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Dear Public Participant:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is conducting an Availability and Disparity Study (Study) that will assist Caltrans and local governments in implementing their Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26.

The Study includes an analysis of the experiences of vendors and contractors with Caltrans and local agencies in connection with implementation of their DBE Program, and involves an analysis of whether or not there is evidence of discrimination or its effects in the transportation contracting industry in California. The California transportation contracting industry includes contracts funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which are administered by Caltrans and local agencies as a primary recipient and sub-recipient of FHWA and FTA funds.

You are invited to participate in public hearings that will be held statewide (schedule enclosed) in each Caltrans district. The purpose of the public hearings is to obtain personal testimony and accounts of experiences and incidents by vendors and contractors in the California public transportation contracting industry. The information Caltrans is seeking includes, but is not limited to:

- Whether or not firms face difficulties or barriers when bidding as prime contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers.
- Whether or not business owners believe they have been treated fairly or unfairly based on their race, ethnicity, or gender.
- Whether or not prime contractors solicit, or fail to solicit, bids or price quotes from DBEs on non-DBE goal projects.
- Whether or not there is a level playing field for firms in access to capital, bonding, and insurance.

If you are unable to attend a public hearing to provide Caltrans your testimony, you may submit it electronically , no later than Friday, June 8, 2012, to Anna_Silva@dot.ca.gov, or by U. S. mail to: Caltrans Office of Business & Economic Opportunity, Attention: Anna Silva, 1823 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you have any questions about the Caltrans public hearings, or would like to receive more information on the Availability and Disparity Study, contact Anna Silva, Disparity Study Project Manager, at (916) 324-0964 or Anna_Silva@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

FOR MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
Acting Director

Enclosure

Disparity Study II Public Hearings Schedule

Caltrans District	Day	Date	Time	Location	Room	Local Caltrans Contact
3	Tues	5/1	10am-12 pm	1727 30th Street Sacramento, CA 95816	Caltrans, Farmers Market III First Floor Conference Room	Anna Silva; Carole Ching (916) 324-1430
10	Wed	5/2	2pm-4pm	56 S. Lincoln Street Stockton, CA 95203	Small Business Development Center WIB Room 1, 2, and 3	Silvia Dayak; Lauren Pulido (209) 948-7855
4	Tues	5/8	10am-12pm	111 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94612	Caltrans District 4 Auditorium	George Crosby (510) 286-7030
1	Wed	5/9	1pm-3pm	1656 Union Street Eureka, CA 95501	Caltrans District 1, Room 58/59	Janet Mohorovich (707) 441-3945
6	Thurs	5/10	4pm-6pm	2015 E. Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726	Caltrans District 6, Manchester Center Office, Sierra Room	Kelly Mertlik; Morris Caudle (559) 488-7332
5	Tues	5/15	10am-12pm	50 Higuera Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	Caltrans District 5, Sycamore Room	Ann Danko (805) 549-3818
2	Thurs	5/17	2pm-4pm	1301 Butte Street Redding, CA 96001	Caltrans District 2, Lassen Training Room, West Venture	Rebecca Alexander (530) 229-0561
11	Tues	5/22	4pm-6pm	4050 Taylor Street, Building 1 San Diego, CA 92110	Caltrans District 11, Garcia Room	Rose Primacio; Liz Santucci (619) 220-7343
12	Wed	5/23	4pm-6pm	3347 Michelson Dr., Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92612	Caltrans District 12, Room 218	Elizabeth Philippon (949) 724-2021
7	Thurs	5/24	4pm-6pm	100 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	Caltrans District 7, Conference Rooms 01.040 A, B, & C	Will Blas (213) 897-0890; Marcus Atkins, (213) 897-0209
8	Tues	5/29	2pm-4pm	464 W. 4th Street San Bernardino, CA 92401	Caltrans District 8, Rosa Parks State Building, Basement Training Room	Patti Smith (909) 383-6482
9	Thurs	5/31	10am-12pm	500 S. Main Street Bishop, CA 93514	Caltrans District 9 Coffee Room	Jessica Klemencic (760) 872-0777

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