CALTRANS/SBA BONDING ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), to offer a technical assistance surety bond guarantee program to promote increased small business participation in Caltrans, State highway and transit projects.

This initiative is vital to placing more small businesses on the path to full and adequate utilization within California, bringing success to more small businesses, thereby strengthening the State's business community and economy. Further, this initiative provides a viable means to advance the *unimpeded* participation of all willing, ready, and able construction contractors and subcontractors, professional architectural and engineering firms, suppliers and truckers, without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, or physical disability to participate in the State's Contracting Program.¹

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program helps eligible small businesses obtain bid, performance and payment bonds by guaranteeing surety companies between 70% and 90% of the bond amount.

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program contains two components: Prior Approval Program and Preferred Program. For more information, please visit their Web site at www.SBA.gov.

Surety companies certified by the U.S. Treasury to issue bonds are eligible to apply for participation in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program. For applications, contact or visit your nearest SBA office listed below:

Fresno District Office

2719 North Air Fresno Drive Suite 200 Fresno, CA 93727

Phone: (559) 487-5791

San Diego District Office

550 West C Street, Suite 550 San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (619) 557-7250 **Los Angeles District Office**

330 North Brand, Suite 1200 Glendale, CA 91203 Phone: (818) 552-3215

San Francisco District Office

455 Market Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, CA 94105-2420 Phone: (415) 744-6820 Sacramento District Office

6501 Sylvan Road, Suite 100 Citrus Heights, CA 95610 Phone: (916) 735-1700

Santa Ana District Office

200 W. Santa Ana Blvd. Suite 700 Santa Ana, CA 92701 Phone: (714) 550-7420

For more information or assistance with completing an SBA Surety Bond Guarantee application, please contact a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in your area (see SBDC Locations attachment) or contact Linda Madden at (916) 324-8384 or via email at Linda_Madden@dot.ca.gov.

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¹ California Executive Order No. S-11-06 (July 21, 2006)