

DVBE Goal Increase, DVBE Incentive and Small Business Enterprise Goals
on
Major Construction Contracts (>\$147,000)

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Caltrans is making three major changes to its contract special provisions:

1. In order to assist the Department with achieving its annual 3% DVBE goal, the Department is increasing the DVBE contract goal from 3% to 5% effective with February 11, 2008 advertisements for contracts with state-only funding. The 5% DVBE contract goal will be in effect until July 1, 2008.
2. As required by the California Code of Regulations, Section 1896.99.100, the Department is including DVBE incentive special provision in advertised contracts with state-only funding beginning February 19, 2008. Bidders with 1%-5% DVBE participation will receive a bid preference of the verified participation amount up to \$100,000. The DVBE incentive will be applied after the Small Business preference. The DVBE incentive cannot displace a Small Business Enterprise with a non-small business.
3. A Small Business Enterprise Goal special provision will be in all advertised contracts beginning February 19, 2008. The Department has established an overall 25 percent small business participation goal. To determine if the goal is achieved, the Department is tracking small business participation on all contracts. The Small Business participation will be collected from the low bidder prior to contract approval. Even if no small business participation is reported, the successful bidder must execute and return the form.