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CALMENTOR PROGRAM PROMOTES SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Under the leadership of the Division of Program/Project Management, the District 4 Calmentor Program has successfully promoted the growth of Small Business involvement in various transportation projects since January 2007.

Prior to the Calmentor Program, there had been very limited opportunities for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Consultants who were Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms and/or Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) firms.

The District 4 Calmentor Program is very innovative because it has provided the needed opportunities for SBE, DBE and DVBE sub-consultants to network, connect and establish working relationship with A&E Prime Consultants. This has been made possible through the sub-consultants participation as Protégés, who are either qualified firms to be, or already certified as SBE, DBE or DVBE. The Protégés are paired and mentored by Prime Consultants, who serve as Mentors in the Program.

The Program is also innovative because it has created a pool of qualified and certified SBE, DBE and DVBE firms who became available to the Primes for purposes of submitting highly qualified responses to Requests for Qualification (RFO) issued by Caltrans and other local transportation agencies.

As owners of transportation projects, Caltrans and other local agencies have benefited from the District 4 Calmentor Program when highly qualified consultants and sub-consultants from the Calmentor membership participate in their respective A&E contract procurement opportunities.

PROTÉGÉ GRANTED GRADUATE STATUS---One of the Calmentor Program's Protégés (CENTER) is seen receiving his firm's Graduation Certificate during the Calmentor Event on May 5, 2014.

MENTOR FIRMS RECOGNIZED---Several established A&E firms, who serve as Mentors to small "Protégé" firms seeking to grow their business in California transportation projects, were recognized by (FAR RIGHT, L-R) Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty and District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi during the Calmentor Event on May 5, 2014.