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SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 12:30 P.M.

GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MARY PICKER: First question is from Shin-Hwa Ho. He is from KYJ Construction. The question is: "Does the DBE subcontractor need to be a union contractor?"

I am looking down at some of my co-workers because that is a question that I don't have the answer to. And Phillis Thompson is stepping up to the plate.

PHYLLIS THOMPSON: It would not be a Caltrans requirement that a DBE subcontractor be union. However, there are prevailing wages on a federal job. Those are part of our special provisions. And I know different prime contractor -- and this may be a question to, a prime contractors you are considering submitting a bid to because different contractors may have agreements with the unions that they have to honor on their own, but it would not be a Caltrans' requirement.

SPEAKER: I am Sharon with labor compliance at Caltrans. I also wanted to add that this is a federally funded project, not just state funded.

SARAH PICKER: The next question is from Jacques Gulbenkian. And he has a few questions. "Re:

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SFOBB Skyway as of September 17, '02" --

I just want to acknowledge that the Skyway project is an ongoing construction project so some of these questions may not be relevant to future contracts.

First one: "How do we secure a share of the post-tensioning steel subcontract? Does Caltrans need

8 our brochure?"

9 The answer to that would be that the contract
10 is awarded to a prime contractor named KFM. If they
11 needed the services then they would be able to contact
12 you.

13 The next question is: "How do we secure a
14 post-tensioning research grant?"

15 And the answer to that question would have to
16 come later. I don't know of any post-tension research
17 grant given by Caltrans. There may be some more out
18 there in the world.

19 Next, "I have redesigned the hollow box
20 section precast concrete superstructure into
21 cast-in-situ tee-sections that are simply supported by
22 many advantages." That was a statement.

23 "No. 4, I have redesigned the post-tensioning
24 system using standardized stainless or carbon steel
25 tendons with many advantages, bonded or unbonded, a

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1 small part of the bridge contract."

2 And lastly, "Even pile-driving has not
3 started yet at either end of the Skyway project."

4 Thank you, Jacques, for your comments and
5 questions.

6 I have been handed another card and the
7 comment is from Fu-Lien Henry Chang with Structures.

8 His question is: "When can we hear about
9 other projects?"

10 That will be in the future. And if you are a
11 certified DBE or a certified small business you should
12 be on our mailing list for future mail outs. If you
13 are not you could give me your business card and I will
14 add you to our list for people to receive future
15 mail-outs.

16 Then the next question is: "Is engineering
17 support services such as falsework, shoring, design
18 review of submittals, shop drawings and inspection
19 services" --

20 And there are some opportunities for what we
21 call "architectural and engineering contracting." And
22 you could pick up a flier out in front. I can't name
23 any specific opportunities related to the Bay Bridge so
24 you have to research that on the web site.

25 Got a question/comment from Jason Stokes of

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1 Sunset Business Development, who is a DBE. The
2 question is -- I think that you are asking, "What is
3 the process of DBE selection with engineering firms,
4 NAICS codes?"

5 I am not sure what your question is. Could
6 you explain?

7 JASON STOKES: The question is, How do
8 engineering firms select DBEs; do they use NAICS codes
9 for the industry?

10 SARAH PICKER: I think that the answer is
11 going to vary with different prime contractors. And
12 during the networking I ask you to check with them.

13 I also want to comment that if prime
14 contractors are looking to be aware of DBE firms they
15 could contact Caltrans' support service contractor,
16 which is Triaxial, Nathan, and through that process
17 DBEs can be made known to the primary contractors.

18 PHILLIS THOMPSON: I know what you are
19 talking about. And I know what NAICS codes are. I

20 thought maybe I could add a little more clarification.
21 If you are a DBE that is currently certified,
22 how are DBE directories organized? It is by work
23 category codes. And what those relate to is our
24 specifications, so they are not based on SIT or NAICS
25 codes.

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1 If a prime contractor wanted assistance in
2 looking for DBEs he could contact Triaxial management.
3 And what they would provide him with is a list of the
4 work category codes.

5 And in your application you would provide a
6 list of the category codes you would want to be
7 certified under. If you want more information about
8 the work category code I urge you to talk to Nathan
9 during the networking or talk to Robin; either one
10 could provide you more information.

11 SARAH PICKER: I received a question from
12 Samson Cheng with Reach Communications. The first
13 question is: "Any goals set for MBE?"

14 Right now we only set goals for DBEs on
15 federal projects.

16 Then the next question is: "Can SBEs be
17 certified by Small Business Administration office
18 participate?"

19 For the State of California, small business
20 certification, that is done through the State General
21 Services. There is a representative -- I don't believe
22 there is a representative today from General Services,
23 but Robin has literature, and also through the Caltrans
24 web page you could get more information.

25 I have got another question from Dean Moore

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1 from Underwater Resources, Inc. And he says, "Which
2 contract do you foresee commercial diving work?"

3 I could say we don't see any commercial
4 diving work on the W2 landbase foundation nor do we
5 anticipate any commercial diving work for the YBI
6 substation and viaduct retrofit.

7 However, for future contracts there is the
8 E2, T1 Foundation, and that is in the water, so you
9 could see potential diving work on that contract.

10 Is there anyone else out there in the
11 audience that has a question or comment that they would
12 like to bring forward?

13 That concludes our presentation and questions
14 and answers. I urge you to come and talk to us at
15 Caltrans or some of the prime contractors that are here
16 today or from other different agencies represented.

17 Thank you very much.

18 (Whereupon, at 1:42 the question-
19 and-answer portion of the
20 proceedings was concluded.)
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