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MEDIA ADVISORY

Caltrans Pairs Small Businesses with Large Firms

Calmentor celebrates small business participation in transportation projects

WHO: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

WHAT: 2nd Annual Calmentor Award Celebration Luncheon to recognize business partnerships and successful mentor relationships

WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Sheraton Fairplex, 601 West McKinley Avenue, Vineyard Room 1&2, Pomona, 91768

BACKGROUND:

Calmentor is a program created from a partnership between Caltrans and the private consulting industry to promote and increase small business participation on Caltrans professional architectural and engineering (A&E) contracts. **Calmentor** Southern California Alliance consists of Caltrans District 7 (Los Angeles/Ventura); District 8 (San Bernardino/Riverside) and District 12 (Orange).

PHOTO OP: Confirmed speakers are Dale E. Bonner, Agency Secretary, California Department of Business, Transportation and Housing; and Will Kempton, Director, Caltrans. Secretary Bonner will speak on the agency's commitment to small business enterprise. As state governments push economic stimulus agendas to rebuild roads, bridges and other infrastructure, Caltrans **Calmentor** Program is taking steps to increase the pool of small businesses involved in transportation projects.

AGENDA: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Consultant Networking
11:35 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Luncheon
12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Address by Caltrans District 7, 8, & 12 Directors
12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Testimonials
12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Guest Speakers: Dale Bonner, Secretary, California Business, Transportation and Housing; and Will Kempton, Director, Caltrans
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Award presentation to Calmentor participants