a DBE Performance Plan.

DBE Performance Plan Elements

The DBE Performance Plan must include the following elements:

- The design-build must designate a DBE Program Administrator, who is responsible for the DBE Program for this contract.
- The design-builder must identify scopes of work for which DBE firms will be eligible to compete.
- The design-builder must submit a monthly report of good faith efforts to attain 9.4% DBE goal.
- The design-builder must offer services to help small and disadvantaged businesses overcome barriers to participate in the project.
- The design-builder must communicate regularly with eligible businesses to explain opportunities available through the project.

Who can I contact for more information?

For questions about the 91 Project DBE Program, contact RCTC DBE Liaison Officer Matthew Wallace, (951) 787-7141 or mwallace@rctc.org.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is implementing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to advance participation of DBEs in the 91 Project.



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