

Public Notice

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is conducting an Availability and Disparity Study. The Study will serve to assist Caltrans and local governments in implementing their DBE Programs in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26. The Study is expected to be completed by June 30, 2007.

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) and administered by Caltrans and local agencies as a primary recipient and sub-recipient of FHWA and FTA funds.

Public Hearings will be held statewide. 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 we will be 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; and
- Whether or not there is a level playing field for firms in access to capital, bonding and insurance.

Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Stockton: 1976 Charter Way, Room #5671 Stockton, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Germaine Gordon at (209) 941-1923.

Eureka: 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Brenda Bowie at (707) 441-5814.

San Bernardino: 655 West 2nd Street, Room # 201, San Bernardino, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Rhody Soria at (909) 383-4285.

Thursday, March 22, 2007

San Diego: 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA from 3:30 – 7:30 pm; contact Nellie Richardson at (619) 220-7343.

Sacramento: 1020 O Street, Auditorium, Sacramento, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Evelyn Dodson at (530) 741-4354 or Delores Rogers-Phillips (916) 324-0987.

Fresno: 2015 E. Shields, Yosemite Room #145, Fresno, CA from 3:00-7:00 pm; contact Pam Gentleman at (559) 445-6925.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Oakland: 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Ruby Louie at (510) 286-5898.
Bishop: 500 South Main Street, Room 305, Coffee Room, Bishop, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, contact Suzi Carter at (760) 872-0719.
San Luis Obispo: 50 Higuera Street, Cypress Room, San Luis Obispo, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Gilliam McCallum at (805) 549-3037.

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Los Angeles: 120 Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; contact Norma Dorsey at (213) 897-6107.
Irvine: 3347 Michelson Drive 1st Floor, Room C1-165, Irvine, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Norma Quezada at (949) 724-2344.
Redding: 4300 Caterpillar Road, Redding, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Rebecca Selby at (530) 225-3529.

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

San Jose: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Auditorium, 3331 North First Street, Building A, San Jose, CA from 3:00 – 7:00 pm; contact Ruby Louie at (510) 286-5898.
Los Angeles: 120 Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; contact Norma Dorsey at (213) 897-6107.

If you are unable to personally attend a public hearing to provide us your testimony, you may submit it electronically to Robert.Padilla@dot.ca.gov; or by US mail to: **Caltrans Office of Civil Rights, 1823 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Attention: Robert Padilla.**

For more information on the Availability and Disparity Study, contact **Robert Padilla, Disparity Study Project Manager** at (916) 324-0552 or Robert.Padilla@dot.ca.gov.