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# WEEKLY BLITZ



## City of LA Community Level Contracting Opportunity Workshop: Solar PV RFQ

In an effort to meet the Mayor's sustainability goals, the City of LA will be approving a list of pre-qualified solar vendors. Join us for this online workshop where you will receive project overview information, as well as direct assistance from The City of LA's Contractor Development and Bonding Program (CDABP). You will learn about the City's bidding process, including but not limited to registering on LA BAVN, DIR registration, certifications, as well as the bidding requirements. It is highly recommended that interested firms who meet the license requirements of A, B, C-10, and C-46 attend this online workshop.

DATE: Thursday, July 9 at **9:00 AM**

[Register Here](#)

## Additional CDABP/CDBP Resources for Contractors

[Emergency Loan Resources List](#)

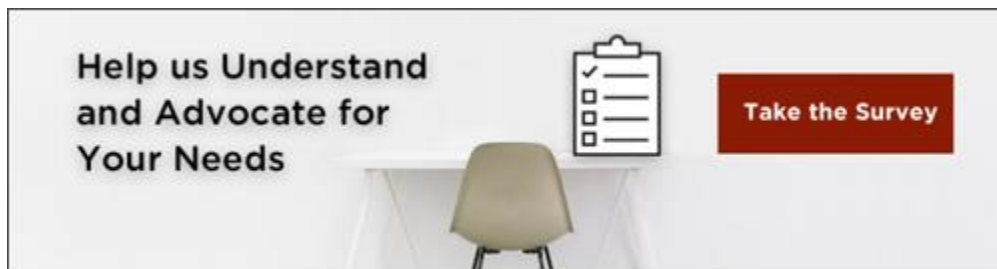
[COVID-19 Contractor Jobsite Safety Checklist](#)

[View CalOSHA COVID-19 Safety Guidelines](#)

**Visit the regularly updated COVID-19 resource pages on our website!**

[COVID-19 News & Information](#)

[COVID-19 Resource Links](#)



### To Our Small Contractor Community:

Please use the "Take the Survey" link in the header above to complete our critical-needs assessment survey. Your responses will allow us to respond to our public agency program sponsors, the City of Los Angeles and Metro, as they seek timely impact data in order to make informed decisions on how best to assist our small contractor partners at this crucial time. [\*\*Read more...\*\*](#)

[Take the Survey](#)

# NEW PRE-BIDS & OPPORTUNITIES



## Alameda Corridor Southern Terminus Gap Closure

The Project consists of constructing a railroad track extension of the Trapac lead track to the San Pedro main line track alongside the existing main line track south of Harry Bridges Boulevard, including rail tie-ins to existing tracks, turnouts and crossovers, reconstruction of West Basin Container Terminal lead tracks, track drains, and extension of grade crossing modules. Work also includes demolition of fences, installing new asphalt concrete pavement, re-striping main gate lanes and other improvements.

**PRE-BID DUE DATE:** Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 AM

[Learn More](#)



## Solar Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Pre-Qualified Design-Build Contractors

The City of Los Angeles is undertaking the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) and

energy storage systems at municipal facilities. This program will promote renewable power generation, offset municipal electricity consumption, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, ensure operational resilience, improve utility grid reliability, and lead by example on solar and energy storage goals.

Contractors may be asked to design, design and build, just build, and potentially help facilitate the financing of new solar PV systems, solar PV and energy storage systems, or just energy storage systems. The scope of work will be defined in future bid documents issued to the prequalified list of professional design-build contractors that will be identified through this RFQ process.

**ONLINE WORKSHOP:** Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 AM

**PRE BID DATE:** Thursday, July 9 at 1:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



## Erwin EL

Grinding wide cracks and use of rubberized crack filler throughout campus.

**PRE BID DATE:** Friday, July 10 at 10:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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Erwin EL

Remove and replace damaged asphalt around tree wells.

**PRE BID DATE:** Friday, July 10 at 11:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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## Erwin EL

Seal coat playground and repaint game markings.

**PRE BID DATE:** Friday, July 10 at 12:00 PM

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## Sylmar Charter High School

FETU - Remove Existing Lead Paint Chips and Stabilize Lead Paint on Monument in Quad Area.

**PRE BID DATE:** Monday, July 13 at 10:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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## Christopher Dena Elementary School

Modular elevator addition.

**PRE BID DATE:** Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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## Shenandoah EL

Coring of pavement to measure and document the location and dimensions of existing utilities.

**PRE BID DATE:** Friday, July 17 at 10:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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## Emerson Community Charter School

Craft building – Fire damage repairs.

**PRE BID DATE:** Friday, July 17 at 10:00 AM

[Learn More](#)

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## Reseda Charter High School

Demolition projects.

**PRE BID DATE:** Monday, July 20 at 10:00 AM

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## View Open Metro Solicitations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) regularly posts open solicitations. *To view a list of open solicitations, visit Metro's Open Solicitations tab on their website. You can access their website using the link below.*

[Visit Metro website](#)

## BID REQUESTS



### City of Upland - Replacement of 7.5 MG Reservoir & Water Improvements

Replacement of the 7.5 MG Reservoir 15 at 17th Street and Benson Avenue will require construction of a new circular pre-stressed concrete reservoir, built to AWWA D110 Type 1 Standard, machine wrapped on approximately 2.1 acres of land adjacent to Reservoir 15. The roof will be concrete, column supported with 24-inch diameter columns. Interior baffles will be used to provide improved circulation within the reservoir

**BID DUE DATE:** Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 AM

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## Westside (Purple Line) Subway Extension, Section 1

Skanska-Traylor-Shea JV is soliciting in good faith all interested subcontractors, as well as certified DBE companies for Furnish and Install Chain Link Fence

**BID DUE DATE:** Friday, July 31 at 2:00 PM

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## Los Angeles County Open Solicitations List

Click on the button below to visit the website, then scroll down and select "Open Solicitations" to view an online list. You can also download the list from the website to your computer.

[Visit the Website](#)

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## Department of Water & Power

LADWP suspended in-person public bid openings, the hand-delivery of bids, and in-person Pre-Bid meetings to reduce the number of people coming into LADWP facilities and help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Until further notice, LADWP is not accepting hand-delivered bids; all bids must be sent to LADWP by mail, allowing enough time to be delivered at the VLC by the due date. All submittals will be time-stamped at the VLC public counter as soon as they are received. Bids received after the due date and time may be deemed non-responsive and excluded from consideration.

All Bid openings are being conducted online only, using WebEx, which requires a computer with internet access and a separate telephone line. LADWP will hold public bid openings via WebEx starting at 2:00 p.m. on the date each bid closes.

**JOIN THE WEBEX MEETING** by [logging in on their Cisco WebEx site.](#)

**Learn more about electronic bidding** by [visiting the LADWP website.](#)

**Search for contracting opportunities throughout Los Angeles** by visiting the [Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network site.](#)

# EVENTS



## Accessing LA - Session 3: LABAVN, Certification & Small Business Perspective

Join us for the last of a three part series of webinars that will provide an introduction to doing business with the City of Los Angeles.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 AM

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## MetroConnect Virtual Qualifying Event for the upcoming "Meet The MEGAS" Matchmaking

This meeting will prepare you for the 1-on-1 matchmaking session with our featured Prime Contractor. To qualify for the matchmaking session please meet the following three criteria:

- 1.) Register as a Vendor with Metro: <https://metro.net/business>
- 2.) Be a Metro Certified SBE/DBE or DVBE: <https://metro.gob2g.com>
- 3.) Register and attend this qualifying meeting

Construction Panel:

Paul Sullivan, Deputy Executive Officer, Project Management, Construction Management  
Mike Flores, Interim Director, Project Labor Agreement, Diversity & Economic Opportunity  
Department

Featured Topic: PREPARATION + NEGOTIATION = SUCCESS

Featured Speaker: Simeon Terry, MBA, MCA., Vice President of Diversity Affairs, Austin  
Commercial

**DATE:** Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 AM

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## MetroConnect - How To Do Business With Metro Virtual Workshop

The Metro Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department invites you to attend our monthly “How to Do Business with Metro Workshop,” conducted virtually every 2nd Tuesday. This two-hour orientation provides information on Metro's certification program, vendor registration, contract look-ahead schedules and both ongoing and upcoming opportunities. Each month, we invite a Prime Contractor who is looking for small business partners to engage with participants. Procurement Contract Administrators from Vendor/Contract Management are also available to assist you in exploring future contract opportunities. If you want to understand the process, or have questions about the Programs we offer, we are here to guide you, so please join us.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 14 at 8:30 AM

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## LA Metro Community Conversations

LA Metro invites the community to the first of a series of “Community Conversations” with community leaders near and around Metro transit & bus lines.

During these challenging times, it is more important than ever to stay connected with communities and re-learn or learn the histories, art, activism, and cultural assets of the neighborhoods and heritage communities that shape Los Angeles County.

Two conversations with community leaders are planned for July:

**Wednesday, July 15 @ 12pm**

**Why I Love Chinatown: The Past, Present, and Future**

**Featured Speaker: Eugene Moy**

Activist, former city planner, and member of the Chinese Historical Society and Chinatown American Museum

Eugene will share a brief history of Los Angeles Chinatown, his take on what is really important in the neighborhood now, and what he sees is coming next for this significant heritage community.

You will receive the virtual meeting information after registering.

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**Wednesday, July 29 @ 12pm**

**The Spirit and Legacy of Asian American Activism in the 60s and 70s**

**Featured Speaker: Miya Iwataki**

Artist, Community Leader, and member of Little Tokyo Historical Society

Miya will share the history and her experience in Asian American activism during the 60s and 70s in Los Angeles, how that activism relates to Little Tokyo today, and a homage to the Black Lives Matter movement.

You will receive the virtual meeting information after registering.

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## LINXS Training Institute of LA Techonology Workshop: Virtual Office Best Practices

LAX Integrated Express Solutions (LINXS) Constructors invites you to virtually attend the next LINXS Training Institute of LA Mentor Protege Program Workshop. LINXS will partner with the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), Los Angeles Chapter, to present this month's workshop "Virtual Office Best Practices." This workshop will be led by Danielle Lew of Modern Times, Inc. (MTI) and member of the LINXS Inclusivity/Certified Firms Outreach Team. Her presentation will cover best practices when working virtually including technology solutions (specifically using the online meeting platform Zoom), online etiquette, and strategies for conducting online meetings moving forward.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 21, 11:00 AM

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## West Hollywood Library Small Business Saturday Workshop

The Small Business workshop provides potential entrepreneurs with a foundation on the start-up business process in Los Angeles County. The Small Business Concierge from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will provide a presentation on how to be an entrepreneur, steps to open your business, general required permits and licenses, and available free resources available to help you. Presenter from the LA County Library, LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector, and LA County Assessor will also present on resources, obtaining a business license in unincorporated and Personal Business Taxes respectively.

**DATE:** Saturday, July 25 at 10:30 AM

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## Small Business Workshop - Pomona Valley AJCC

The Small Business workshop provides potential entrepreneurs with a foundation on the start-up business process in Los Angeles County. The Small Business Concierge from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will provide a presentation on how to be an entrepreneur, steps to open your business, general required permits and licenses, and available free resources available to help you. SCORE will be present to help you connect with a mentor with over 30 years of business experience.

**DATE:** Thursday, August 13 at 1:00 PM

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Doing Business with LAWA August Workshop

Who this is for:

Prospective/current LAWA contractors and vendors looking to learn about LAWA's business opportunities are welcome to join!

Topics to be Covered:

- LAWA Procurement Process & Overview
- Request for Bid Requirements
- Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network Demo
- Business Enterprise Programs
- Business Certifications
- Business and Job Resources
- LAWA Bond Assistance

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00 AM

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LA Metro's Highway Program Update with Abdollah Ansari Webinar

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Metro serves as transportation planner and coordinator, designer, builder, and operator for one of the country's largest, most populous counties. More than 9.6 million people – nearly one-third of California's residents – live, work and play within the 1,433-square-mile service area.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 AM

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## Progressive Design Build Delivery Educational Webinar

Three Major Presentation Points:

1. Progressive Design-Build (PDB) is a way to eliminate potential drawbacks of traditional design-build delivery.
2. Advantages to the owner include: (A) a simple inexpensive streamlined procurement process, (B) potential for increased participation, (C) Owner flexibility and greater control.
3. Discussion on advances in PDB.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 14 at 9:00 AM

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## MWD Update with John Bednarski Webinar

Outlook on Metropolitan Water District Capital Investment Plan.

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 15 at 9:00 AM

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## Caltrans District 7 Update with Robert So Webinar

Update on District 7 with Robert So, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7

**DATE:** Monday, July 20 at 9:00 AM

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## Tim Watkins, SBCTA: Impacts of COVID-19 and Capital Programs Update Webinar

Impacts of COVID-19 on SBCTA and an Update on SBCTA Capital Programs with Tim Watkins, Chief of Legislative and Public Affairs.

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 22 at 9:00 AM

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## Caltrans District 12 Update with Adnan Maiah Webinar

Outlook on Caltrans District 12.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 AM

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## Keys to Negotiation - Sharpen Your Soft Skills Educational Webinar

There is no doubt that one of the most initial keys to achieve a successful business is the ability to express our wills and understanding the wills of other effectively. This is not possible unless we make ourselves capable to negotiate effectively. Negotiating is a trading game. There is only one way to play the game; that is to trade what we want from

somebody else for what they want from us.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 28 at 10:30 AM

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## Sustainability Themes: Now and Next Webinar

Join us for the first sustainability webinar as we focus on introducing current and future sustainability themes, and where they intersect with infrastructure and the built environment. The session will recap on the now – themes currently being implemented within projects and programs – but will then explore what we are likely to start seeing on our projects in the future, as driven by trends and policies within the State.

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 29 at 9:00 AM

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Ray Tellis, FTA: CARES Act and COVID-19 Response Efforts Webinar

Hear from Region IX Administrator Ray Tellis regarding what the FTA is doing to help transportation agencies during this COVID-19 pandemic. He will explain how the CARES Act is helping our local transportation agencies like LA Metro, OCTA, and others and what public transportation will look like post COVID-19.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 30 at 9:30 AM

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Owners & Primes: A One-on-One Virtual Event

Please join CMAA's CODE (Creating Opportunities for Diversity and Equality) Committee as we present Prime firms and Owners in support of our mission:

- Recruit and retain minority owned, women owned, and small business owners
- Jointly sponsor events focusing on minorities, women, and small business owners in leadership positions
- Recognize minority, women, and small business owners in the industry and their achievement

**DATE:** Thursday, August 6 at 2:00 PM

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## Mark Hovatter, LAUSD: Capital Program Update Webinar

Hear from Mark Hovatter discuss the District's Bond Program and how the District is reacting to COVID-19 and the re-opening of it's schools this Fall.

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 11 at 8:30 AM

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## California Prevailing Wage Law

How to protect yourself against fines, penalties and interest. A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators who are involved in public works projects.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 16 at 8:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

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## Design-Build Delivery

In today's construction market, the overwhelming majority of construction projects use some form of alternative delivery. Design-Build is a delivery method that has surged in popularity over the last two decades on both public and private projects. However, this is by no means a fail-proof means of delivery. This informative seminar will help to ensure a greater likelihood of project success.

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 11 at 8:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

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## Los Angeles World Airports

Capital Program Updates

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 12 at 8:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

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Authentic Leadership

We'll talk about authentic leadership; our breakout sessions will offer deeper conversations on what is it and what it looks like.

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 PM

[Register Here](#)



## Interested in learning more about working with State Agencies + Getting Certified?

Check out these construction-focused webinars:

1. The SB/DBE Certification Series
2. The Contracting Series of Webinars

Hosted by: Granite Construction, DGS, CalTrans, SBDC, CPM Logistics, Cal Coastal. [View class details and schedule here](#)

Please contact [Michele@cpmlogistics.net](mailto:Michele@cpmlogistics.net) with any questions or if you need assistance registering for any of the events.



Free Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Teleworkers

Fortinet also has two no-cost non-technical courses targeted towards teleworkers and their families. We highly encourage people to take some time to educate themselves about proper security protocols to keep themselves and their organization's networks safe.

[Learn More](#)

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



### City of Los Angeles Construction-related updates:

Visit the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety website for the latest construction-related updates!

[Learn More](#)



### Contractors: Stay Informed

- [Stay Informed About COVID-19 Construction Delays throughout the U.S.](#)

- [Stay Informed About the States in Which Construction has Been Deemed Essential](#)
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## Small Business Resources Updates

Visit the Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' ["Save Small Business Initiative" website](#) for the most updated information about resources and support available to small business owners.

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As each of us strives to identify paths for remaining viable during these uncertain times, we deemed it necessary to transition to a virtual working environment. In doing so, SoCalGas in partnership with Frontier Communications cordially invite you to take part in our ongoing webinars on doing business, identifying the opportunities, and surviving the wave. These sessions have been designed with our diverse suppliers in mind. Please share this information and be sure to register in advance.

[Learn More](#)

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## House of Representatives' \$1.5 Trillion "Moving Forward" Green Infrastructure Bill

The House of Representatives unveiled a Wind Energy Production Tax Credit and Investment Tax Credit Bill designed to extend credits through 2025. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that it would “make real the promise of building infrastructure in a green and resilient way.” - *The Hill*

[Read More](#)

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## Impact of Assembly Bill 5 On Construction Industry

*What New California Law Means for Building Trades*

Assembly Bill 5 (AB5) was signed into law and went into effect in January. Under this new law, all California employers, including those in construction, must treat contract workers as employees unless an employer can show that the work which they perform meets a detailed set of criteria established by a California Supreme Court ruling last year.

[Read More](#)

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## Court of Appeals Rules “Pay When Paid” Not a Defense for Payment Bond Surety

This law has a significant impact on contractors.

[Read More](#)



## PB System™ for Port of Los Angeles

The Port of Los Angeles (POLA) has implemented the PB System™, a fully automated web-based Vendor and Bid Management System provided by PlanetBids.

This system makes doing business with POLA easier by providing an overall improved user experience with expanded features in managing your online procurement profile.

The POLA requests that all Vendors/Contractors register online; once registered, you can edit and maintain your profile at any time by revisiting the POLA website.

[Learn More](#)

# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



## Support for Los Angeles Small Businesses

Visit L.A. County's COVID-19 Resource page to learn how your business can obtain assistance during this crisis.

[Visit Website](#)

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## COVID-19 Business Assistance

Locate various resources for Los Angeles County business owners.

[Visit Website](#)

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## Small Business Disaster Assistance

Find disaster-related loans and financial support available to Los Angeles area small business owners.

[Visit Website](#)



## Grant Opportunity

Apply for grants up to \$50,000 to support business growth, including \$10,000 emergency COVID-19 Business for All Grants to help small businesses in crisis. Join leaders such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Kristen Bell, Lisa Price, Armando Christian "Pitbull" Perez, and Jeff Hoffman to empower every American with an entrepreneurial spirit.

[Learn More](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONELA: Matching Needs with Suppliers

As the country and our region addresses COVID-19, the Chamber would like to connect those that need supplies with manufacturers and service providers that may be able to fulfill those needs. Below are current opportunities for both suppliers and those in need.

[Learn More](#)

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### State of California COVID-19 Medical Supply Contributions

State of California COVID-19 Medical Supply Contributions. Please click on the button below to complete a form describing resources you have to contribute, either for donation or purchase, to support California's response to COVID-19.

[Learn More](#)

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### Master Agreements For Services

The County of LA has a registration portal for emergency procurement of supplies and services. They maintain a "Disaster Emergency Services (DESMA) Master Agreement" which is available as a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ).

[Learn More](#)

## We are here for you...

Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services staff want to reassure you that, despite the necessary social distancing due to COVID-19, we are all still here to assist and provide guidance about resources, information and support services to help our contractor communities weather this crisis.

To help mitigate the risk to our associates and clients, our staff continue to work from home until further notice but are continuing to provide Program services, including individual contractor support and assistance with critical needs during this crisis. We are working diligently to identify, vet and facilitate your awareness and connection any special resources being offered by a range of providers, including financial assistance made available to small businesses through the Small Business Administration and State initiatives.

Should you need to contact a representative for the Contractor Development and Bonding Program, please call our main line at 213-258-3000 or email us at [mwisinfo@imwis.com](mailto:mwisinfo@imwis.com). We will respond!

Although this crisis is unprecedented in its impact, we are all in this together for the long haul and as long as we remain calm, take precautions and prepare, we can make it through the challenges together. Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services has always

been an advocate for equity and inclusion in our communities and we remain committed to building coalitions and providing resources, tools and information to our clients and partners. We are publishing helpful contractor-specific and general community COVID-19 updates, resources and information, so check out our COVID-19 specific information and links above, to help you stay healthy and get the support you need!

### Do you need technical assistance or help bonding?

We provide local, small contractors with individualized support, technical assistance and help obtaining bid, performance and payment bonds. Let us help you learn, prepare and get a surety bond line of credit, so that you can start bidding on upcoming construction projects.

Please contact the **Contractor Development and Bonding Program** today! Email us at: [mwisinfo@imwis.com](mailto:mwisinfo@imwis.com) Call us at: 213-258-3000

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**The Contractor Development and Bonding Program** equips contractors with the tools and resources needed to navigate through the obstacles of public construction projects. Enroll now and find out how our Account Managers can help you obtain bonding or increase your bonding capacity as well as maximize your potential to grow your business.

Please contact the **Contractor Development and Bonding Program** today!

Email us at: [mwisinfo@imwis.com](mailto:mwisinfo@imwis.com) Call us at: 213-258-3000 Visit us at: [lacondev.com](http://lacondev.com)

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