

Pre-Bid Conference Minutes and Presentation Slides

Project: Mt. Whitney Ave. Road Reconstruction and Shoulder Improvements

Contract: 25-06-C
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Bid Opening: Thursday, October 30, 2025
Location: Zoom

Attendance at this meeting was not mandatory to bid.

Contractors in Attendance

- American Paving Co., Ross Jenkins
- Don Berry Construction, Dan Dorval
- Granite Construction, Angel Sandoval
- Katch General / Katch Environmental, Sonny Yecny
- Terra West Construction, Javier Garcia
- Yarbs Grading and Paving, Jim Leppo

County Staff in Attendance

- Jennica Geddert, Design Division, Public Works and Planning
- Sharn Dhah, Design Division, Public Works and Planning
- Jessica Navarro, Design Division, Public Works and Planning
- Jackie Wongsing, Design Division, Public Works and Planning

Description of Project

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Discussion

- DBE program is temporarily suspended per USDOT's Interim Final Rule on DBE. During this temporary suspension, there will be no contract goals, no good faith effort documentation, no counting of DBE participation, no monitoring of DBE program compliance, and no submission of DBE forms.
- USDOT's Interim Final Rule on DBE:
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-19460> (Oct 3, 2025)
- Caltrans response:
 - <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/DBE-Program.pdf> (Oct 7, 2025)
- More information: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/local-civil-compliance/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-dbe>
- The Specifications do not contain DBE requirements or forms. As Caltrans and the FHWA issue new federal-aid contract documents incorporating changes, we

can expect new versions of the Federal Aid Contract Provisions such as the LAPM 12-G and FHWA 1273.

Bidding Logistics with the County

- Sending in hardcopy documents - We ask that you notify us ahead of time if you will be bringing in bidding documents before the bid opening date so we can arrange to receive them (call the phone numbers in the Notice to Bidders or email tracking numbers to DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov).
- Bid Security
 - Bid Security – Bid Form vs “Proposal 4”
 - Bid Form Signature form 4th section of the Bid Book is not for the bond itself; you may use your bonding company’s form for the bond itself.
- The temporary pause of DIR enforcement ended on June 22. Make sure your DIR registration is up-to-date and paid.
- Some subcontractor details are required at the time of bid opening pursuant Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code and Section 4104 of the California Public Contract Code. All the other requested information is due within 24 hours after the bid opening and may be emailed to DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov.
- CARB certificates for the prime contractor are required at the time of the bid opening. Subcontractors’ certificates are due within five (5) calendar days of the bid opening. These are the certificates that are provided by DOORS, not the Truck and Bus Regulations.
- Requests for Clarification can be submitted via the form on the project website and will be posted on the response page.
- Insurance limits and requirements are listed in the Agreement in the Specifications.

Questions can be submitted in writing via the Request for Clarification form on the project website and responses to previously asked questions are posted to the project website.

Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to the planholders of record.

It is the Contractor’s responsibility to ask any questions they might have regarding this project. No allowance will be made after the bids have been received for any errors or omissions due to any misconceptions made by the Contractor.

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Mt. Whitney Ave. Road Reconstruction
and Shoulder Improvements



Department of Public Works and Planning

Agenda

1. Sign-in
2. Description of the Project
3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)
4. Bidding logistics with the County
 - a. Bid Openings
 - b. Hardcopy and Electronic bids
 - c. Bid Security
4. Bidding logistics (continued)
 - a. DIR registration
 - b. Subcontractor details
 - c. CARB certificates
5. Questions
6. Conclusion and sign in for late arrivals
7. Optional Electronic Bidding Information

Description of the Project

The work to be done consists, in general, of reconstruction and improvements to approximately 1.6 miles of roadway from Marks Avenue to Blythe Avenue on Mt. Whitney Avenue in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. The road, including the travel lanes, the eight-foot paved shoulder, and the parking area will be reconstructed using a Full-Depth Reclamation cement treated method. The project also includes signage and striping, excavation and construction of a retention basin, storm drain improvements, adjusting sewer manholes, water valve boxes, and other miscellaneous items.

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October 7, 2025

To: All Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Stakeholders:

On September 30, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued an [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) making significant changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concession DBE (ACDBE) Programs. The IFR was published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2025, and is effective immediately. Caltrans and all subrecipients of federal transportation funding subject to the DBE Program are required to comply.

While we continue to evaluate the new IFR, we want to share the information below to keep you apprised of this development and new requirements. We will share additional information when available.

However, as an interim action and to ensure compliance with federal direction, here are DBE program changes effective immediately:

Key Changes

Disadvantaged Business Program (DBE) – *Current Suspension*

“In response to the Interim Final Rule (IFR) regarding 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26, the Disadvantaged Business Program (DBE) is suspended until California’s disadvantaged businesses can be recertified under the IFR’s new DBE certification requirements.”

*“Bid solicitation and procurement must **not include a DBE goal**, and contracts will not follow DBE program requirements. Subsequently, **Good Faith Efforts are no longer required.**”*

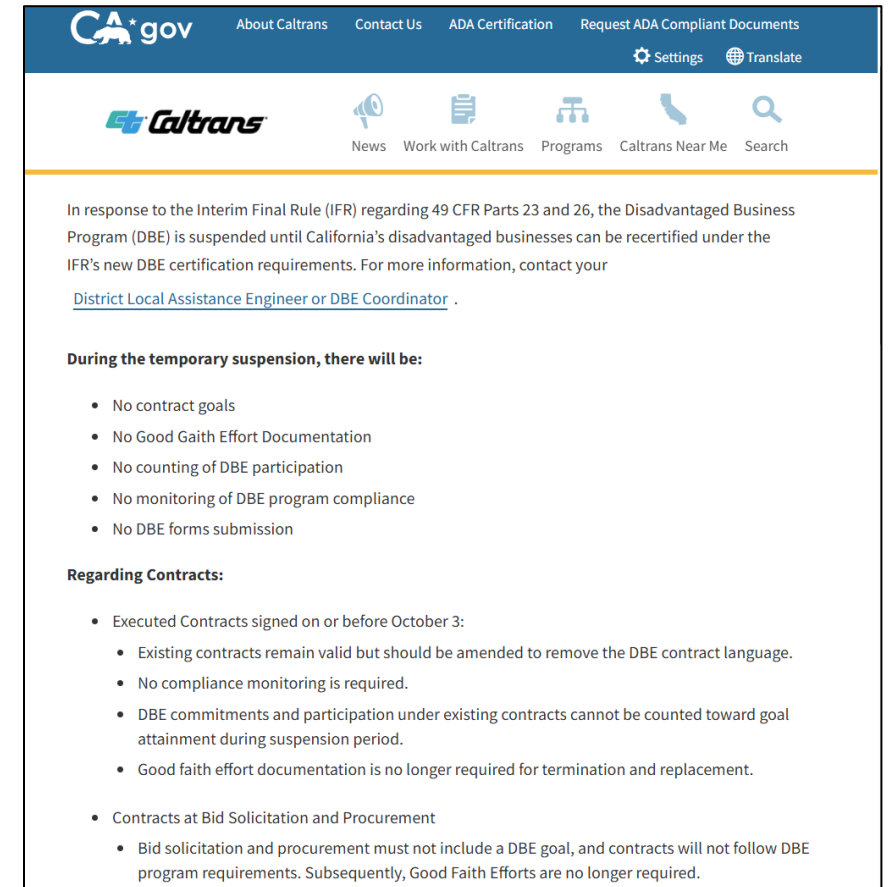
More Information

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/local-civil-compliance/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-dbe>

During the temporary suspension, there will be:

- No contract goals
- No Good Faith Effort Documentation
- No counting of DBE participation
- No monitoring of DBE program compliance
- No DBE forms submission

“Prevailing wage, certified payroll, or prompt payment, termination/replacement continue as they are upheld by other subcontractor regulations.”



The screenshot shows the Caltrans.gov website. The header includes the Caltrans logo and navigation links: About Caltrans, Contact Us, ADA Certification, Request ADA Compliant Documents, Settings, and Translate. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with icons for News, Work with Caltrans, Programs, Caltrans Near Me, and Search. The main content area features a notice titled "In response to the Interim Final Rule (IFR) regarding 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26, the Disadvantaged Business Program (DBE) is suspended until California's disadvantaged businesses can be recertified under the IFR's new DBE certification requirements. For more information, contact your District Local Assistance Engineer or DBE Coordinator." Below this notice, a section titled "During the temporary suspension, there will be:" lists five bullet points: No contract goals, No Good Faith Effort Documentation, No counting of DBE participation, No monitoring of DBE program compliance, and No DBE forms submission. Another section titled "Regarding Contracts:" lists three bullet points: Executed Contracts signed on or before October 3 (with sub-points about existing contracts, compliance monitoring, and good faith effort documentation), and Contracts at Bid Solicitation and Procurement (with a sub-point about bid solicitation and procurement requirements).

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- No Good Faith Effort Documentation
- No counting of DBE participation
- No monitoring of DBE program compliance
- No DBE forms submission

Regarding Contracts:

- Executed Contracts signed on or before October 3:
 - Existing contracts remain valid but should be amended to remove the DBE contract language.
 - No compliance monitoring is required.
 - DBE commitments and participation under existing contracts cannot be counted toward goal attainment during suspension period.
 - Good faith effort documentation is no longer required for termination and replacement.
- Contracts at Bid Solicitation and Procurement
 - Bid solicitation and procurement must not include a DBE goal, and contracts will not follow DBE program requirements. Subsequently, Good Faith Efforts are no longer required.

Specifications for Contract: 25-06-C

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- Specifications do not contain DBE requirements / forms / reporting
- Expect changes as more direction is provided from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), especially regarding:
 - Caltrans – Required Federal-Aid Contract Language
 - FHWA – 1273 Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts

Attachment A – Required Federal-Aid Contract Language

To be inserted here

Local Assistance Procedures Manual Exhibit 12-G

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lapm/c12/12g.pdf>

Form FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts

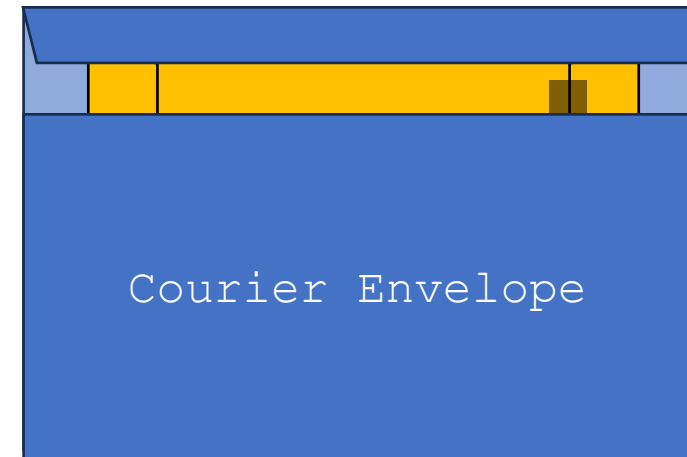
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cqit/form1273.cfm>

Bidding Logistics with the County

- Bid Openings – on Zoom and in person
- Paper bids and paper bid bonds
- Bid Security
- DIR Registration
- Subcontractor details
- CARB certificates (DOORS)
- RFCs
- Insurance

Paper Bids and Paper Bid Bonds

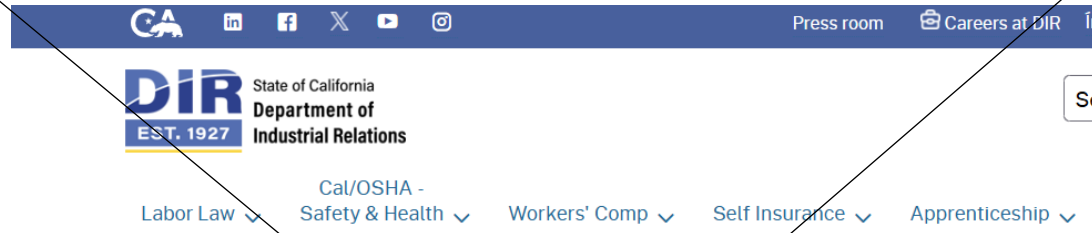
- Let us know in advance so we can look for your documents and arrange to receive them
- Email your tracking numbers to DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov
- Label and ***seal*** your bid – Notice to Bidders has instructions



Bid Security

- Surety agent's form is fine but also fill in "Proposal 4"
- Hardcopy bid 4 options:
 - Cash
 - Cashier's Check
 - Certified Check
 - Bid Bond
- Electronic bid 6 options:
 - Tinubu or Surety2000 **with bid**
 - Scan and attach bid bond **with bid** & provide original before 4pm on the 5th day after
 - Cash **prior**
 - Cashier's check **prior**
 - Certified check **prior**
 - Bid bond **prior**

DIR – Temporary pause in enforcement is over



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Awarding Bodies

⚠ NOTIFICATION PAUSING ENFORCEMENT OF PW SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS - 1771.4(a)(3)

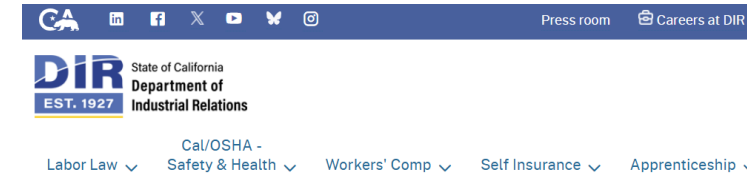
This is to notify interested parties that enforcement of contractor registration requirements as well as the requirement to submit electronic certified payroll records (eCPRs) to the Labor Commissioner using DIR's online eCPR system is **temporarily paused for the period of 12 months, which runs from 6/22/2024 through 6/22/2025**.

Awarding Agencies will not be penalized for hiring unregistered contractors nor need to withhold funds due to a contractor's inability to register nor provide eCPRs due to system issues. Additionally, Awarding Bodies and Prime Contractors should not prevent contractors from bidding or working on a Public Works jobs as a result of their inability to register or submit certified payroll due to system issues.

Once the stay of enforcement is lifted, contractors will not be required to retroactively submit eCPRs nor will they be required to retroactively register.

It is important to note that the requirement to submit eCPRs is separate and distinct from the obligation in Labor Code section 1776 which is unaffected by this notice.

The Labor Commissioner recommends that awarding bodies and general contractors consider this



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Awarding Bodies

What Is an Awarding Body?

An awarding body is the entity that awards a contract for public works and is sometimes known as the project owner. The awarding body can be any kind of public agency or official (state, county, city, school board, water district, etc.) or a private entity using public funds.

Awarding Body Responsibilities

- ✓ Register public works projects with DIR. [Project registration](#) must be completed within 30 days of awarding the contract, but no later than the first day in which a contractor has workers employed upon the public works.
- ✓ Obtain [prevailing wage rates](#) from DIR.
- ✓ Notify potential contractors that they must register with DIR and that the project is subject to enforcement by DIR.
- ✓ Require proof of public works contractor registration before accepting a bid or awarding a contract. To find actively registered contractors, use: [search for contractor registrations](#).
- ✓ Post or require contractors to post jobsite notices on public works requirements.
- ✓ Ensure that public works contractors pay [prevailing wages](#) and are in compliance with [public works laws](#).
- ✓ Report any suspected public works violations to the Labor Commissioner.

Make sure your DIR registration is up to date and paid.

SUBCONTRACTORS:

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The following named subcontractor(s) will perform with labor, or otherwise render services to the general contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement in an amount in excess of **one-half of one percent of the total bid presented herewith or \$10,000, whichever is greater. Delete the preceding bold text, and revise font color of the following for non-road and bridge projects.** Please fill out as completely as possible when submitting your bid. Use subcontractor's business name style as registered with the License Board. Each listed subcontractor's name, location of business and description of work, and both their contractor's license number and public works contractor registration number, issued pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code, are REQUIRED, by Section 4104 of the California Public Contract Code, to be submitted prior to bid opening. (The "location of business" must specify the city in which the subcontractor's business is located, and the state if other than California.) All other requested information shall be submitted, either with the bid or within 24 hours after bid opening.

Please fill out as completely as possible when submitting

**FAILURE TO LIST SUBCONTRACTORS AS DIRECTED
PENALTY AGAINST THE BIDDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

Subcontractor: To add more subcontractor listings, click the "+"

Subcontractor: *

Business Address: *

Class *

License No. *

Item No. or Description of Work: *

Dollar Amount: *

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Subcontractor form

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Use subcontractor's

**DER THE BID NON-
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Class ____	License No. _____	DIR Registration No. _____
Item No. or Description of Work: _____		
Dollar Amount _____		OR Percentage of Total Bid _____
Email Address: _____		

SUBCONTRACTOR:

CARB Certificate



California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board

January 1, 2025

**CERTIFICATE OF REPORTED COMPLIANCE
OFF-ROAD DIESEL VEHICLE REGULATION**
is issued to

Bidding Logistics Continued

- RFCs posted to the website
- Insurance requirements are in the agreement

Upcoming Projects

- Class A:
 - Tranquillity – Road Improvements
 - Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP)
Scour Mitigation
 - Bituminous Seal Coats
- Class B:
 - Central Library Ceiling

Website Resources

- <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/planholders>
- Current and Upcoming Bidding Opportunities
- Contractor Database
- Planholders List
- Request for Clarifications
- Contact us – Information can be found on any Notice to Bidders

Questions