OCTA BUSINESS EXPO ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Business Opportunities Cecilia Cardenas, Contracts Manager Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST San Gabriel Valley

- Established in 1999 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) which is Joint Powers Authority of 31 cities.
- ACE is a single purpose construction authority created to implement a construction program to mitigate the adverse impacts at rail-roadway crossings in the San Gabriel Valley.
- ACE has full independent authority and is governed by its own Board consisting of 6 cities and LA County.
- ACE is a limited life agency and will cease to exist when the last project is completed.





Alameda Corridor-East

- The ACE Project is a comprehensive program construction of grade separations, where the road goes over or under the railroad and safety at grade crossings in the San Gabriel Valley.
- ACE has 24 employees.
- Contract audits, finance, IT, contract management, labor compliance, project management, utility coordination, document control and administrative support are done in house.
- Legal, environmental, outreach, property acquisition services are contracted out.
- Design, construction management and construction are all contracted out.
- Projects are done under a design-bid-build method.







ACE Program Status

Completed grade separation projects:

Nogales Street (City of Industry)	Ramona Boulevard (City of El Monte)
Sunset Avenue (City of Industry)	Orange Avenue (City of Industry)
Reservoir Street (City of Pomona)	East End Avenue (City of Pomona)
Brea Canyon Road (City of Industry)	Temple Avenue* (City of Pomona)

^{*}Grade crossing closure awaiting final relocation work by UPRR and their tenants.

In construction/recently awarded grade separation projects:

Baldwin Avenue (City of El Monte)	Nogales Street (LA Sub) (City of Industry)
San Gabriel Trench (4 railroad crossings) (City of San Gabriel)	
Puente Avenue (City of Industry)	Fairway Drive (LA Sub) (City of Industry)

In design:

Durfee Avenue (City of Pico Rivera)	Fullerton Road (City of Industry)



ACE Contracting Opportunities

Professional Services

Type of Contract	Description	Anticipated Release Date
RFQ	Design and engineering services for at-grade crossing safety improvements (Pomona and Montebello)*	December 2014
RFQ	Design and engineering services for ACE grade separation projects (Montebello and City of Industry)*	March 2015
RFP	Construction management services for Durfee Ave. grade separation project	April 2015

^{*}Subject to COG and City of Montebello approvals.



ACE Contracting Opportunities

Construction Services

Type of Contract	Description	Anticipated Release Date
RFP	On-call demolition and construction-related services for the ACE Project	November 2014
IFB	Construction of Fullerton Road grade separation project	2016
IFB	Construction of Durfee Avenue grade separation project	2016



ACE Small Business Programs

- Small Business Enterprise Program
 - For State/locally funded project
 - SBE under the SBA guidelines
 - ACE is non-certifying agency
 - ACE will accept SBE certifications from agencies which certify firms in accordance with U.S. SBA guidelines
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
 - For federally-funded projects
 - Caltrans
 - DBEs certified under CUCP
 - ACE is a non-certifying agency
- Small Business Networking Session
 - Mandatory for prime consultants/bidders to attend







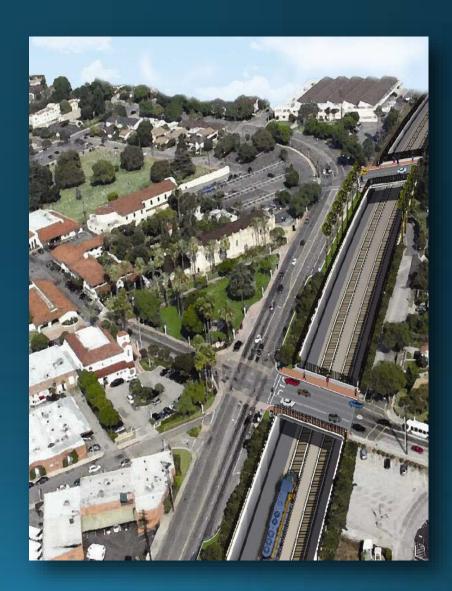
ACE Vendor Registration

- Online Vendor Registration PlanetBids
- ACE Website:
- www.theaceproject.org
- DOING BUSINESS WITH ACE
 - **≻**Vendor Registration
 - http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=15588#
 - Ensure that you enter your correct NAICS codes.
- RFP/RFQ and IFB packages are available via PlanetBids.
- Ensure email information is up-to-date.



Helpful Hints

- Update your vendor information on PlanetBids
- Meet with ACE staff
- Construction bids:
 - Attend mandatory meetings
 - Be mindful of the question period timeline
 - Meet DBE/SBE goals
- Proposals
 - Attend mandatory meetings
 - Evaluation Criteria as delineated in the RFP/RFQ
 - Availability of personnel
 - Reference check information must be correct
 - Meet DBE/SBE goals
 - Do not use small fonts/graphs
 - Debriefings





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