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Dear Interested Party:

The California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a focus group meeting on the fabricated structural steel tower and orthotropic boxes (main span and back span) construction contract 04-0120F4 and for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Seismic Safety Project. **The Self-Anchored Suspension Span (SAS) Superstructure Focus Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Radisson Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Boulevard, Berkeley, California. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, followed by the program at 9:00 AM.**

This meeting will focus on the Self-Anchored Suspension Span superstructure advertised for bid February 3, 2003. The Self-Anchored Suspension Span consists of a 160-meter single steel tower with a main cable and inclined suspenders supporting the steel orthotropic decks of a 385-meter main span and a 180-meter back span.

This meeting session will allow potential contractors, fabricators, and suppliers involved in the supply, fabrication and erection of structural fabricated steel items of work, the 160-meter single steel tower and/or steel orthotropic decks and the foundations to discuss their constructability issues on the project. This discussion will enable Caltrans to effectively implement Public Contract Code 10120. Those in attendance will be able to share ideas, information and lessons learned on other projects. **This meeting is not a substitute for the bidder inquiry process** as discussed in the Notice to Contractor in the special provisions.

Please bring business cards to share with Caltrans and help our efforts to keep accurate sign-in sheets. We will be distributing the sign-in sheets after the closing remarks.

"Buy America" requirements apply to this project. Visit the Federal Highway Administration website at www.fhwa.dot.gov for details regarding "Buy America."

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For additional information on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Seismic Safety Project, visit the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/tollbridge/. If you have any questions regarding the focus group meeting, please call (510) 286-5549.

Sincerely,

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