



MEDIA ADVISORY

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SMALL BUSINESSES BENEFIT IN CALTRANS-ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS' PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING AGREEMENT CHARTER SIGNING ON FRIDAY

WHAT: Charter signing and kick-off for the Mentor-Protégé Program for construction. The Mentor-Protégé Program pairs large firms with small firms to increase competition and participation in public works contracting so they can equally contribute to California's infrastructure.

WHEN: Friday, May 22, 2009 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Treasure Island, 1 Avenue of the Palms,
Behind the building on the south side, facing the Bay Bridge

WHO: Jim Bourgart, Deputy Secretary, Transportation and Infrastructure,
Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency
Will Kempton, Director, California Department of Transportation
Bijan Sartipi, District Director, California Department of Transportation
District 4
Miguel Galarza, co-chair Mentor Protégé Steering Committee and
President, Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, Inc.
Dan Masdeo, chair of District 4 Calmentor Steering Committee

WHY: This is the official launch of a program aimed to increase participation of Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) firms. **Media may want also to attend the workshops in the morning where large and small contractors are being trained on the mentor-protégé process and talking one-on-one with their sponsors. Workshops begin at 9:15 a.m. in the 1 Avenue of the Palms building.**

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